<u>CITY OF YORK COUNCIL</u> <u>THE YORK (BLUE BADGE PARKING) (EXPERIMENTAL)</u> <u>TRAFFIC ORDER 2024</u> <u>STATEMENT OF REASONS</u>

City of York Council, in furtherance of their policy of improving road safety and local amenities, whilst at the same time balancing residential and commercial considerations, are satisfied that it is desirable to introduce, on an experimental basis, the amendment to traffic regulations set out in the 'Notice of Making' (Notice) to the Order.

The Order amends the restriction on vehicles as described in the Notice for an experimental period of 18 months so as to improve the parking amenity for Blue Badge holders within the pedestrian area, whilst also providing convenient loading bays for servicing nearby businesses.

The experimental basis of the Order will ensure that the positives/negatives of the restriction can be fully assessed, over a reasonable period with a view to their adoption on a permanent basis, with attention being focused on balancing safety accessibility. It also allows for the Order's provisions to be modified during its period of validity should this be deemed necessary.