

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Borough Council of Sandwell (West Bromwich Albion Football Club – The Hawthorns) (Middlemore Road, Smethwick) (Event Day Temporary Road Closure) Order 2026 intends to temporarily prohibit vehicles from proceeding along Middlemore Road, Smethwick, 95 minutes prior to the advertised start time on an event day until 40 minutes after the conclusion of the event at The Hawthorns when the event is a sports match attracting in advance of 2000 spectators, other than on the instruction of a police officer or the council's traffic manager.

Middlemore Road, Smethwick - both lanes – from a point 15 metres north of its junction with Carlton Road for a distance of 250 metres in a north-easterly direction to the borough boundary of Birmingham City Council.

Exemptions apply as follows: to vehicles accessing businesses located along Middlemore Road, vehicles belonging to residents of the residential premises located on Middlemore Road, Albion Road, Lones Road and St Stephen's Road, and away supporters coaches when the event day is a sports match.

Middlemore Road, Smethwick – both lanes – from the borough boundary of the council, 265 metres north-east of its junction with Carlton Road, for a distance of 365 metres in a north-easterly direction to its junction with Holyhead Road (please note that this section of road is under Birmingham City Council's jurisdiction and consent for Sandwell MBC to include this section in this temporary order is given by Birmingham City Council in line with provisions of 125 (2) in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984).

Exemptions apply as follows: to vehicles accessing businesses located along Middlemore Road and away supporters' coaches when the event day is a sports match. Traffic signs providing notification and indicating the effect of the restrictions detailed in this order will be placed and maintained by police officers or any other party authorised by the chief constable or local traffic authority under Part V of the 1984 Act.

The maximum duration is 18 months, but the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is expected to be operational until a full Traffic Regulation Order to the same effect is made, effective from 16/01/2026.

Purpose – to facilitate access for away supporters' coaches when a sporting event fitting the criteria is taking place at The Hawthorns.

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