

NEWS BRIEFING

CCTV switch-on to enforce traffic ban

CCTV cameras will be switched on in West Bromwich's New Street from today in a bid to stop motorists using the zone and causing traffic congestion.

Sandwell Council says it wants to make New Street safer and easier for shoppers and students.

It consulted on proposals to introduce a bus and cycle-only zone along 40 metres of New Street, outside Sandwell College's Central Sixth campus.

Many motorists have ignored existing traffic restrictions on the stretch of road and a new order allows the council to use CCTV to enforce a ban on vehicles other than buses, taxis and cyclists.

The main town square between New Square and Central Sixth is already a pedestrianised area. Motorists caught driving in the new restricted area will get a £60 fine. If it's not paid in 28 days it will rise to £90.



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