

## THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (STAFFORD ROAD) ORDER 2021

### Statement of Reasons

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic
- To improve air quality and fulfill the obligations set out in the Air Quality Strategy

Southampton City Council is providing an all year school at St Marks, primary and secondary education will be combined. As part of this development, the Council wishes to mitigate the impacts of increased traffic to the surrounding area. A range of measures have been identified to reduce the impact of through route traffic in the area and to improve and protect cycle and walking connections.

The introduction of a 'school street' in Stafford Road and Western District Cut is intended to transform the road outside the school, so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school start and finish times. This is intended to tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school. They create a more pleasant environment for everyone; making sure residents, businesses, pedestrians and cyclists can still use the road.

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals the Council has given consideration to its duty under s122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway (while having regard to the matters specified in s122 subsection (2) of that Act).