

**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS) (AMENDMENT 31) ORDER 2022**

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 (*i.e. to improve safety*)
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

In conjunction with the pedestrianisation trial of Bedford Place and Carlton Place an experimental night-time closure of Winchester Street was implemented in August 2020. Development works on Waterloo Terrace resulted in an early termination of the trial in 2021.

Following meetings with the Bedford Place co-design working group and recommendations from an EVA (Environmental Visual Audit) conducted by Hampshire Constabulary it has been agreed to progress the implementation of a night-time closure on a permanent basis.

The closure is intended to improve road safety and facilitate the passage of pedestrian traffic during the peak evening and night-time hours.

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).