

THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (VARIOUS ROADS) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (A84) ORDER 2023

Statement of Reasons

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic
- 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*)

This scheme is focused on improving travel measures in Portsmouth Road corridor by re-purposing the Colonnade car park in Portsmouth Road, Woolston to facilitate the delivery of future mobility services via Future Transport Zones. This includes improvements to the bus interchange on Coopers Lane and the subway under the Itchen bridge that links the hub with Woolston Train Station.

This project is part of the Transforming Cities Fund programme but also aligns with Southampton's Active Travel Fund programme, delivering a host of measures, which all combine to improve pedestrian and cycle access in the local community.

These changes are intended to:

- Improve sustainable travel links and increases in active travel between key cycle corridors and local schools.
- Support "Our vision is to create a cleaner, green, healthier and more sustainable city." (Green City Charter)
- Help the cycling vision: "To transform Southampton into a true cycling city, creating a liveable, integrated, thriving and mobile city where safe cycling is a daily norm." (Southampton Cycling Strategy 2017 – 2027)
- Help improve transport "through efficient infrastructure, uptake of new and innovative technologies and increased uptake of public transport, cycling and walking" (Southampton Clean Air Strategy 2016 – 2025)

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals, the Council has given consideration to its duty under s.122 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 s.122 subsection (2) of that Act).