

THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (PEARTREE) 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*)

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).

A strategic aim of Southampton City Council is to deliver on its promise for sustainable and active travel in the city centre region, in a targeted way. Together with Hampshire City Council and funding from the Government, £68.5m will go towards achieving that goal. This particular project seeks to improve pedestrian and cycle access in the local community, reduce driver speeds, deter rat running and contraventions of no entry arrangements.

Benefits

- Reduced traffic speeds, with an associated reduction in the number and severity of accidents
- Improved sustainable travel links and increases in active travel between key cycle corridors and local schools.
- Improved crossing safety
- To support “Our vision is to create a cleaner, green, healthier and more sustainable city.” (Green City Charter)
- To 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)
- To 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)