

THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (NEW ROAD) 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 (including pedestrians)
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

The Transforming Cities Programme includes ambitious proposals to transform Southampton City Centre and affirm its place as the economic, retail and cultural heart of the city. The City Centre schemes are focused on transforming gateways, ensuring that travel both into and around the City Centre is an accessible and enjoyable experience for everyone. As part of this programme, it is intended to improve bus connectivity along New Road.

New Road is the east-west route through Southampton City Centre from Six Dials in the east to Civic Centre junction in the west. The bus lanes are being extended to provide continuous bus priority and facilitate bus flow from Civic Centre Road to their current termination on the approach to the Six Dials junction.

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).