THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (AMENDMENT 87) ORDER 2023

Statement of 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)

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).

General

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. One of the projects identified for improvement is Wessex Lane, with its links to the University, train station and Woodmill Lane. To achieve these goals, it is proposed implement the following:

- Continuous footway across the Wessex lane at its junction with Woodmill Lane
- An informal crossing across Woodmill Lane
- An extension of the No waiting at any time restrictions to facilitate this

Policies

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)