

# THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (HONEYSUCKLE) 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).

To help people walk, cycle and wheel safely around Southampton more often, the Council uses funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund, local funding and contributions from developers to improve facilities for active travel. This supports the ambition in Connected Southampton 2040, our long-term transport plan, and Cycle Strategy to make Southampton a modern, liveable and sustainable place to live, work and visit.

Since 2020, Southampton City Council has received almost £3m from the Government's Active Travel Fund to create better spaces for walking, wheeling, and cycling.

The next project is Honeysuckle Road which propose a series of table top road humps at strategic junctions and a bus gate adjacent Bassett Green Primary School. At the eastern closed end of Honeysuckle Road there are changes to the layout which will require an amendment to the existing parking restrictions as well as proposing some new restrictions. A two-way segregated cycle track is proposed here too. Together, these measures will create an improved environment for walking and cycling in this area for local trips as well as joining wider Cycle network.

## 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)