

# THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (REMOVAL OF VEHICLES) ORDER 2024

## Statement of Reasons

This Order is being proposed for the following 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)
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

Southampton City Council is the Local Highway Authority for the area within the boundary of Southampton. Following the passing of the Traffic Management Act 2004, Local Highway Authorities became directly responsible for the enforcement of parking restrictions on the public highway. Enforcement is carried out by Civil Enforcement Officers who issue Penalty Charge Notices to vehicles in contravention of parking restrictions which are defined by means of Traffic Regulation Orders.

Within legislation (as set out in the Vehicle Removals Policy 2023), Local Highway Authorities also have powers to remove vehicles in given circumstances.

The Council adopted a Vehicle Removals Policy 2023 in August 2023.

These proposals are intended to align the various Traffic Regulation Orders with the Vehicle Removal Policy.

Further information on the policy can be found online in the cabinet decision papers:  
<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=126&MIId=7015&Ver=4>

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).