

THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (BEVOIS HILL) ORDER 2024

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).

General

The scheme is part of and compliments a wider strategy to improve and encourage sustainable transport modalities on Portswood Road and Bevois Hill. This project focuses on the junction of Lodge Road, Bevois Hill and Thomas Lewis Way through the introduction and amendment of the following;

Signal Upgrades: Upgrade the traffic signals to incorporate a pedestrian crossing phase on all arms. This will enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility, reducing waiting times and conflict points.

Footway widening: Widening one of the corners on the junction will reduce vehicle turning speeds and increase pedestrian safety. It will also provide a safer crossing point.

Cycle Lanes and Advanced Stop Lines (ASL): Develop ASLs and mandatory cycle lanes, facilitating safer cyclist movements based on feedback and traffic flow analysis.

Bus Stop Infrastructure: At Bevois Hill, implement a bus boarder and bus stop bypass. This design will allow buses to stop without impeding cyclists, ensuring continuous and safe cycle routes.

Cycle Gate at Bevois Valley/Thomas Lewis Way Junction: Enhance this junction by creating a cycle gate with an independent cycle phase. This will enable cyclists to either continue straight onto Bevois Valley or to cross diagonally and access the western shared-use path on Bevois Hill, connecting with the SCN6 route.