

**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
(MOVING TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) (AMENDMENT 2) ORDER 2024**

Statement of Reasons

- For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)

Non-Southampton City Council licenced Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles are only permitted to use the bus lanes and bus gates within the city, Monday to Friday between the hours of 7am - 9:30am and 4pm - 6:30pm provided the vehicle comply with certain emission standards.

This requirement is having a negative impact on journey times for the small number of vehicles being used for home to school services on behalf of the Council which are not licenced by Southampton City Council, with the afternoon period in particular not aligning with the times during which these vehicles are being used for this purpose.

As such it is proposed to allow vehicles being used for home to school transport services to use the bus lanes and bus-only streets within the city, subject to compliance with any terms and conditions specified by the Council.

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).