

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (PORTSWOOD 20MPH) ORDER 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL proposes to make the above Order, the effect of which would be to introduce:

1. A 20mph speed limit on the following roads (for their entire lengths unless otherwise stated):

Abbotts Way, Alma Road, Avenue Road, Belmont Road - between its junction with Lawn Road to its junction with St Denys Road, Blenheim Avenue, Brookvale Road, Cambridge Road - between its northern closed end to its junction with Lodge Road, Cedar Road - between its junction with Avenue Road to its junction with Lodge Road, Clifford Dibben Mews (off Avenue Road), Crofton Close, Earls Road - between its junction with Livingstone Road to its junction with Lodge Road, Gordon Avenue, Highcliff Avenue, Highfield Lane - between its junction with Glebe Court (eastern junction) and its junction with Portswood Road, Lawn Road, Leigh Road, Livingstone Road, Norcliffe Road, Oakmount Avenue, Osborne Road South, Portswood Avenue, Portswood Road - between its junction with Lodge Road to its junction with St Denys Road, Regent Court (off Winn Road), Rigby Road, Rose Road, Russell Place, Shakespeare Avenue, Spear Road - between its junction with Lodge Road to its junction with Avenue Road, Spring Crescent, St Denys Road (Spur), Tennyson Road, Thackeray Road, Westbourne Crescent, Westridge Road, Westwood Road, Winn Road, Woodside Road, and Woodstock Drive.

Copies of the draft Order, relevant map and statement of reasons for proposing can be viewed on the Councils website: [transport.southampton.gov.uk/TRO](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/TRO) or may be inspected Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm at Gateway in the Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LY.

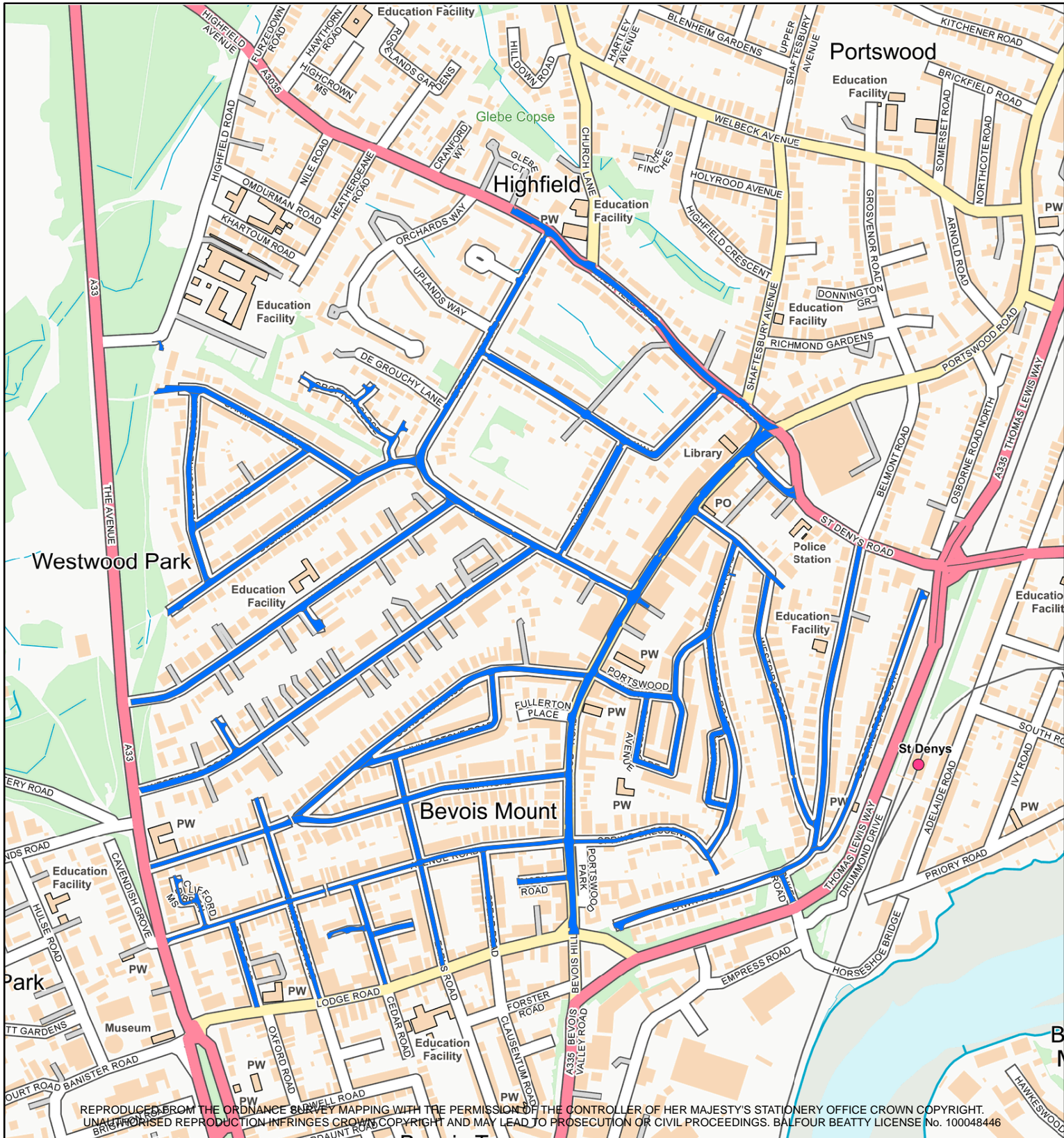
Any person wishing to object or make any other representation relating to this Order must do so in writing via the Councils website: [transport.southampton.gov.uk/TRO](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/TRO) or by post to the Highways Legal Team at Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY quoting the Order title and, where objecting, stating the grounds for the objection, within 21 days of the date of this Notice (i.e. by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024).

Please note that all representations submitted, including the name and address of the person submitting it, may be made available for public inspection.

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Richard Ivory, Solicitor  
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Southampton, Fareham and Havant Legal Partnership





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The City of Southampton (Portswood 20mph) Order 2024

**Key:**

 - Proposed 20mph speed limit

**Plan:** 24/PW20/001

**Date:** 17/10/2024

# THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (PORTSWOOD 20MPH) 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.
- 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.

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 (2) of that Act).

In 2020, the Southampton City Region was one of 12 cities that received funding through the Department for Transport's (DfT) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF). This joint bid with Hampshire County Council (HCC) was awarded £57M of DfT funding towards a £68.5M programme to be delivered over four years to March 2024. The remainder of the funding is to come from local match funding contributions from SCC, HCC and partners including bus operator investment (such as new buses in 2024).

The TCF programme is delivering sustainable transport improvements on corridors linking Southampton City Centre with surrounding towns including Southampton to Eastleigh Corridor. This aims to better connect Fair Oak and Bishopstoke to Eastleigh, and onwards to Southampton Airport and Southampton City Centre by sustainable transport options. This is to support future sustainable development growth and improve productivity.

The focus for the Eastleigh Corridor is the provision of new cycle facilities, bus priority, better bus stops and access to them, access to the rail stations at Eastleigh, Southampton Airport Parkway, Swaythling and St Denys, improvements to St Denys Road, and providing alternatives such as e-scooter or cycle hire at a travel hub in Portswood. Projects are being developed and implemented by both SCC and HCC as part of the complete package for the corridor to achieve the aims of TCF.

As part of the strategy for the corridor, improvements to A335 Thomas Lewis Way were implemented with the aim of enhancing the strategic function of the A335 for the movement of through traffic in and out of the city. This additional capacity aims to reduce the demand and need for through traffic using Portswood Road. These works are complete with four junctions upgraded including Thomas Lewis Way/St Denys Road.

One of the key TCF projects is enhancements to the Portswood Broadway District Centre section of Portswood Road. This would contribute to the overall aims for the corridor for cycling and buses. This scheme has a capital programme budget of £3.3M, and includes the following objectives:

- To regenerate and make the District Centre a more vibrant, competitive economic destination;
- Make the District Centre a more attractive and a more enjoyable place to spend time and money;
- Provide greening, improve bio-diversity and more space for walking and wheeling within the District Centre;

- Improve walking and cycling connectivity to and through the District Centre;
- Provide safer crossing opportunities and better bus stops; and
- Improved bus reliability and journey times via facilities (such as making part of Portswood Broadway bus, cycle & taxi only) and upgraded signal technology in the junctions at either end (St Denys Road and Brookvale Road).

As part of a package of mitigation for the works on Portswood Broadway that is likely to see some displacement of traffic, an Active Travel Zone in the Portswood area to the north-west is proposed. This would be developed through co-design with the local community to ensure buy-in and includes the following key objectives:

- Improve road safety;
- Reduce the amount of through route traffic on local roads;
- Improve air quality; and
- Encourage walking, wheeling and cycling as a mode of transport.

In January 2024 the Cabinet approved the progressing of the Portswood Broadway Transforming Cities Fund scheme with approval for a trial of a part time bus gate / motor vehicle restriction on Portswood Broadway via an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, with measures to limit the impact on adjacent streets via an Active Travel Zone (ATZ) to be in place ahead of the trial.

Delegation was given to the Executive Director Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member Environment and Transport to progress associated detailed design and Traffic Regulation Orders to enable the scheme trial and Active Travel Zone to be delivered.

Following the establishment of a co-design group and progression with the detailed scheme design, sufficient detail is now available to formally propose the various Traffic Regulation Orders and any other associated Traffic Regulation and Highways measures which are required for the Portswood Broadway Transforming Cities Fund scheme.

This order is required to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the Portswood area in support of the Active Travel Zone.

Southampton City Council is committed to ensuring the city's streets are safe for everyone who uses them. The Corporate Plan and Connected Southampton 2040 Local Transport Plan set out the Council's objectives to make Southampton a place where people can easily and safely get around; and continue to reduce casualties from transport collisions towards zero, focusing on the safety of children and people walking and cycling.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) has put together a 20mph factsheet, explaining the need for lower speeds to bring down casualty rates, and the evidence behind 20mph zones/limits in reducing vehicle speeds. Safety and environmental improvements for all road users can be achieved by reducing vehicle speeds.

Studies have also shown that the use of 20mph speed limits will specifically assist other vulnerable road user groups, including people with disabilities and elderly pedestrians. This is of vital importance in reducing the risk of severe injury and helping to maintain independent mobility.

## THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (PORTSWOOD 20MPH) ORDER 2024

Southampton City Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 82, 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the 1984 Act) and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Office of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the 1984 Act hereby makes the following Order:

### PART ONE – INTRODUCTION

#### COMMENCEMENT AND CITATION

- 1 This Order shall come into operation on the [DATE] and may be cited as The City of Southampton (Portswood 20mph) Order 2024.

#### INTERPRETATION

- 2 In this Order:
  - (i) “Principal Order” means The City of Southampton (Various Roads) (Speed Limits) (No 1) Order 2011, as amended.
  - (ii) Except where otherwise stated, any reference to an Article or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to that Article or Schedule in this Order.
  - (iii) Any reference to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactments.

#### AMENDMENTS

- 3 The contents of Schedule 1 shall be inserted into Schedule 11.01 of the Principal Order.

THE COMMON SEAL of  
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed this [DAY] day  
of [MONTH] [YEAR]

in the presence of

Authorised Signatory

**Schedule 1 – 20MPH SPEED LIMITS** (Addition to Schedule 11.01 of the Principal Order)

<b>Road</b>	<b>Description</b>
Abbotts Way	For its entire length
Alma Road	For its entire length
Avenue Road	For its entire length
Belmont Road	Between its junction with Lawn Road and its junction with St Denys Road
Blenheim Avenue	For its entire length
Brookvale Road	For its entire length
Cambridge Road	From its northern closed end to its junction with Lodge Road
Cedar Road	From its junction with Avenue Road to its junction with Lodge Road
Clifford Dibben Mews (off Avenue Road)	For its entire length
Crofton Close	For its entire length
Earls Road	Between its junction with Livingstone Road to its junction with Lodge Road
Gordon Avenue	For its entire length
Highcliff Avenue	For its entire length
Highfield Lane	Between its junction with Glebe Court (eastern junction) and its junction with Portswood Road
Lawn Road	For its entire length
Leigh Road	For its entire length
Livingstone Road	For its entire length
Norcliffe Road	For its entire length
Oakmount Avenue	For its entire length
Osborne Road South	For its entire length
Portswood Avenue	For its entire length
Portswood Road	Between its junction with Lodge Road and its junction with St Denys Road
Regent Court (off Winn Road)	For its entire length
Rigby Road	For its entire length
Rose Road	For its entire length
Russell Place	For its entire length
Shakespeare Avenue	For its entire length
Spear Road	Between its junction with Lodge Road and its junction with Avenue Road
Spring Crescent	For its entire length
St Denys Road (Spur)	For its entire length
Tennyson Road	For its entire length
Thackeray Road	For its entire length
Westbourne Crescent	For its entire length
Westridge Road	For its entire length
Westwood Road	For its entire length
Winn Road	For its entire length
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