

# **THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (E-SCOOTER AND CYCLE HIRE PARKING) ORDER 2025**

## **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

SCC is delivering an e-scooter and bike share (micromobility) scheme under the Future Transport Zone Programme. Voi will be contracted to deliver the service in the city. A requirement of the service is to provide docking facilities where users must park an e-scooter or e-bike at the end of their ride and can collect the vehicle at the beginning of their ride. These facilities are situated on the highway and can be physical infrastructure or virtual geo-fenced areas.

This order allows the installation of e-scooter and cycle hire parking bays on the highways to facilitate the installation of a number of docking stations (either virtual or physical) on the highway.

The ongoing provision of an effective bike share service in Southampton, which is in line with the strategic objectives set in the Council's Local Transport Plan, Air Quality Action Plan and Green City Charter.

The utilisation of carriageway space for bike share and e-scooter hire docking stations will support sustainable transport initiatives. In situ, plans are supported by the Council as stated in the Residents Parking Policy 2022 Update which facilitates the wider goals of the Local Transport Plan.

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).