

**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
(MOVING TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) (AMENDMENT 4) ORDER 2025**

Statement of 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)

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

Southampton City Council's School Streets programme is designed to improve road safety around school sites to encourage more active and sustainable travel. This is achieved through timed road closures that restrict the amount of traffic in the area outside of the school gate. Historically, the schemes have relied on school staff and volunteers stewarding closures to restrict traffic, however the Council is investing in camera enforcement for School Streets as this is the most sustainable solution to compliance.

Southampton City Council's current criteria for School Street access is in line with Active Travel England's guidance for School Streets. However, we intend to allow additional local permitted access. This is to ensure that we have a criteria that does not dilute the effectiveness of the School Street restriction, supports residents and schools, and is one that is suitable for camera enforcement.

There may be some circumstances whereby access is needed and is not covered by the above criteria. SCC will consider these on an exceptional case by case basis, pending receipt of an application or an appeal.