

**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
(CITY CENTRE RING ROAD) (RED ROUTE) 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)
- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

Red Routes are designed to keep key transport routes clear and traffic flowing by applying a strict “no stopping” restriction. They have been used on major routes in London and other cities across the county for a number of years.

Red Routes can help improve journey times and reduce air pollution. They can also improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers by preventing obstructive or anti-social parking.

To support the movement of traffic along the key city centre ring road route, the Council is looking to introduce the first Red Route in the city. This would apply on Havelock Road, Cumberland Place, Brunswick Place, Charlotte Place Roundabout, Dorset Street, and Onslow Road. The Red Route would also apply to part of St Marys Road, into Argyle Road and Brinton’s Road to help prevent on-going issues with obstructive parking in particular for fire engine access from the fire station. (Note in some areas the red route restrictions would extend into adjoining side roads to an appropriate start/end point.)

The Red Route would prohibit stopping at any time, except in marked and signed bays where limited stopping may be permitted for specific purposes (e.g. loading, taxis, or buses). The restrictions within these bays would apply at all times.

Where existing bays along the red route currently apply during specified hours (e.g. 8am – 8pm), it is proposed for these to apply at all time. Parking would otherwise be prohibited outside these hours of operation by the Red Route restrictions.

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).