

THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (MINOR TRAFFIC REGULATION SCHEMES) ORDER 2026

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

Requests for new parking restrictions or changes to existing restrictions are generally considered as part of the Minor Parking Restrictions Schemes process.

Accepted requests are usually processed in batches every 6 months to provide an efficient and cost-effective way of actioning requests which would otherwise be unlikely to be prioritised for funding individually.

Prioritisation is based on the Council's Residents Parking Policy and the circumstances in which the Council will consider introducing restrictions, namely:

- Significant road safety issues arising due to parked vehicles, evidenced by injury accident data
- Service and/or emergency vehicles unable to gain access to a road due to parked vehicles
- Significant traffic delays and/or congestion occurring due to the parked vehicles

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).