THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
(HIGHFIELD ACTIVE TRAVEL ZONE) TRAFFIC REGULATION 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.
- 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.

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.

Following an initial engagement survey in February 2026, Southampton City Council is proposing a series of improvements to Brookvale Road, Abbotts Way, and Russell Place. These proposals aim to improve conditions for all road users, with a focus on those using active travel modes such as walking or cycling, to create safer and more attractive options for journeys to key destinations such as local schools, community spaces, district centre, and local services.

Using a wide range of data sources and feedback from the local community, the proposals have been developed, we are formally consulting on these through the Traffic Regulation Order and other associated regulatory processes.

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).

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