THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
(HIGHFIELD CE PRIMARY - SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL)
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.

Southampton City Council's Safer Routes to School programme identifies and addresses road safety issues and barriers to active travel through education (travel planning and behaviour change), engineering (built infrastructure) and enforcement (Parking Services and School Streets).

Through our Safer Routes to School Programme, we have been improving transport infrastructure near to school sites around the city to enable people to make smarter, healthier and more environmentally friendly ways to travel. The area around Highfield CofE Primary School (Infant site) was identified as a site with road safety concerns issues associated with driver behaviour at pedestrian crossings and parking issues. This has created an environment that is unwelcome for people walking, cycling and wheeling to school, and other local amenities. Over the past year, we have been developing proposals to address the identified issues. Using a wide range of data sources and feedback from the local community and school, the proposals detailed have been developed, and we are formally consulting on these through the Traffic Regulation Order and 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).