THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (VINCENTS WALK)
EXPERIMENTAL 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).

On-going issues have been identified with vehicles stopping and parking on the double yellow lines in Vincent's Walk, west side, between its junction with Hanover Buildings and the southern entrance into the Vincent's Walk Service Road. This is causing obstruction and safety issues for buses when turning into Vincents Walk.

The introduction of no loading at any time restrictions will assist in preventing vehicles from obstructing buses and other local traffic accessing the service road.

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).

The Council is proceeding by way of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to allow for a trial period during which the real-world impacts of the restrictions can be thoroughly evaluated. In particular to allow any impact of the displacement of blue badge holders to be identified and considered.

This approach provides the flexibility to monitor real-world effects and make necessary adjustments before considering whether to make the restrictions permanent.