Information for residents and businesses on road closures and parking
Portsmouth is hosting a major international event on Wednesday 5 June to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The event will be attended by around 500 Normandy veterans, who will be joined by 14 invited heads of state and members of the Royal Family.

This means security around the event will be high, and there will be road closures and parking restrictions that will affect the local community living and working around the seafront area of the city. Our partners at Hampshire Constabulary are responsible for policing the event and we are working together with them to keep both the local community and those attending the events safe.

We understand this is going to cause you some inconvenience, with impacts on a number of important things such as access and parking. We are very sorry for this inconvenience and we are doing everything we can to minimise the impact on the local community. This information is designed to explain what is happening and to answer any questions you may have.

We also have a helpline, which will be open from 9am-4pm Monday-Friday and 10am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday in the run-up to the event. If you have any questions, please call the helpline on 023 9268 8020 and we’ll do all we can to help.

The police have already visited more than 2,000 homes and businesses closest to the event site as part of their security preparations, and have tried to identify any households or businesses where people have additional needs that we need to take into account.

If you have additional needs or arrangements that you think we need to be aware of and you haven’t already discussed these with our colleagues from the police, please call the helpline on 023 9268 8020. Information is also available on www.portsmouth.gov.uk/d-day75.
Road closures, and closure of the common and seafront

There will be two types of road closure in the run-up to and during the national commemorative event on Wednesday 5 June. Hard road closures and soft road closures. Parts of the seafront and Southsea Common will also be closed. You can see where road closures will be and the site perimeter on the accompanying maps (see pages 10 to 13).

Hard road closures

There will be road closures that use security barriers to prevent all vehicle access. These are called ‘hard road closures’ and are designed to stop any vehicles from getting close to the event site. This includes vehicles belonging to people living and working in the area, which means there will be no vehicle access to roads with hard road closures for residents or businesses after 8am on Tuesday 4 June, unless arrangements have been made as a result of the Hampshire Constabulary security preparation visits or there is an emergency, as access will be in place for the emergency services throughout. The roads will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists throughout.

Roads affected by hard closures are:

- Pier Road
- Gordon Road
- Pembroke Road at the very eastern end
- Western Parade
- Duisburg Way
- Clarence Parade west of Palmerston Rd
- Avenue de Caen
- Auckland Road West between Clarence Parade and the Apsley House
- Clarence Esplanade
- Jack Cockerill Way
- The Dell

Roads will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so on Wednesday 5 June, but people should be prepared that closures could be in place for the whole day.
Installation of hard road closures

Ahead of the hard road closures on 4 June, barriers need to be installed. This will cause some disruption to traffic. Each location will only take a short time to install but they will be done across a few days from 28–30 May. There will be similar work to remove them between 10–13 June. Although the barriers will be in place for longer they will only be used from 8am on 4 June until it is safe to remove them after the event on 5 June.

Parking restrictions

Where hard road closures are put in place, we also have to stop people from parking and we will have to remove parked cars that are left along the roads after 8am on Tuesday 4 June.

Roads will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so on Wednesday 5 June, but people should be prepared that road closures could be in place for the whole day. This means if you usually park somewhere that will have a hard road closure in place, you will need to find an alternative location to park during this time. The following car parks are within the hard road closure area and will close at 00:01am on Monday 3 June:

- Clarence Pier
- Seafront, The Esplanade
- D-Day Story Museum
- Southsea Common
- Pyramids

In addition Canoe Lake car park will be closed from 00:01am on 5 June. We have to remove all cars that are left in these car parks once they are closed. Car parks will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so on Wednesday 5 June, but people should be prepared that they could be closed for the whole day. Information on how we are trying to reduce the parking impact on the local community is in the ‘alternative parking’ section on page 6.
Drop-off points

There will be designated drop-off points for taxis and other vehicles in Southsea Terrace. Vehicles will not be able to access the seafront using side roads, as side roads will have soft road closures in place (see below).

Anyone who is less able to walk and might have difficulty walking from the drop-off point to their home should call our helpline on 023 9268 8020.

Accessibility

If you have accessibility issues, and you need additional support, please call our helpline on 023 9268 8020 so we can better understand your needs and work to put the right arrangements in place for you.

Soft road closures

There will also be some soft road closures, which are designed to restrict access to the seafront. These will come into place at 7am on Wednesday 5 June. Residents and businesses in roads affected by soft road closures will still be able to gain access, and will still be able to park but they will have to go through a security checkpoint and may only have access from one end of the road.

Roads with soft closures are:

- Nightingale Road
- Shaftesbury Road
- Ashburton Road
- Elphinstone Road
- Serpentine Road
- Osborne Road
- Netley Road
- Auckland Road West between Palmerston Road and the Apsley House

However, we recognise that closure of the seafront and the parking restrictions is likely to affect these roads and there is information in the ‘alternative parking’ section on page 6 on how we are working to try to reduce this inconvenience for the local community.
Alternative parking

We understand the road closures and parking restrictions will have an impact on people in the area and to help with this we are giving vehicles with permits for the area the ability to park in other areas free of charge during the disruption.

All of the road closures are within the KC residents’ parking zone, therefore anyone with a KC zone permit can park for free in any council pay-and-display car park or pay-and-display spaces on roads, other than areas where parking is suspended and the Museum Road coach bays.

We are also offering this to people with a permit for the car parks being closed and the seafront pay-and-display bays.

This free parking will be available from midday Friday 31 May (because people who commute from the Isle of Wight and leave their car in these car parks over the weekend will need the opportunity to park somewhere else) until midday Thursday 6 June, by which time the roads will all be open again.

The additional permit parking is for pay-and-display spaces only, it does not allow parking in other resident parking zones.

Closure of Southsea Common and the seafront

Significant areas of Southsea Common and the seafront will be closed in preparation for and during the national commemorative event. The closures will be added gradually as we get closer to the event, as we want to keep as much of the area open as normal for as long as possible, as we know local people use the seafront and the common every day.

Event site construction and security

As much of the common as possible will be kept open to everyone for as long as possible. Construction for the event site for the national commemorative event started on Monday 20 May. This means access to the event site area is starting to become restricted. Other areas of the common and seafront will not be affected.

For the national commemoration event on 5 June, enhanced security measures will be in place and a perimeter fence, will prevent access to the common and
the seafront within the site. You can see the site perimeter on the accompanying maps (see pages 10 to 13).

The enhanced security restrictions will be put in place at some point after the hard road closures come into place on 4 June.

From then, there will be no access to Southsea Common or the seafront for vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists, within the site perimeter.

The Pyramids will be closed Tuesday 4 June and Wednesday 5 June
Southsea Castle will be closed on Wednesday 5 June.
The D-Day Story will be closed on Wednesday 5 June.
Parking and public transport

Car parks

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In addition Canoe Lake car park will be closed from 00:01 on 5 June.

We have to remove all cars that are left in these car parks once they are closed. Car parks will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so on Wednesday 5 June, but people should be prepared that they could be closed for the whole day. Information on how we are trying to reduce the parking impact on the local community is in the ‘alternative parking’ section on page 6.

On-street parking

All on-street parking, including pay and display, will be available as normal until road closures are in place.
Hovertravel

The Hovertravel terminal on the seafront will remain open throughout. There will be changes to services on 5 June, please check with Hovertravel for the latest information.

The car park opposite the terminal will be closed from 00:01 on Monday 3 June. We have to remove all cars that are left in these car parks once they are closed.

Car parks will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so on Wednesday 5 June, but people should be prepared that they could be in place for the whole day.

From once the enhanced security measures are in place passengers will need to access the Hover Travel terminal by walking through Clarence Pier and along Long Curtain Moat into Old Portsmouth, as Southsea Common will be closed to pedestrians.

Buses

Buses will run as normal until road closures come into place.

Please check with operators for alternative arrangements while roads are closed.

National Express

National Express coaches will continue to drop off and pick up from Clarence Pier until road closures come into place. Please check with National Express for alternative arrangements while roads are closed.

Businesses

We are supporting businesses to be able to open as normally as possible in the run up to and during the events. Police have spoken to businesses in the area and following this some have chosen to change their opening times. For individual arrangements please check with the relevant businesses.
Road closure information
While we know there will be disruption for the local community please don’t forget Portsmouth is hosting five days of events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and there is lots for local people to enjoy.

Wednesday 5 June

Portsmouth will host the national commemoration event on Southsea seafront, organised by the Ministry of Defence on behalf of HM Government, and in association with The Royal British Legion.

Morning: Major national commemoratory event will take place on Southsea Common for veterans and invited guests, including heads of state. Although security around the event will be high, the public will be able to watch televised coverage from the BBC on big screens, and an RAF flypast will include a Spitfire.

Afternoon/evening: Red Arrows flypast, and the departure of MV Boudicca, a ship chartered by The Royal British Legion, which will carry 300 D-Day veterans to Normandy, escorted by a Royal Navy vessel, representing the famous crossing 75 years before.

Thursday 6 June

All day: Coverage of D-Day 75 from Normandy, big screen, Southsea Common

10:45am: D-Day 75 Remembrance Service, D-Day Stone, opposite South Parade Pier
Friday 7 June

10:30am: Portsmouth Music Hub performing a special composition, main stage, Southsea Common

5pm: Military Band Concert, main stage, Southsea Common

6pm: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and a specially formed young person’s choir performing a composition by James Olsen, inspired by reminiscences of D-Day veterans and the D-Day Story, main stage, Southsea Common

7pm: Open air cinema screening of a family film, big screen, Southsea Common

Saturday 8 June

All day: The Portsmouth Revival Festival. A weekend of entertainment and activities for all the family featuring music and dancing from the 1940s, arena displays, military and vintage vehicles, vintage fairground rides, a 1940s vintage market, and archive and war film screenings.

Afternoon: Red Arrows flypast

7:30pm: Sunset Concert for Heroes, a free unticketed 1940s themed concert featuring the Portsmouth Military Wives Choir, the D-Day Darlings, and the Royal Marines Association Concert Band, main stage, Southsea Common

10pm: Fireworks display, Southsea Common, supported by Gunwharf Quays

Sunday 9 June

All day: The Portsmouth Revival Festival. A weekend of entertainment and activities for all the family featuring music and dancing from the 1940s, arena displays, military and vintage vehicles, vintage fairground rides, a 1940s vintage market, and archive and war film screenings.

Throughout the week

The D-Day Story will be open although times may be affected by events. Check www.theddaystory.com for latest times and museum events.

The Last of the Tide Exhibition opens at Portsmouth Museum on 5 June, featuring portraits of D-Day veterans commissioned by HRH the Prince of Wales, on loan from the Royal Collections Trust.

These details were correct at the time of going to print but may be subject to change.

An up-to-date event guide can be found at www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/d-day-75

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