

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Portsmouth City Council (Villiers Road) (One-Way and Parking Restriction) (No.38) Order 2022

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) (*i.e. to maintain access and/or to reduce congestion*)

Palmerston Road has been temporarily closed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic under a Temporary Traffic Regulation order ("TTRO") that was introduced under new government legislation. This legislation allowed local authorities to create additional space for social distancing, walking and cycling and to temporarily close roads. This section of Palmerston Road was also identified as suitable for the active travel closure by promoting walking and cycling by the Council's Safer Travel Team. The proposal also includes a loading bay in Villiers Road, close to the junction with Palmerston Road and removing the one-way restriction in Villiers Road.

The measures proposed under this TRO are to meet the Department of Transport's guidance on Quiet Deliveries and is informally supported by the Portsmouth Police. In preparing the scheme, the Council has undertaken extensive informal consultation and has corresponded with the majority of respondents affected by the order.

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals the Council has given consideration to its duty under s.122 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 s.122 subsection (2) of that Act).