

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022

The Portsmouth City Council (Paradise Street) (Amendments to Waiting, Loading and Parking Places) (No.31) Order 2022

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Portsmouth City Council ("Authority") is duty bound under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) on and off the highway.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order ("TRO") will be made in accordance with section 1(1) and section 2(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as it appears to the Authority that it will be expedient to make it for the following prescribed purposes:

1. for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road to which the order relates;
2. for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

Paradise Street is a part of the larger Safer Streets 2 scheme. Safer Streets 2 is a joint process between the police and crime commissioner and Portsmouth City Council with the aim of creating safer areas around Portsmouth. As part of this process, we plan to extend the footway adjacent to the connecting tunnel to Arundel Street by 3m and rearrange the existing parking within this area of Paradise Street.

The rearranged parking will situate the disabled bays to be adjacent to the footway, instead of in the centre of the road as they are existing. This will create a safer area for the more vulnerable members of the public and encourage visitors to use these parking spots. The additional footway width will encourage pedestrians from avoiding walking into the road and will provide the opportunity to install a bike hanger in the footway, encouraging active travel within the city centre.

The overall works are not expected to have a large impact on vehicle usage of the carriageway, as all existing amenities are maintained. The only loss is a small amount of delivery space for businesses, however consultation with the businesses has already been undertaken and no objections or issues are expected to occur.