

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022

**The Portsmouth City Council (Mile End Road) (Bus Lane Amendment) (No. 49) Order 2022**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The introduction of a 30-metre taper to the existing southbound bus lane in Mile End Road, leading from Rudmore roundabout, will follow civil engineering work to revise the kerb line and carriageway at the location south of the junction with Kingston Crescent. This project aims to improve bus journey times and is one of nine projects being progressed under the South-East Hampshire Rapid Transport Scheme (SEHRT).

Portsmouth City Council is working in partnership to develop and deliver a schedule of intervention schemes that will provide a bus rapid transit network for the region. Several transport schemes are proposed in Portsmouth, including this one at Rudmore roundabout. The schemes seek to address a deficit of well-connected and reliable public transport services within the city, along with the following outcomes:

- Journey time improvements to expand the local labour markets, release travel times for other purposes and increase access to employment and education opportunities;
- The new pedestrian and cycle routes will provide additional capacity on commuting trips, access to employment centres, enterprise zones and development sites, improving reliability and supporting economic growth;
- The new bus priority routes from will provide additional passenger capacity on the key commuter corridors from Fareham and Waterlooville to Portsmouth;
- Increased levels of walking and cycling and public transport use will result in a modal shift from car travel and hence lower car mileage. This in turn will reduce carbon emissions, by bringing about an increase in the volume and proportion of journeys made by low carbon, sustainable modes. Also, people will take more exercise through walking and cycling, improving public health and thereby raising productivity through reduced sickness absences from work.

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).