

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (CANAL WALK & SOMERS ROAD) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) (No. 219) ORDER 2023

The proposed permanent "prohibition of driving" would remove a through route for motor traffic between Somers Road and Canal Walk, creating a safer and more pleasant walking and cycling route between areas of high density housing and low car ownership into the city centre and areas of education and employment.

The route is part of the Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan and works towards achieving the Portsmouth Transport Strategy of creating a people centred transport network, focussed on walking and cycling by 2038.

Motor traffic would be diverted via A2030 Winston Churchill Avenue, A2030 Holbrook Road and Arundel Street, and the same in reverse.

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- a)** for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians); or
- b)** for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)

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).