

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Portsmouth City Council (Bramble Road & Talbot Road) (One-Way Streets & Waiting Restrictions) (Experimental) Order 2023

The Active Pompey Neighbourhoods (APN) project focuses on improving road safety and active travel choices. The first APN is planned to be located in Central Southsea, covering Bramble Road, Talbot Road, Francis Avenue and Orchard Road.

Through data collection and extensive consultation, key issues have been identified including cars driving above the speed limit, congestion leading to altercations and poor driver behaviour. These issues are contributing to the roads being less attractive for pedestrians and cyclists, including children travelling to the nearby Bramble Infant school and nursery.

The one-way working (except cycles) combined with the road humps is intended to reduce vehicle speeds and make Talbot Road and Bramble Road less attractive routes for motor traffic, and to encourage more sustainable ways to travel than the private car. The environment will be further enhanced by installing planters on Bramble Road (near its junction with Fawcett Road) and Talbot Road (near its junctions with Fawcett Road and Jessie Road). A "hangar" for five bicycles will also be provided on Talbot Road near its junction with Fawcett Road.

The reason why the scheme being introduced on an experimental basis is to assess the impact on residents of the removal of two parking bays, and whether the introduction of the one-way (except cycles) elements of the scheme are effective in reducing the speed of vehicles.

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); and
- b) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In authorising the advertisement of this Order, the Council has considered its duty under s122 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 s122 subsection (2) of that Act).