

**THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (KING HENRY I STREET) (PARKING PLACES,
WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND AMENDMENTS) ORDER 2024**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

This Traffic Regulation Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

for facilitating the passage of vehicular traffic on the road.

Following changes to the road layout on Guildhall Walk, Guildhall Square and King Henry I Street during the Covid Pandemic, a temporary Traffic Regulation Order was made to restrict use of the above roads to allow for social distancing. Following on from the pandemic, it was considered that the benefits to pedestrians and road users was significant, and a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was made in 2023. This TRO included a 15-metre section of Taxi Rank operational between the hours of 8am and 5pm each day. Following monitoring of the area, and consultations with Taxi officials, it is noted that the Taxi Rank is under-used. Therefore, to maximise the amount of on-street parking for visitors to the City Centre, it is proposed to introduce on-street parking in place of the Taxi Rank.

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals, the Council has given consideration to 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).