

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (NORTH HARBOUR MEDICAL CENTRE) (PROHIBITION OF ENTRY AND ONE -WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

Project: Construction of a new primary care medical centre

The Solent NHS Trust Project Management team has submitted a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) application to enhance safety and traffic flow around the new North Harbour Medical Centre. The proposed measures include:

Prohibition of Right-Hand Turns:

- Prohibition of right-hand traffic turns from Northern Road into the new primary care development (North Harbour Medical Centre).
- Prohibition of right-hand turns from St Georges Road into Northern Road.
- Introduction of One-Way Traffic on St Georges Road:

Implementation of one-way traffic on St Georges Road from its junction with London Road to its junction with Northern Road.

This one-way system is proposed to minimize traffic conflicts, enhance pedestrian safety, and streamline vehicle movements, thereby reducing congestion and the potential for accidents.

All the above measures are designed to reduce the risk of collisions and improve the safety of vehicles entering and exiting the medical centre, ensuring a smoother and more predictable traffic flow.

Highway Modifications for Section 278 Proposal:

Adjustments to the site entrance and exit as per the Section 278 highway requirements.

- Relocation of the existing bus stop to accommodate the new traffic patterns and ensure safe and efficient public transport access.

These changes are essential to integrate the medical centre safely into the existing road network, providing clear and safe access for all road users, including patients, staff, and emergency services.

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising; or

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).