

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (SCHOOL LOCATIONS) (STOPPING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2025

Portsmouth City Council is proposing to introduce **Stopping and Waiting restrictions** at various school locations as part of the LTP Safer Routes to School 23/24 package. This project addresses the issue of unenforceable, incorrectly positioned, or outdated School Keep Clear markings identified during site assessments in 2023. The affected roads include:

- Somers Road
- Copnor Road
- Malins Road
- Medina Road
- Penhale Road
- George Street
- Eveleigh Road

The primary aims of this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) are to:

- Ensure that School Keep Clear markings are correctly positioned and enforceable.
- Improve road safety for children, parents, and school staff by preventing dangerous stopping and waiting practices.
- Facilitate the smooth passage of vehicles and pedestrians in the vicinity of school entrances.
- Reduce traffic congestion and maintain the free flow of traffic during peak school hours.

The reasons for making this order are in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, specifically:

- 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.
- b) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- c) To assist with the free flow of traffic.

In authorising the advertisement of these proposals, the Council has given due consideration to its duty under Section 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 both on and off the highway, while having regard to the matters specified in s.122 subsection (2) of that Act.

Portsmouth City Council remains committed to enhancing road safety and ensuring a safer, more accessible environment for all road users.