

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH (VARIOUS ROADS) (CAR CLUB PARKING PLACES) (NO. 137) ORDER 2023

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run;
- To manage parking congestion.

Portsmouth City Council recognises the need for sustainable transport options to help improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions. Measures which reduce the reliance on the private car, such as car clubs, would support this aim.

A car club would offer a convenient option to residents, helping to reduce reliance on private vehicles and supporting a move away from the need to own a second vehicle. The scheme could also be utilised by local businesses for business journeys. A car club would also support the emerging parking strategy, which will look to support improved travel choices for all those seeking to travel into and move around the city, helping to reduce congestion and the demand for on-street parking spaces. By introducing car club vehicles, demand for residential parking is expected over time to fall as people can access a vehicle when they need one, without resorting to car ownership.

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.