

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (NEW ROAD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2025

The Portsmouth Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) is Portsmouth's visionary delivery scheme aligned with the government's National Bus Strategy and aims to dramatically improve bus services in Portsmouth and to encourage passengers back to the bus.

Portsmouth City Council received confirmation in April 2022 of £48.3 million of government funding to transform bus travel for Portsmouth residents. £13 million will be spent on revenue projects including ticketing initiatives and more. £35.3 million will be spent on capital improvements increasing bus priority to the city, which includes adding bus lanes, making bus stops more accessible and more.

As part of the BSIP scheme, improvements are planned to the bus stop at the eastern end of New Road, south side.

The narrow footway makes the shelter inaccessible to wheelchair users (and others). The shelter itself makes the footway unusable for people who use some mobility aids, as well as larger pushchairs, shopping trolleys, etc.

We propose to build out the footway aligning it with the existing kerb from the junction of Copnor Road. The shelter will remain in current location, with the new footway providing accessibility to the shelter and room for other footway users to pass.

This construction will require the extension of the existing double yellow lines, which will cause the loss of unmarked parking spaces (room for 2 cars).

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
- b)** for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians); or
- c)** for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

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).