

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (NORTHERN PARADE) (BUS LANE) 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 Portsmouth Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) improvements are planned to extend the northbound bus lane on Northern Parade to the Hilsea Lido bus stops, creating a continuous bus lane.

Adjustment of the central island between the north and southbound A2047 lanes to widen the northbound lanes, providing more space for buses to move easily and reducing delays caused by traffic are also planned but do not require a traffic order amendment.

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- a)** for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians); or
- b)** 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).