

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (KINGSTON ROAD) (BUS LANE AND 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 Kingston Road (A2047) between Hanway Road and Binstead Road to make bus travel more reliable, reduce delays, and improve everyday journeys in Fratton and citywide.

A dedicated bus lane is proposed between Binstead Road and Hanway Road, to help buses run on time and avoid delays. This change will require the removal of the approximately 19 limited waiting parking spaces which would be replaced with no waiting at any time restrictions.

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).