

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (SOUTHSEA COMMON OVERFLOW) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2025

Southsea Common Overflow car park is currently used to cater for parking by visitors to special events in Southsea, for a maximum of 17 days per year, determined at the absolute discretion of Portsmouth City Council.

Whilst the permanent on-street parking capacity on Southsea seafront is reduced owing to the coastal defence works taking place, Portsmouth City Council is proposing to increase the number of days that Southsea Common Overflow car park can be used from the current 17 days to 28 days per calendar year. It should be noted that usage of Southsea Common Overflow car park would be dependent on the number of planned events, and the weather, and might well be fewer than 28 days. It is intended that, following completion of the coastal defence works in Southsea and Eastney in 2027, the maximum number of days that Southsea Common Overflow car park can be used would revert to 17 days per calendar year.

The proposals seek to:

- Facilitate the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- Manage traffic congestion, and to improve parking opportunities for visitors to Southsea at times when there is a particularly high number of visitors to the area.

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).