

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (S23 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING) ORDER 2025

Portsmouth City Council is proposing to amend the pedestrian crossing on Lake Road with its junction with A2047 Fratton Road. The reason for the proposal is part of the Portsmouth Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP).

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- a) To make bus travel more reliable, reduce delays and improve everyday journeys
- b) To improve bus and general traffic movements from Lake Road to Fratton Road by enabling buses to make the turn safely.
- c) Improve safety for cyclists
- d) Improve bus journey times
- e) Improve pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities

This would be achieved by:

- a) Widening the existing bus lane to 4m as it is currently too narrow for buses to make the turn by taking space from the existing footway
- b) Introducing a cycle path that would aim to remove cyclists from the bus lane
- c) Removing two central islands and replacing with one larger island, removing a pedestrian phase

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).