

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (NORTHERN ROAD) (BUS GATE) 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.

As part of the BSIP scheme, improvements are planned to ensure the restrictions and signage on affected roads is correct, allowing any contravention to be enforceable by traffic cameras. This would contribute to reducing bus delays, improved passenger satisfaction for bus users and encourage more people to use buses instead of private cars.

This Order is being proposed for the following reason:

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

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).