

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (CHICHESTER ROAD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2025

Portsmouth City Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the existing “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions on both sides of Chichester Road, on the west side of its junction with Drayton Road.

Purpose and Context

The purpose of the proposed waiting restrictions is to improve road safety and network operation by increasing intervisibility between drivers and pedestrians at the junction, discouraging obstructive parking, and complementing the construction of dropped kerbs with tactile paving at this location. The site forms part of a designated pedestrian route to New Horizon Primary School; the measures will assist children, carers and those with mobility or visual impairments by safeguarding crossing points and reducing turning and sight-line conflicts.

Legal Powers and Duties

This Order is promoted under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984). In particular:

- Section 1 empowers a local traffic authority to make a TRO where it is expedient for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, and/or for facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians). [RTRA 1984, s.1].
- Section 2 sets out what a TRO may provide, including prohibitions and restrictions on waiting and loading to achieve those objectives. [RTRA 1984, s.2].
- Section 122 imposes a general duty on the Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), while providing suitable and adequate parking facilities where practicable and having regard to the matters listed in s.122(2). [RTRA 1984, s.122].

Any waiting restriction markings and associated signing will be placed and maintained in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (TSRGD 2016), which prescribe the lawful designs and

conditions of use for double yellow line road markings and related upright signs/plates where required. [TSRGD 2016].

Statutory Considerations (RTRA 1984, s.122)

In deciding to promote these proposals, the Council has had regard to its duty under section 122 of the RTRA 1984, including: (i) the desirability of securing the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians); (ii) the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway; and (iii) the matters listed in s.122(2), such as the effect on the amenities of the area and the importance of facilitating access to premises. On balance, the Council considers the safety and network management benefits outweigh any disbenefit to on-street parking at this location.

Implementation and Compliance

If the Order is made, the restrictions will be signed and marked in compliance with TSRGD 2016. Enforcement will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's civil parking enforcement powers.