

STATEMENT OF REASONS
THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (NEW ROAD AND NEW ROAD EAST) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC, PROHIBITED MANOEUVRE AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2024

New Road is a 30mph mixed use road linking Copnor Road in the East with Kingston Road in the west. The road is a bus route, with residential and commercial properties and on-street parking. It is also the intersection of multiple school routes.

There is a pattern of accidents involving cyclists on the eastern section of the road, particularly around the junction with New Road East where the carriageway is very wide. A speed survey undertaken in September 2021 indicated an 85th percentile speed of 31mph which is significantly higher than the 20mph speed limit, indicating that some form of traffic calming could prove beneficial, as both a Road Safety scheme and Safer Routes to School scheme.

The improvements included in this scheme would be to re-profile the junction between New Road and New Road East, by building out the kerbs, and constructing a new traffic island. To support this scheme a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been proposed to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions (double yellow lines) around the junction and in visibility splays on both New Road and New Road East. It is also proposed to ban right turns from the easternmost junction onto New Road from New Road East and ban left turns from the westernmost junction. As part of these works the bus stops would be relocated and the controlled area of the Zebra crossing (i.e. the zigzag markings) reduced.

It is anticipated that these improvements would reduce speeds and make it easier for pedestrians to cross at this junction, as shown on the accompanying plan.

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; and
- b)** 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).