

STATEMENT OF REASONS

MAYFIELD SCHOOL-SERVICE ACCESS (WAITING RESTRICTIONS)

Portsmouth City Council proposes to introduce waiting restrictions on Hewett Road, Portsmouth, in order to facilitate safe and unobstructed access to the service entrance of Mayfield School.

The proposed measures comprise:

1. **“No Waiting Monday–Saturday 6:00am–5:00pm”** restriction on the north side of Hewett Road, outside properties Nos. 99 and 111; and
2. **“No Waiting at Any Time”** restriction on the south side of Hewett Road, extending approximately 5 metres either side of the service access.

These restrictions are proposed under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, in particular Sections 1 and 2, for the following reasons:

- i) To avoid danger to people or other traffic using the road and to reduce the likelihood of collisions associated with large vehicles maneuvering into and out of the service access;
- ii) To facilitate the passage of traffic, including large goods vehicles, waste collection vehicles, and minibuses, by maintaining adequate carriageway width for turning movements;
- iii) To prevent obstruction of the highway, particularly at a location where parked vehicles currently restrict access and visibility;
- iv) To support the safe and efficient operation of Mayfield School, including deliveries, refuse collection, and community use of the premises; and
- v) To improve road safety for vulnerable road users, including pupils and pedestrians, by reducing conflicts between vehicles and school-related activity.

Parked vehicles near and opposite the access have reduced the space available for larger vehicles to turn, leading to near misses and damage. In some cases, delivery drivers have avoided using the Hewett Road access and instead use Kensington Road, which increases risk in areas with more pedestrians.

The proposed restrictions have been developed to provide a balanced approach, ensuring access is maintained during peak operational hours while allowing residents to park outside of these times where possible. The inclusion of "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on the south side will maintain clear access at all times and provide a passing place for vehicles, particularly outside school operational periods.

Portsmouth City Council considers these measures to be necessary and proportionate to address the identified safety and access issues, while minimizing impact on residential parking.