

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads, Drayton Area) (Waiting Restrictions) Order 2026

Portsmouth City Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and introduce associated traffic calming measures and "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions in **Lower Farlington Road, Havant Road and Fitzherbert Road, Farlington**.

The proposed measures are being promoted under the powers contained within the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act")**, in particular sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 90A, 90C and 122, together with all other enabling powers.

The Council is satisfied that the proposals are necessary and expedient for the following purposes prescribed by the 1984 Act:

- Avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads.
- Preventing the likelihood of danger arising.
- Facilitating the safe passage of traffic, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Preventing obstruction of the highway.
- Securing the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Existing Conditions

Lower Farlington Road is subject to an existing **20mph speed limit** and width restriction intended to discourage Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) from using the route as an alternative access to industrial areas to the south.

Concerns have been raised by local residents, ward Councillors and other stakeholders regarding:

- Excessive vehicle speeds.
- Driver non-compliance with the existing 20mph speed limit.
- Road safety risks for pedestrians crossing the highway.
- Continued use of the route by vehicles contravening the width restriction.
- The suitability of existing highway arrangements adjacent to residential properties and pedestrian desire lines.

Traffic surveys undertaken in September 2022 recorded **85th percentile speeds of 31mph southbound and 32mph northbound**, significantly exceeding the expected operating speeds for a restricted 20mph environment. Previous surveys also indicate ongoing issues associated with inappropriate vehicle use and speed along the route.

The Council considers that these conditions contribute to an increased risk of collisions and reduce the effectiveness of existing traffic management measures.

Proposed Measures

1. Traffic Calming Measures

The proposal includes the installation of:

- Three sets of speed cushions on Lower Farlington Road and one set of speed cushions on Fitzherbert Road.

The purpose of the speed cushions is to reduce vehicle speeds, improve compliance with the existing 20mph speed limit and enhance road safety for all highway users, particularly pedestrians, cyclists and vulnerable road users.

The speed cushions are proposed pursuant to Sections 90A to 90C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and associated regulations.

2. Relocation of Pedestrian Crossing Facilities

The proposal includes:

- Minor relocation of the existing informal pedestrian crossing point on Lower Farlington Road.
- Relocation and alteration of the pedestrian refuge on Havant Road adjacent to the junction with Lower Farlington Road.

These amendments are intended to improve pedestrian visibility, reduce crossing distances, better align crossing facilities with pedestrian desire lines and improve accessibility for all users.

The Council considers these changes necessary to improve pedestrian safety and promote active travel within the area.

3. Waiting Restrictions

To support the effectiveness of the traffic calming and pedestrian improvements, the following waiting restrictions are proposed:

No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines)

Havant Road

- Introduction of approximately 8.5 metres of No Waiting at Any Time restriction on the south side of Havant Road outside No. 422.
- Extension of the No Waiting at Any Time restriction west of the junction of Havant Road with Lower Farlington Road.
- Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions associated with the proposed build-out outside No. 321 Havant Road.

Lower Farlington Road

- Introduction of 20 metres of No Waiting at Any Time restriction on the east side of Lower Farlington Road outside Nos. 15, 17 and 19.

The restrictions are required to:

- Prevent parking adjacent to junctions and traffic calming features.
- Prevent obstruction of the carriageway.
- Facilitate the free and safe flow of traffic.
- Maintain adequate road width for emergency service access and larger authorised vehicles.

4. New Highway Build-Out

A new carriageway build-out is proposed on Havant Road outside No. 321.

The build-out will:

- Encourage lower vehicle speeds.
- Improve pedestrian crossing opportunities.
- Enhance visibility between road users.
- Support the wider speed management objectives of the scheme.

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).