

## **Statement of Reasons**

### **THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (MOVING TRAFFIC AND SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2025**

### **THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (MOVING TRAFFIC AND SPEED LIMIT) AMENDMENT NO. \* ORDER 202\***

#### **Proposals**

Southend-on-Sea City Council intend to make the following amendments to moving traffic restrictions:

- To introduce a Bus Gate for use by Buses, Licensed Taxis, Pedal Cycles and Private Hire Vehicles in Queensway, connecting Queensway to Queensway Service Road Victoria Station.

#### **Reasons**

Currently buses turning right from Queensway into Chichester Road are required to transition across two running lanes before turning right. Under the proposed new arrangement, buses would be able to sweep left into the existing bus interchange via the bus gate, turning right into Chichester Road under signal control. This will improve safety for bus passengers whilst improving traffic flow on Queensway.

Additional definitions and relevant exemptions are included in the amendment Order for administration purposes to ensure compliance.

#### **Legislation**

The specific grounds with which the Council are using for the implementation of the proposals are encompassed in Sections 1 and 124 (and parts I, II and IV of Schedule 9) of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

In considering whether to make this Order, Southend-on-Sea City Council has had regard to all relevant matters including its responsibility pursuant to Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure so far as practicable 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 having regard to the matters specified in Section 122(2).

#### **Equality Act 2010, Section 149**

Consideration has been given to the equalities duty of Southend-on-Sea City Council as referenced in Southend-on-Sea City Council Delegated Authority Report (Report Ref: PTO1107).