

## **Statement of Reasons - A4 Portway Strategic Corridor**

It is proposed to make infrastructure improvements along the A4 Portway that will contribute to the modal shift towards sustainable transport. The aim of the project is supported by several key objectives:

1. Improving the journey time, punctuality, and reliability of bus services along the corridor by delivering total segregation and other bus priority measures whilst giving consideration to the strategic nature of this corridor for private vehicles.
2. Increase the proportion of trips made by bus, cycling, walking and wheeling.
3. Reduce the levels of air pollution and CO2 emissions.
4. Enhance the streetscape, public spaces, and urban environment where possible.

To facilitate the improvements in this area, the following measures are proposed:

- The introduction of new bus lanes.
- Amendments to speed limits.
- The introduction of new and revision of existing waiting / loading / parking restrictions.
- The introduction of new pedestrian crossings.
- The introduction of new road humps.

The Council also proposes to remake existing orders, to enable existing provisions / restrictions to be amalgamated with the new proposals.

It appears to the Council that it is expedient to make the order:-

- 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;
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs;
- for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).