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Portswood Project – Update and Next Steps

Dear

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views on travel and road safety in the Portswood and Highfield areas earlier this year. Your feedback is helping to shape the next stage of these improvements.

Making local streets safer in Highfield – Many local people told us they would like to see measures to address driver behaviour issues on local roads. In response, the council is developing plans to install speed calming cushions and raised table on Brookvale Road, Russell Place and Abbotts Way to encourage safer driving and make a more comfortable environment for people walking, wheeling or cycling.

We will carry out a formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation in early autumn, which will show the proposed number and location of the speed cushions and raised table. Subject to the outcome of the TRO consultation, the existing trialled buildouts will be removed at the same time as the new speed cushions are installed with implementation in early 2027. You can read more about the feedback we received on the project webpage: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portswood>

Helping families travel safely to school – We are also working with Highfield Primary School to make daily journeys to school safer and easier for children and their families through our **Safer Routes to School** programme.

Through discussions with the school, we have identified some of the challenges families experience at school drop-off and pick-up including road safety concerns and barriers to giving families options for walking, wheeling or cycling. The early designs for this project include speed cushions and improving existing crossing points to help children travel more safely and independently.

Local people will be able to comment on these proposals through a TRO consultation also in early autumn.

Lower speeds - Earlier this year, we consulted on extending the local **20mph zone**. This scheme is progressing through the design stage and is expected to be implemented over the coming winter.

Better cycling routes - We are also working to improve key local **Cycle Quietways** routing around The Broadway, with Lawn Road already resurfaced in June and work is now planned on Priory Road coordinated with other highways works to reduce disruption. These improvements are expected in the Autumn and will help create smoother, more comfortable journeys for people travelling by bike.

A more welcoming Portswood Broadway - during late July and August we will be working with local residents, businesses and visitors to explore a range of targeted, short term improvements that aim to make Portswood Broadway a more welcoming, attractive, inclusive and safer place to visit. This will help support local businesses and the wider community by enhancing the character and sense of place of the Broadway and making it a more pleasant place for everyone to spend time.

Importantly, these proposals do **not** include traffic restrictions such as the previous Bus Gate.

We are also confirming the remaining decisions from the previous trial as follows:

- The build-outs on Brookvale Road and Belmont Road will be removed. The related double yellow lines will be retained until the buildouts are removed.
- The Broadway and St Denys spur road (next to Trago Lounge) will be retained as is for now. This includes the 'no right turn' at the spur road excluding HGV's and buses, the mandatory cycle lane on the spur road and cycle stand on the Broadway. These will be discussed further as part of the consultation on the Broadway outlined above.
- Modal filters trialled on Brookvale Road and Russell Place will not return.

Thank you – We appreciate your patience while we have reviewed and considered all the feedback received.

By working together, we can create streets that are safer, healthier, and easier for everyone to use with improved travel options for all, and public realm improvements that support and celebrate the community.

For the latest updates and project information, please visit the updated project webpage: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portswood>

Project Timelines



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Project	Initial Engagement	Consultation Period	Next Steps (If Supported)
Safer Routes to School	Collaboration with Highfield CoE Infant School (January 2026)	TRO consultation(Autumn 2026)	Design (July to December 2026) Delivery (Early 2027)
Highfield Active Travel Zone	Initial resident engagement on options (February to March 2026)	Formal consultation phase (Autumn 2026)	Design (July to December 2026) Delivery (Early 2027)
20mph Extension	Prepare extension proposal (February 2026)	TRO consultation (April 2026)	Final design and rollout (late 2026)
The Broadway	Preparing consultation (April to July 2026)	Consultation with public and businesses (late Summer 2026)	TBC depending on consultation feedback
Cycle Quietways	N/A	N/A	Lawn Road – June 2026 Priory Road south – Autumn 2026

Yours sincerely



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