TRAFFIC ORDER PROPOSALS – PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FOR ACCESS ON READING ROAD IN HOOK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hampshire County Council ("the Council") proposes to make the above-mentioned Order, in exercise of its powers and duties under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act, and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act and having discharged its duty under section 122 of the Act.

GENERAL NATURE AND EFFECTS OF THE ORDER: Will be to revoke "The Hampshire (Reading Road, Hook) (Prohibition of Through Traffic) Order 1987" and re-create it to allow for modern access criteria and to include the latest legal definitions. The changes can be summarised as allowing access to premises on or adjacent to the road and to allow buses and public service vehicles to use the road in the course of their duties.

FURTHER DETAILS: A copy of this notice, the proposed order, a map showing the location and effect of the proposal, a statement of reasons and the order to be revoked may be viewed at https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/publicnotices or inspected during the usual office hours at the following places:

(i) Fleet Library, 236 Fleet Road, Fleet, GU51 4BX (Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – Saturday: 09.30 – 17.00; Wednesday: 09.30 – 13.30)
(ii) Hart District Council Civic Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet, GU51 4AE (Opening hours: Monday Thursdays: 08.30 – 17.00; Fridays: 08.30 – 16.30)
(iii) Hampshire County Council Headquarters, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ (Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays 8.30 – 17.15; Fridays 8.30 – 16.45)
(iv) Copies of the draft order, plan and statement of reasons can also be obtained by e-mailing public.notices@hants.gov.uk or by writing to Traffic Orders Team, Safer Roads and Parking, Universal Services, 2nd Floor, Elizabeth II Court West, The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UD quoting reference:

OBJECTIONS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONS: All objections/other representations in respect of this proposal must be made in writing to The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD or email public.notices@hants.gov.uk quoting reference: A2194/MJB, by Friday 9th October 2026. All objections must state the grounds on which they are made. Under the requirements of current access to information legislation, any statement you make to the Council in response to this Notice may be made available to the press and to the public, who would be entitled to take copies of it if they so wished.

TITLE: The order, if made, will be known as "The Hampshire (Reading Road, Hook) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2026".

PATRICK BLOGG Director of Universal Services, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD, email: public.notices@hants.gov.uk

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE HAMPSHIRE (READING ROAD, HOOK) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2026

Hampshire County Council in exercise of its powers and duties under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 122 of the Act, Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act, and all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following order:

1. In this order, and the preamble and schedule hereto:
"the Act" means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
"vehicle" includes part of a vehicle;
"causing" means permitting;
"bus" has the same meaning as in the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2016;
"public service vehicle" means a motor vehicle (other than a tramcar) which is adapted to carry more than eight passengers and is used for carrying passengers for hire or reward; or
if not adapted to carry more than eight passengers, is used for carrying passengers for hire or reward at separate fares in the course of a passenger-carrying business.
"road" means any length of highway or any other length of road to which the public has access and includes bridges over which a road may pass.

2. Save as in Article 3 of this order no person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed in that length of road specified in the schedule to this order.

3. Nothing in Article 2 above shall apply if that vehicle is:
   (i) being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue services;
   (ii) being used for maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of said length of road;
   (iii) being used to access to premises adjacent to, or accessible from and only from, said length of Road;
   (iv) to be loaded or unloaded at premises in the that length of Road or to set down or pick up a passenger.;
   (v) a bus or public service vehicle.

4. This order shall come into force on the 2026 and may be cited as "The Hampshire (Reading Road, Hook) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2026".

GIVEN this day of 2026

THE COMMON SEAL of HAMPSHIRE)
COUNTY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of:)
Authorised Signatory

SCHEDULE

Road at Hook in the District of Hart
Prohibition of driving except for access

Reading Road between its junction with A30 London Road and its junction with B3349 Reading Road / B3349 Griffin Way North, an approximate distance of 893 metres.

THE HAMPSHIRE (READING ROAD, HOOK) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2026

Statement of Reasons

The purpose of this Traffic Regulation Order is to facilitate the operation of the school transport service serving Robert May's School by allowing authorised public service vehicles to use the road for pupil pick-up and drop-off activities. The original order will be revoked and modernised to include the latest legal definitions and access criteria. The Council is satisfied that the proposed change presents no additional risk to highway users and will support access to education.