

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, OLD GARDENS, WINCHESTER

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of continued representations by residents of Old Gardens, Winchester relating to access concerns it is proposed to revise the existing waiting restrictions in Old Gardens to control the commuter/student parking so as to ensure clear access at the junction of Old Gardens and Park Road and prevent obstruction at the turning circle end of Old Gardens.

An informal consultation was carried out with all residents potentially affected which showed overwhelming support for the proposal. The relevant County Councillor, City Councillors, Police and Parking Office Manager were subsequently consulted and gave their approval to proceed with the proposal. Public notices being placed in the Hampshire Chronicle on Friday 22nd July 2005, and erected on street from Friday 22nd July 2005 up to and including Friday 2nd September 2005.

There were 27 identical letters objecting to this proposal (only four from residents of the Winchester District), which although being acknowledged are not considered as grounds to withdraw the proposal. The letters did not object to the proposal but were asking for the extent of the proposed waiting restrictions to be extended. However, this is not possible legally with the proposal as advertised and this was explained when responding to the objectors.

It is therefore recommended that, despite the number of objections received, the proposal be implemented as advertised. Should the proposed waiting restrictions be introduced it will then be possible to review the situation and assess whether it is necessary to extend the restrictions in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the proposed revision to the Traffic Regulation Order in Old Gardens, Winchester be approved such that the existing 'No waiting 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday' waiting restrictions be amended and 'No waiting at any time' waiting restrictions be introduced as advertised and the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to make the necessary order.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

This proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Strategy in its attempt to improve traffic management and road safety.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of implementing this proposal is covered by funding through the Traffic Management Agreement with Hampshire County Council.

There will be no additional enforcement costs as a result of this proposal.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence on Traffic and Transport Division files Ref: 810402/34

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Informal consultation letter

Appendix B: Proposal Statement of Reasons and Schedules

Appendix C: Detail of proposal (Drawing No 810402/34/001)

Appendix D: Public Notice as advertised

Appendix E: Photograph at location of proposal

Appendix F: Standard letter of objection and standard letter of response

Appendix G: Summary of letters of objection