

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

22 January 2008

Attendance:

Councillors:

Wood (Chairman) (P)

Allgood (P)

Beckett (P)

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Higgins, Jackson, Pearson and Saunders

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillor Berry

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Three members of the public spoke at the meeting and their comments are summarised under the relevant items below.

2. **PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – VARIOUS ROADS, WEEKE, WINCHESTER**
(Report CAB1587(TP) refers)

The Chairman announced in advance of public participation that, following consultation and representation, the Council now proposed to amend further the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

The proposed 'No waiting 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday' waiting restrictions in Kynegils Close, Lynch Close, Stoney Lane, St Matthews Road, St Stephens Road, Vernham Road and Wessex Drive, Winchester, would be replaced by a: 'No waiting 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday excluding Saturday' in the same roads. As the amended Order was within the range of the time limits of the existing proposal, the further amended Traffic Regulation Order was not required to be re-advertised, and could be approved at this meeting.

The Chairman invited public participation on the amended proposal.

Of the 10 members of the public who had registered to address the Committee in advance of the meeting regarding the original proposed Traffic Regulation Order, two chose to speak on the amended proposal.

Mrs A Manley spoke of her concerns on the effect of the new Waitrose supermarket in Weeke and the continued and additional pressures on car-parking in the area. She added that a better approach was to provide a long-term solution for parking for students attending Peter Symonds College and that the proposals just provided a short-term solution.

Mrs H Clarke spoke on behalf of parents attending Weeke Primary School. She asked that consideration be given to a 20 or 40 minute waiting period at school closing time in order that children could be picked up safely. She acknowledged that the revised commencement time of the Order to 10.00am would now allow children to be dropped off. She added that the 40 metre gap in the proposed Order in St Matthews Road was insufficient to allow parking for school access, and that a 40 minute waiting period at school closing time along one side of St Matthews Road would be more beneficial.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Saunders spoke on the comments of Mrs H Clarke (the Chair of the Parent-Teacher Association at Weeke Primary School). She stated that the proposed waiting restriction to 4pm was not a good solution as it did not coincide with school pick-up at 3:30pm and therefore the opportunity for two-hour parking in St Matthews Road was favoured.

In reply, the Head of Access and Infrastructure explained that not all roads in the area were subject to the proposed Order, for example Bereweeke Avenue would not have restrictions and that the restrictions would end at St Matthews' Road. A two-hour waiting restriction would need to be advertised and the process would need to start again. The proposals before Committee provided a less onerous restriction and a two-hour limited waiting period could not be looked at under the current proposals.

In addition, long-term solutions for car-parking at Peter Symonds College needed to be discussed with the College and Hampshire County Council as part of the Access Plan for Winchester in order to achieve a solution for the entire parking zone. In answer to Members' questions, it was added that any Access Plan would need to include, where possible, the integration of park-and-ride and sustainable transport means, such as buses, to service the College.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure further added that the proposals would result in the erection of more small signs to distinguish the 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday excluding Saturday' waiting restrictions from the 'No waiting 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday' waiting restrictions in surrounding roads.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That 'No waiting 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday excluding Saturday' waiting restrictions in Kynegils Close, Lynch Close, Stoney Lane, St Matthews Road, St Stephens Road, Vernham Road and Wessex Drive, Winchester, be approved.

2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary order as set out in Resolution 1 above.

3. **EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ST JOHNS STREET, WINCHESTER**

(Report CAB1585(TP) refers)

Mrs Grice stated that she was in favour of the proposals as set out.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Jackson and Higgins spoke regarding this item.

Councillor Jackson stated that as a freelance cycling instructor she had an interest in promoting the interests of cycling generally both for cyclists' general benefit and for the benefit of her business. She stated that the scheme before Committee would be enhanced by the provision of a contra flow cycle lane, as was the case in Parchment Street, subject to the necessary consents.

Councillor Higgins stated that his only concerns were that the alterations should be seen by residents before they were finally implemented and that the junction at the northern end of the proposals should have improved access and visibility. Otherwise he was in support of the scheme.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure responded that the inclusion of a contra flow lane for cycling would need approval by the Department of Transport and would delay the implementation of the Order. As St Johns Street was previously two way, it did have sufficient width to accommodate a cycle lane and although there was a pinch point by St John's Church such a proposal was feasible, subject to sight lines.

Following debate, the Committee agreed that it was confident that the officers would implement the scheme as agreed without the need for further consultation and that the inclusion of a contra flow cycle lane would lead to delay. In conclusion therefore, the Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That work be carried out for one-way traffic southbound in St Johns Street, Winchester as covered in the experimental traffic regulation order, to be made permanent.
2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent order as set out in Resolution 1 above.

4. **EMERGENCY EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – CHURCH ROAD AND NEW ROAD, SWANMORE**

(Report CAB1583(TP) refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Pearson stated that it had been hoped that a Traffic Regulation Order was not required in Swanmore, but indiscriminate parking had made it necessary. Since the experimental Traffic Regulation Order had been in place, a very large improvement had been noticeable. He asked Committee to confirm the Order, but also to give consideration to the materials used in painting the double yellow lines, which were readily worn away on the granite block paving.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure explained that new materials for painting yellow lines on block paving were now available and the yellow lines would be repainted using this new product.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That work be carried out for the waiting restrictions covered in the experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Church Road and New Road, Swanmore to be made permanent.

2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent Order, as set out in Resolution 1 above.

5. **EMERGENCY EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – CROMWELL ROAD, WINCHESTER**

(Report CAB1584(TP) refers)

The Head of Access and Infrastructure explained that the proposals had improved the access for buses in Cromwell Road and that no objections had been raised to the experimental Order.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That work be carried out for the waiting restrictions covered in the experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Cromwell Road, Winchester to be made permanent.

2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent Order, as set out in Resolution 1 above.

6. **EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – THE SQUARE, WINCHESTER**

(Report CAB1586(TP) refers)

Councillor Beckett commented that the experimental Traffic Regulation Order had been good for local businesses within the Square and had been a success for the local economy.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That work be carried out for the waiting restrictions covered in the experimental Traffic Regulation Order for The Square, Winchester to be made permanent.

2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent Order, as set out in Resolution 1 above.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 10.15am

Chairman