CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

19 FEBRUARY 2008

REVISED EMERGENCY EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ALRESFORD DROVE AND OLD STOKE ROAD, SOUTH WONSTON

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to the report to the Chief Executive dated 17 January 2008 requesting that an emergency experimental Traffic Regulation Order be granted under the Chief Executive's emergency powers, the proposed weight restrictions within that report were approved and subsequently introduced on 8 February 2008.

This report gives details on the background for the emergency experimental Traffic Regulation Order and its effect since being introduced.

Prior to the introduction of the emergency experimental Traffic Regulation Order, significant damage was being caused to the highway network, and construction traffic was using inappropriate routes along rural lanes and through local communities to access the landfill site in Alresford Drove, South Wonston, resulting in serious road safety concerns. The effect of the Order is to make these vehicles use the most appropriate route and to prevent further damage to the verges by construction traffic. This will be monitored as part of the experimental order.

During the short period since the new restrictions were introduced, there have been no reported instances of lorries using the roads where weight restrictions are in force. There have been no objections or comments arising from the order notices.

The Order is deemed to have been a success, however, it is not expected that it will be required on a permanent basis. It is proposed that once the Order has been in place for a minimum of six months, it is to be formally reviewed and a decision made as to whether it is to be made permanent or to be withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Emergency Experimental Order remain in force and that the situation continues to be monitored.
- 2. That a Report be brought once the experimental order has been in place for a minimum of six months, for decision whether to make the order permanent or for it to be withdrawn.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

This proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Strategy and the Council's objectives to have a safe environment to live in.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of implementing the traffic regulation order and associated signing work is covered by the Traffic Management agreement with Hampshire County Council.

Enforcement of the weight restriction will be carried out by Hampshire Constabulary.

4 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence on Development Services files Ref: 810402/132 and report to Chief Executive, dated 17 January 2008.

5 APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Drawing No. 810402/132/001A showing extent of restrictions

Appendix B: Public Notice As Advertised



WEIGHT REGULATION ORDER ALRESFORD DROVE AND OLD STOKE ROAD, SOUTH WONSTON

TAKE NOTICE that on 29th January 2008 Winchester City Council on behalf of Hampshire County Council made an experimental traffic regulation order as follows:-

EFFECT OF ORDER:

To introduce a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight for Alresford Drove from its junction with Westhill Road and a point 240 metres east of that junction and for Old Stoke Road from its junction with Wonston Road to a point 1,940 metres south of that junction

IMPLEMENTATION

The Order will come into effect on 8th February 2008.

The Order is to be on an experimental basis for a maximum period of 18 months and the Council will, in due course consider whether the provisions of the Order should continue in force indefinitely.

<u>OBJECTIONS:</u> Within a period of six months from when the experimental Order comes into force or, if the Order is subsequently varied or modified within six months of the date of the coming into force of such variation or modification any person may object to the making of an order for the purpose of such indefinite continuation.

All objections must be in writing, stating the grounds on which they are made and sent to the undersigned.

<u>FURTHER DETAILS</u>: a copy of this notice, the order, a map showing the location and effect of the order, a statement of reasons and the order to be varied may be inspected during usual office hours at the following place:-

(i) City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ

<u>TITLE:</u> The order will be known as "The City of Winchester (Alresford Drove and Old Stoke Road, South Wonston) (Experimental) Traffic Regulation Order (No.2) 2007

Dated this 31st day of January 2008

Winchester City Council City Offices Colebrook Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 9LJ H. Bone Head of Legal Services