

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2009

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – GREAT MINSTER STREET  
AND THE SQUARE, WINCHESTER

REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to representations from traders and residents of Great Minster Street and The Square, Winchester and through meetings with The Square Traders Group, City Councillors, the Winchester Business Improvement District Manager and Council Officers, it has been established that additional traffic management is desired in the above roads. The reasons for this are to help to control traffic to enhance pedestrian safety, in addition to improving the environment and economic viability by providing an opportunity for additional table/seating area for use by restaurants whilst accommodating any necessary delivery vehicles and occasional parking.

A number of revisions to the existing waiting and loading restrictions have been drafted, with the support of the traders, which in conjunction with realignment of the effective carriageway boundary and associated bollards should help to achieve these objectives. The changes to the waiting restrictions will prevent parking and loading on the western side of Great Minster Street and The Square where inconsiderate and often illegal parking are causing regular obstructions and damaging the footways, particularly outside the hours of the current restrictions. Additional waiting and loading restrictions would be required at the western end of The Square to ensure clear access is maintained for through traffic and for delivery vehicles to manoeuvre.

These new restrictions would enable the existing bollards on the south-eastern side of this area to be repositioned to create an additional area that could be utilised for tables and chairs, subject to licensing approval, which could enhance the overall ambience of The Square whilst maintaining and possibly improving pedestrian links to the Cathedral.

The spur to the northern side of The Square which is currently predominantly used by delivery vehicles will need to have loading only restrictions installed to ensure this area is kept clear for goods vehicle deliveries only.

The above restrictions will require some additional signing and lining, however, it is felt that the overall improvements to the area by removing unnecessary and often illegally parked vehicles will outweigh the small number of new signs and lining.

Due to the nature of the proposed changes it is felt that these should be carried out on an experimental basis so that their effect can be monitored and the changes adjusted or removed should unforeseen problems arise with access, etc. The monitoring will take the form of before and after surveys of through traffic volumes, delivery vehicle movements and traffic speeds to establish what effect the proposed measures will have in improving road safety.

It should also be noted that these new restrictions and changes to the road alignment are seen as a key stage in facilitating future improvements to this area of the City and have been developed in conjunction with Hampshire County Council's Highways section and have been checked by HCC's Safety Audit team.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That an experimental traffic regulation order be implemented to introduce "No Waiting At Any Time" restrictions , "No Waiting At Any Time and No Loading At Any Time" restrictions , "Loading Only" restrictions as shown on the attached schedules and plans with immediate effect.
- 2 The effect of the experimental order is to be monitored to determine the effect on through traffic, deliveries and parking patterns in Great Minster Street and The Square, Winchester.
- 3 That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make an experimental order as set out in Recommendation 1.

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

#### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN (RELEVANCE TO):

The proposal is in keeping with the Strategy in its attempt to provide a high quality environment and safe and strong communities and to support economy prosperity.

### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

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

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

### RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

An evaluation of the risks associated with the matters in this report indicate that further risk assessment is not needed because the changes/issues covered do not represent significant risks.

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence on Access and Infrastructure Division files Ref: 810402/160.

### APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Proposal Statement of Reasons and Schedules

Appendix B: Detail of Proposed Restrictions

Appendix C: Photographs

**PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL ORDER AS VARIATION TO:-**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHESTER)  
(PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)  
(CONTROLLED ZONE) ORDER 2002

AND

THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHESTER)  
(PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)  
(CONTROLLED ZONE) ORDER 2002  
(VARIATION NO.38) ORDER 2007

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REVISION:-**

On traffic management and road safety grounds to prevent illegal parking and to ensure unobstructed access.

**EXISTING ITEMS TO BE REPLACED****SCHEDULE II****No Waiting At Any Time**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
GREAT MINISTER STREET	WEST	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LITTLE MINISTER STREET AND A POINT 27.0 METRES NORTH EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	S

**SCHEDULE V****No Waiting 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Saturday**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
GREAT MINISTER STREET	EAST	BETWEEN A POINT 27.0 METRES NORTH EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SYMONDS STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SQUARE.	S
GREAT MINISTER STREET	WEST	BETWEEN A POINT 27.0 METRES NORTH EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SYMONDS STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SQUARE.	S
THE SQUARE	NORTH	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINISTER STREET AND A POINT 74.4 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MARKET STREET.	S
THE SQUARE	SOUTH	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINISTER STREET AND A POINT 36.5 METRES SOUTH AND EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	S

**PROPOSED ITEMS**

**SCHEDULE I Pt XIV**

Goods Vehicles Only

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
THE SQUARE	NORTH	BETWEEN A POINT 10.0 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINSTER STREET AND A POINT 14.6 METRES NORTH AND EAST OF THAT JUNCTION. (THE HAMMERHEAD AREA)	S

**SCHEDULE II**

No Waiting At Any Time

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
GREAT MINSTER STREET	WEST	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH LITTLE MINSTER STREET AND A POINT 96.9 METRES NORTH AND EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	S

**SCHEDULE III**

No Waiting At Any Time & No Loading At Any Time

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
GREAT MINSTER STREET	EAST	BETWEEN A POINT 96.9 METRES NORTH AND EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SYMONDS STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SQUARE.	S
GREAT MINSTER STREET	WEST	BETWEEN A POINT 96.9 METRES NORTH AND EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH LITTLE MINSTER STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE SQUARE.	S
THE SQUARE	WEST	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINSTER STREET AND A POINT 10.0 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION.	S
THE SQUARE	SOUTH	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINSTER STREET AND A POINT 7.7 METRES EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	S

**SCHEDULE V**

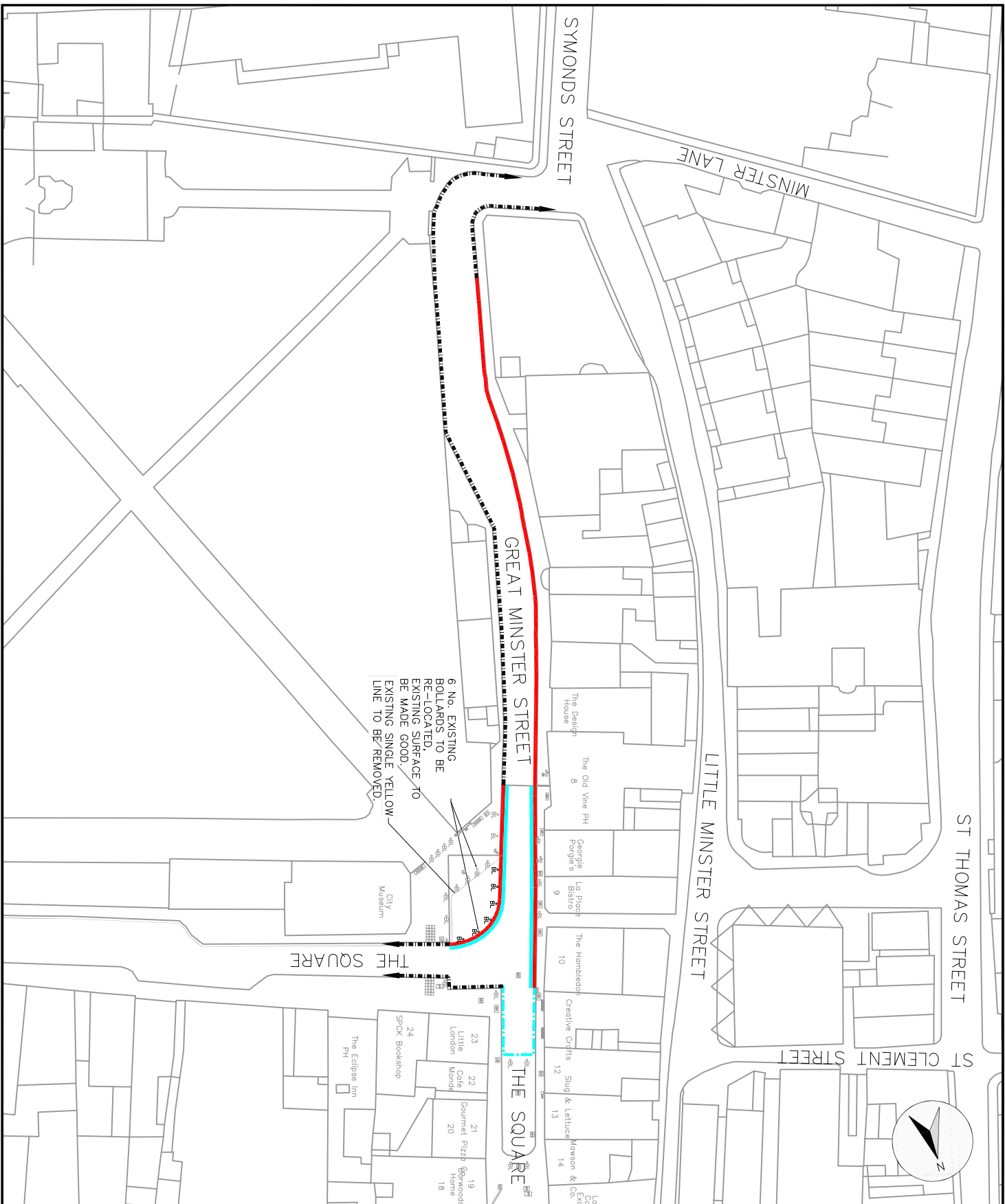
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<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
GREAT MINSTER STREET	EAST	BETWEEN A POINT 27.0 METRES NORTH AND EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SYMONDS STREET AND A POINT 96.9 NORTH AND EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	S

**CAB1846(TP) – APPENDIX A**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
THE SQUARE	NORTH	BETWEEN A POINT 14.6 METRES NORTH AND EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINSTER STREET AND A POINT 74.4 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MARKET STREET.	S
THE SQUARE	SOUTH	BETWEEN A POINT 7.7 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH GREAT MINSTER STREET AND A POINT 36.5 METRES SOUTH AND EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	S

- NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
- NO LOADING AT ANY TIME
- - - LOADING ONLY (20 MINS)
- - - - - NO CHANGE



6 No. EXISTING BOLLARDS TO BE RE-LOCATED. EXISTING SURFACE TO BE MADE GOOD. EXISTING SINGLE YELLOW LINE TO BE REMOVED.

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**Winchester City Council**

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Project: WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Title: PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

Scale: 500 Date: 07/05/09

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DRG. No. 810402/160/001 Status: P





Great Minster Street looking South



The Square looking North-East