

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

24 September 2012

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: HILLIER WAY/NORTH WALLS PARK ACCESS ROAD

REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCESS & INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

PHD389 - Hillier Way Car Park and North Walls Park Access Road – Car Parking Options

WTF166 – Hillier Way Car Park and North Walls Park Access Road – Options for Control

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Abbotts Barton is one of few communities around Winchester without parking restrictions and is therefore used by commuters to park and walk into Winchester. A full review of parking arrangements in Abbotts Barton is underway however it was felt that parking in Hillier Way should be considered in advance of that and proposals have therefore been subject to formal consultation as set out in this report.

The Hillier Way area around the Football and Rugby Club, including the small car park are regularly used by commuters for all day parking. The proposal considered in this report is to control parking along Hillier Way and the small car park within North Walls Park by introducing parking restrictions to improve the environment for users of the park, cyclists and pedestrians and to stop further deterioration of the roadway and verges by cars parking here all day. This proposal is supported by the Winchester Town Forum.

This parking restriction proposal was advertised to include the full length of Hillier Way from Oglander Road and Nuns Road, however, due to the number of objections received from residents concerned about parking displacement into other parts of

Abbot Barton the scheme has been amended, as presented in this report, to include the introduction of restrictions only on the section of Hillier Way within North Walls Park. The remaining section of Hillier Way will be included and considered within the on-going review of parking restrictions for Abbots Barton as a whole.

A further amendment has been made to the scheme (as advertised) due to the restrictions on the parking bays being incorrectly advertised as enforceable from Monday to Saturday not Monday to Friday, prompting objections from the local community. This has been amended and the scheme presented for approval in this report is for restrictions to be introduced in the parking bays and the small car park covering the period from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That the parking restrictions as set out on the plan attached to this report be agreed and implemented.
- 2 That the parking restrictions as advertised on the adopted section of Hillier Way between Oglander Road and Nuns Walk are not implemented at this stage, but will be considered further as part of the overall review of parking in Abbots Barton.
- 3 That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary Order.

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DETAIL:

- 1 Introduction
- 1.1 Hillier Way in Abbotts Barton, leads from Oglander Road, through to Nuns Road past the Football Club, Rugby Club, a nursery and the North Walls Recreation Ground. A Council car park is also situated off this road, intended for users of the park and nearby facilities.
- 1.2 Hillier Way from Oglander Road to just past the junction with Nuns Walk is public highway and as such maintained by Hampshire County Council. Commuters park their vehicles along the south side of the road and then walk into Winchester along Nuns Walk. Residents also use this section for parking.
- 1.3 Hillier Way, from just past the entrance to Nuns Walk through to Nuns Road is not adopted and is maintained by the City Council. This section of the road is regularly used as an unofficial parking area mainly by commuters. This causes serious concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, damage to the road surface and verges and prevents the small car park accessed of it from being used for intended purpose (i.e. users of the park and its facilities).
- 1.4 The small (Hillier Way) car park, opposite the Football Club is not currently subjected to any usage restrictions. The car park is tarmac surfaced and provides 32 car parking spaces, of which one space is used for recycling facilities.
- 1.5 The car park is owned by the City Council and comes under the responsibility of the Winchester Town Forum. The main function of the car park is to provide parking for people using the recreational facilities, open space and football pitches. However, the car park is now fully utilised during the working day by commuters who 'Park and Walk' into town.
- 1.6 A decision was made by a Portfolio Holders Decision Notice (PHD389 refers) to advertise parking and waiting restrictions for Hillier Way in advance of the area-wide review of Abbotts Barton. This review of parking restrictions in Abbotts Barton is on the Traffic Regulation Order programme for 2012/2013. An initial questionnaire had already been sent out to residents of Abbotts Barton in December 2011 and the consultation is ongoing.
- 1.7 The proposed parking restrictions as advertised for Hillier Way are shown on the plan in Appendix 1.

- 1.8 The proposed order was advertised on 2 May for a period of 28 days. In this time 10 objections were received and 3 letters of comments. Details of these are set out in Appendix 2.
- 1.9 Many of the objections stated that Saturdays were not an issue in regards to parking. The parking places were wrongly advertised as Monday to Saturday instead of Monday to Friday as described in the original Portfolio Holders Decision Notice. This has been amended in the proposals now being presented for approval.
- 1.10 The revised proposal presented in this report does not include the section of Hillier Way from Oglander Road to Nuns Walk as residents are concerned about the displacement of this commuter weekday parking whilst also reducing the amount of car parking space for residents themselves. This section of road will be included and consulted on as part of the ongoing wider Abbotts Barton review.
- 1.11 The plan in Appendix 3 shows the revised parking proposals taking into account the comments received now presented for approval

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

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

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The cost of advertising and implementing the traffic regulation order is covered by the Traffic Management agreement with Hampshire County Council.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

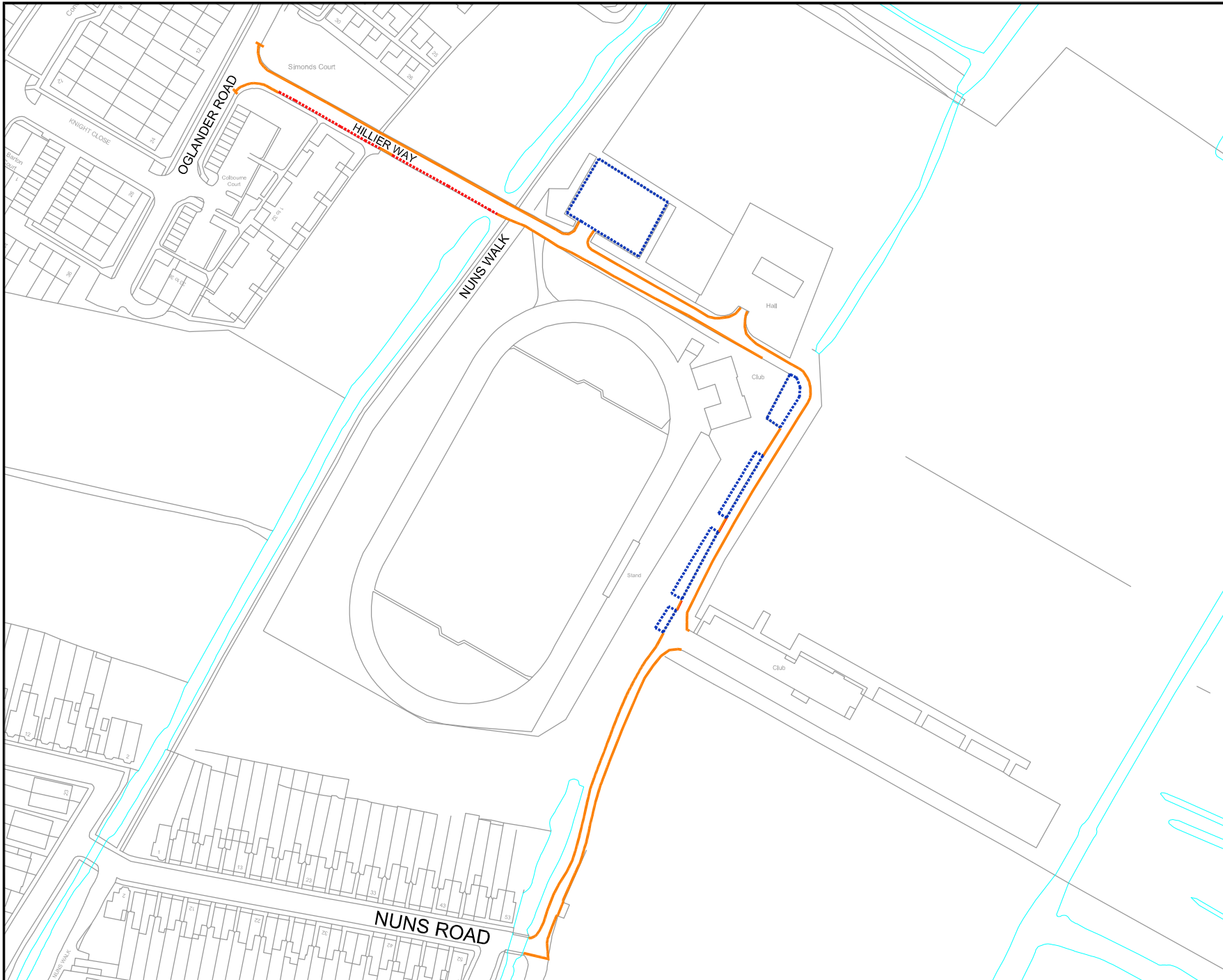
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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Advertised Plan for Hillier Way

Appendix 2 – Summary table of Objections/Comments

Appendix 3 – Revised Plan for Made Order for Hillier Way



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- Mon - Sat 8am to 6pm
3 Hour Limited Parking
No Return Within 6 Hours
- No Waiting At Any Time
- No Waiting
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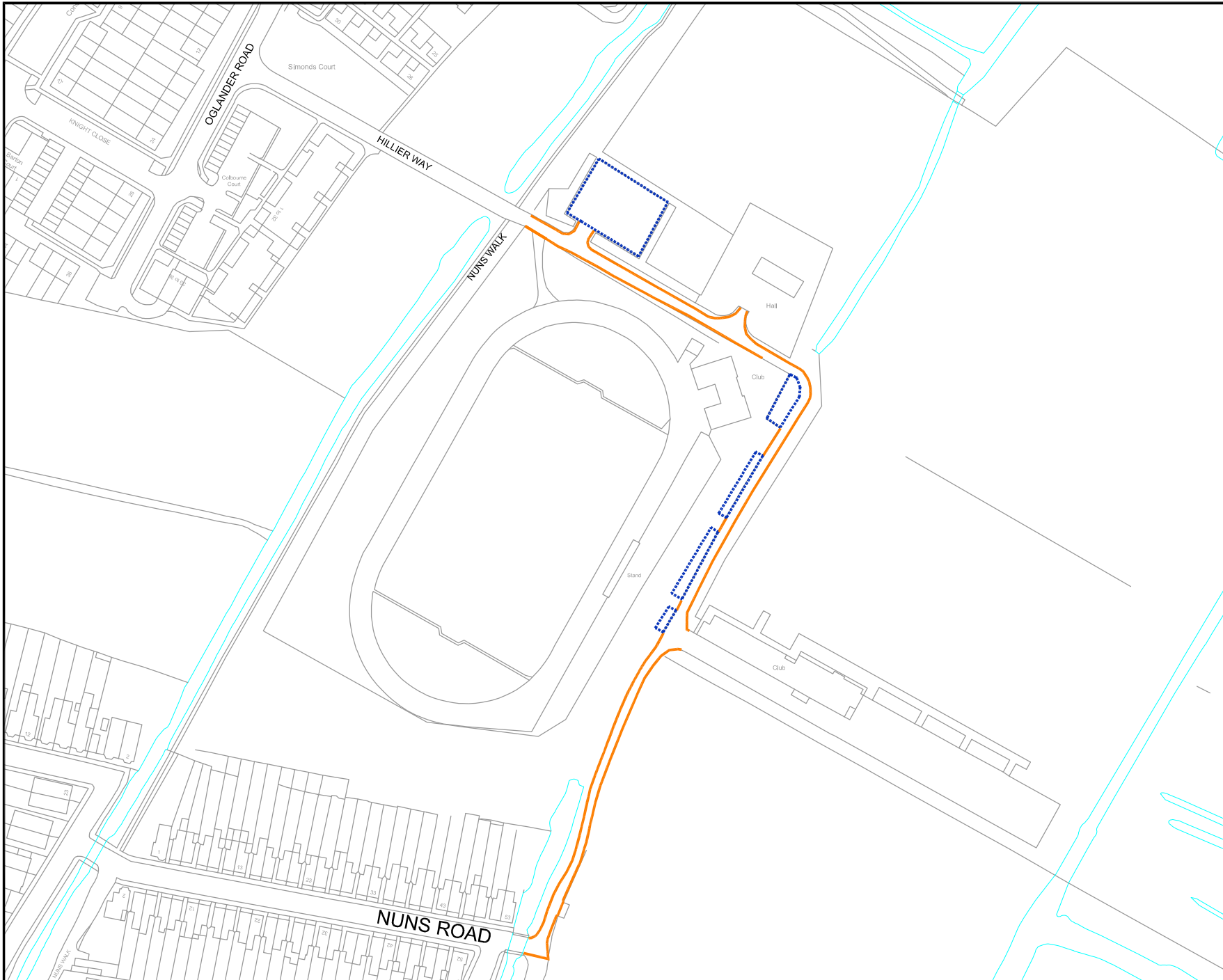
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Appendix 2

REF	RESPONDENT	OBJECTION/COMMENTS
1	Francis Gardens Winchester	Objection. Parking for 2 hours not 3 hours Monday to Friday. Saturday is not a problem but Rugby Club does cause congestion on some Sundays.
2	Francis Gardens Winchester	Appears you are trying to deal with commuter parking, which will lead to displacement. 90 more houses being built in Francis Gardens which is too far to walk to town so may want to use Hillier Way car park. Restrictions should be limited to weekdays only and be 9am to 3pm.
3	Francis Gardens Winchester	Objection. Negative impact on resident. TRO should be part of holistic view to parking in whole area. TRO was advertised incorrectly. Report states no restrictions at weekend.
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5	Francis Gardens Winchester	Broadly support. Restrictions will allow short-term usage of parking bays while preventing parking on Hillier Way extension down to the Football Club.
6	Coney Green Winchester	Objection. Cars along right hand side of Hillier Way do not cause obstruction. Sunday is the day the roads are used most heavily, so why is it unrestricted. By forcing people out of the area it will force them to drive through town or park around Abbots Barton where residents will be affected
7	Coney Green Winchester	Objection. Does not make sense to deal with this area in isolation. Car park is virtually empty at weekends and evenings. Putting restrictions on parking will exacerbate the problem faced by residents. Deal with the problem as a whole.
8	Oglander Road Winchester	Objection. It will become impossible to park if proposals go ahead as commuters will park in Abbots Barton. WCC needs to propose a better TRO for the whole of Abbots Barton. Restrictions were wrongly proposed as Monday to Saturday and not Monday to Friday.
9	Hussey Close Winchester	Objection. Parking will be displaced to Abbots Barton and there should be a plan in place to address this possibility.
10	Abbots Barton Winchester	If proposals are introduced it will displace to Abbots Barton. No need to implement on Saturday as there is not a problem on a Saturday. If restrictions are implemented, I would like parking permits in place in Abbots Barton.
11	Abbots Barton Winchester	Objection. I have had no communication regarding the questionnaire and then discover plans are in place. This is a money making scheme, and the questionnaire results

		should be published as no one wants this change.
12	Abbotts Barton Winchester	Objection. Restrictions should only be on a Sunday as the Rugby Club causes problems. As a resident of the area I am unaware of any consultations that have taken place on the issue since the last public meeting at the Rugby Club in 2010.
13	Edington Road Winchester	Objection. I oppose the TRO on the basis of no real consultation and no feedback from the findings of any consultation to the population of Abbots Barton. Current notices are not correct and should be Monday to Friday. Should the proposed changes to Hillier Way car park and Hillier Way come into effect without any further measures for the inhabitants of Abbott's Barton, it will be come impossible to park.



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