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PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, HALLS FARM CLOSE, WINCHESTER

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to representations from residents and Members the issue of parking in Halls Farm Close, Winchester was investigated. The main concerns are that vehicles are parked too close the junction of Berweeke Avenue/Priors Dean Road thus forcing motorists to drive on the wrong side of the road entering/leaving Halls Farm Close thereby causing a potentially serious road safety problem. This also results in poor visibility approaching the junction which is made even more significant due to the volume of children from Henry Beaufort School crossing at this point.

To solve this problem it was proposed to introduce 'No waiting 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday' restrictions in Halls Farm Close from its junction with Berweeke Avenue/Priors Dean Road to ensure clear access is maintained. See Appendix B.

Public notices were placed advertising this proposal in the Hampshire Chronicle on Friday 9th April 2004, and erected on street from Thursday 8th April 2004 up to and including Friday 7th May 2004. See Appendix C.

5 letters of objections to the proposal were forth-coming, which were acknowledged and replied to accordingly. See Appendix E. Although it is unlikely that these objections will be withdrawn it is not considered that they have sufficient grounds for the proposal to be withdrawn.

The objections were mainly on the grounds that the restrictions will displace the parking further along Halls Farm Close. This is exactly the intention of the proposal, as it is not intended to remove the parking but to ensure that it is not too close to the junction with

Bereweke Avenue/Priors Dean Road thus improving road safety.

Objectors also commented that the issue of parking on the bend in Bereweke Avenue/Priors Dean Road is believed to be more of a problem than parking in Halls Farm Close. This is acknowledged and is currently being pursued with the intention of introducing parking lay-bys in the existing grass verge, subject to funding.

It is recommended that the proposal to introduce 'No waiting 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday' restrictions be approved for implementation on road safety grounds as detailed in the attached Appendices.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the proposed introduction of 'No waiting 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday' restrictions in Halls Farm Close be implemented and the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to make the Order.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

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

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

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

3.2 The restrictions should self-enforcing, however, a degree of additional enforcement by the Council's Parking Attendants will be necessary.

4 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

4.1 Correspondence on Engineering Services files Ref: 370201 & 810402

5 APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Proposal Statement of Reasons and Schedules

Appendix B: Detail of proposal

Appendix C: Public Notice as advertised

Appendix D: Photograph at location of proposal

Appendix E: Letters of objections and responses