

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

30 JANUARY 2007

PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER – ST JOHNS STREET, WINCHESTER

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Contact Officer: Neville Crisp Tel No: 01962 848484

RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of representations from residents of St Johns Street over a considerable length of time the Council has reviewed traffic conditions at this location. Although the speed and volume of traffic are not excessive on their own, they are considered to be too high for the nature of the road. Some traffic management measures have already been introduced but there are still concerns over road safety at this location due to the narrow carriageway, narrow footways and poor visibility, especially at that length of road adjacent to St John the Baptist Church.

The temporary closure of St Johns Street for 6 months in 2004 to facilitate maintenance work to be carried out to St John the Baptist Church demonstrated that there is potential to introduce traffic management measures in this location without unduly affecting access to the immediate residential streets. Further work on this proposal was postponed due to the experimental reversal of traffic flows in Parchment Street whereby any other changes to traffic flows may have affected the review of this scheme.

Despite the lack of objections and comments resulting from the temporary closure of St Johns Street it is not considered feasible to introduce a permanent closure of St Johns Street due to the lack of practical turning areas and the possible egress issues at the junction with Magdalen Hill/Alresford Road.

Further to discussions and meetings with residents' representatives and local Members four options were informally consulted on in April 2006. The consultation letter and plan was distributed to approximately 170 properties in Beggars Lane, Blue Ball Hill, Chester Road, St Johns Street and St Martins Close. See Appendix B.

A summary of the response to this consultation showed that the majority of respondents are in favour of the introduction of one way traffic southbound (downhill), a slightly smaller number being in favour of closing Blue Ball Hill to through traffic, whilst the option of one way traffic northbound (up hill) received minor support as did the suggestion to 'do nothing'. See Appendix C.

Although the option of closing Blue Ball Hill to through traffic was included in the consultation the resultant access and turning difficulties for those residents in the stub sections make this option impractical as the road is not wide enough to accommodate any form of turning head. The emergency services have stated that they would prefer to maintain access at this point.

From practicality of implementation the introduction of a one way traffic order is relatively easy and inexpensive. It is acknowledged that traffic speeds are likely to increase slightly as a result of this change, however, the safety benefits outweigh this due to the significantly reduced volume of traffic that will be using the route combined with the removal of the potential conflict generated by two way traffic along this narrow road, in particular at the bend adjacent to St John the Baptist Church where forward visibility is limited.

The introduction of an order for one way traffic southbound (down hill) is being sought on an experimental basis so that the full impact of the revised traffic flow can be established. The necessary signing and other proposed physical measures will be erected in such a way as to be readily removed should the experimental order be withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATION:

That an experimental traffic regulation order be introduced and advertised for one way traffic in St Johns Street, Winchester between its junction with Blue Ball Hill and its junction with Bridge Street and the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to make the necessary order.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

This proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Strategy in its attempt to improve the environment and road safety.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

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

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence on Access and Infrastructure Division files Ref: 810402/33 & 810306

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Proposal Statement of Reasons and Schedules

Appendix B: Consultation letter and plan

Appendix C: Summary of consultation response

Appendix D: Detail of proposal

Appendix E: Photograph at location of proposal

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REVISION:-

On traffic management and environmental grounds to introduce one way traffic to St Johns Street, Winchester in the southbound direction (down hill).

Order to be made on experimental basis for a period of 18 months

SCHEDULE:-

NEW EXPERIMENTAL ORDER

ONE WAY TRAFFIC

St Johns Street, Winchester

Southbound

Order to be made on experimental basis for a period of 18 months

The Occupier

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21st April 2006

Dear Sir or Madam

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS - ST JOHNS STREET, WINCHESTER

Further to continued representations from residents of St John's Street, Winchester regarding safety concerns arising from the speed and volume of traffic using this narrow road the City Council are in the process of investigating possible traffic management solutions.

There are a number of options available to reduce the traffic using St John's Street as set out on the attached form.

Any of these possible options will have an impact on access to adjacent roads and the City Council is keen to ensure that any proposal have the backing of the majority of those immediately affected. I would therefore be very grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope by no later than Friday 12th May 2006.

Depending on the outcome of this consultation it is possible that any proposal will initially be in the form of an experimental order to be able to fully assess the effects on traffic movements elsewhere in the City.

I trust this is to your satisfaction and I will send details of the result of this consultation in due course. However, please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime if you wish to discuss this matter in more detail.

Yours faithfully

Neville Crisp
Traffic Engineer

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cc. All properties Beggars Lane, Blue Ball Hill, Chester Road, St John's Street & St Martin's Close
City Cllrs Higgins, de Peyer, Pines & Knasel
County Cllr Peskett



To

File 810402/33

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	Agree	Disagree
St John's Street to be one-way southbound (downhill)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St John's Street to be one-way northbound (uphill)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prohibition of motor vehicles in Blue Ball Hill between St Johns Street and Chester Road – full width barrier/bollards at existing restriction (access to Chester Road via Water Lane)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leave the traffic as it is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please add any other comments below

Name

Address

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Signed

Date



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS ST JOHNS STREET

APPENDIX C

NAME	ADDRESS	ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND IN ST JOHNS STREET	ONE WAY NORTHBOUND IN ST JOHNS STREET	PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES IN BLUE BALL HILL	LEAVE AS IS	COMMENTS
CLLR P PESKETT	1 AVENUE RD			X		WOULD PREVENT EXTRA USE OF DANGEROUS MAGDELAN HILL JUNCTION
MR P BUNSTEAD	GREENLEAVES BEGGARS LANE		X	X		
MRS BOURNE	NORTH END BEGGARS LANE	X		X		FULL BARRIER
N BOURNE	NORTH END BEGGARS LANE	X		X		LACK OF FULL ROAD BARRIER ACROSS BLUE BALL HILL INNEFFECTIVE AT STOPPING DRIVERS BETWEEN CHESTER RD AND BEGGARS LANE
P & I LOCKE	ROMANS, BEGGARS LANE	X				
P MILLER	THE GABLES, BEGGARS LANE		X2ND		X1ST	
MR A GRANT	33 BEGGARS LANE	X			X	
MRS E LIGHT	3 BLUE BALL CORNER		X	X		
G HOWARD	1 ROSEMARY CLOSE, BLUE BALL HILL					SEE HARDCOPY 2
S BROWNE	20 CHESTER COURT					DONT KNOW ARE VERY WELL
J BRONNIMANN	30 CHESTER COURT					SO MANY CHESTER RD RESIDENTS NEED CAR ACCESS FROM WATER LANE CANNOT DECIDE FOR ST JOHNS STREET
P STROUDE	3 CHESTER ROAD		X			
MRS M OMAST	4 CHESTER ROAD	X		X		
M LYNCH	5 CHESTER RD				X	
D CORMACK	6 CHESTER ROAD	X				SEE HARDCOPY 7
A DAVIDGE	7 CHESTER ROAD				X	CHANGE DETRIMENTAL TO RESIDENTS, HAVE BEEN NO ACCIDENTS, ADD SPEED RESTRICTION IN ST JOHNS ST
P JONES	14 CHESTER ROAD	X		X		SEE HARDCOPY 3
J FORD	18 CHESTER ROAD	X		X		
J REES	23 CHESTER ROAD		X	X		JUNCTION BLUE BALL HILL AND MAGDALEN HILL DANGEROUS. SPEED OF TRAFFIC INTO WATER LANE A HAZARD
J E THORNE	25 CHESTER ROAD	X				THIS STOPS THE RAT RUN AND ILLEGAL PARKING
J VERNON	26 CHESTER RD				X	
M SUMMERS	32 CHESTER ROAD		X			TRAFFIC CALMING ALSO REQUIRED
J GRIFFEN	37 CHESTER RD		X			SPEED LIMIT 20-25MPH
L KEITH	1 MAGDALEN MEWS	X				
L CHARLES	2 MAGDALEN MEWS	X		X		SLEEPING POLICEMAN AT BOTTOM ST JOHNS STREET
J ERYST	3 MADGALEN MEWS	X				
B MILLS	4 MAGDALEN MEWS		X	X		
A LILYFIELD	5 MAGDALEN MEWS	X		X		SEE HARDCOPY 8
R MASTERS	6 MAGDALEN MEWS	X		X		
MR R NUTLEY	1 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X		X		
MR A MILLER	3 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			
S LYNCH	5 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X		X		
S OATES	6 ST MARTINS CLOSE					SEE HARDCOPY 5
MR G ROSSITOR	9 ST MARTINS CLOSE				X	
MRS J MAY	11 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X	X		
C ROBINSON	14 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X	X	X	SEE HARDCOPY 9
J PESTANG	15 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X	X			ONE WAY EITHER WAY
G FORD	16 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X				JUNT ST JOHNS ST & MAGDALEN HILL NEEDS ATTENTION AND IMPROVING
C MAY	19A ST MARTINS CLOSE	X		X		
N JACKSON	20 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			
S DAWSON & J BRIERLEY	22 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			ST MARTINS CLOSE ENTRANCE NEEDS MIRROR
S MISSEN	22A ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			
MR & MRS MILLS	23 ST MARTINS CLOSE				X	
S CARTOR	26 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X				
P KANE	28 ST MARTINS CLOSE			X		SPEED BUMPS
A PAIN & C DOEL	28A ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			BOTTOM JUNCTION INTO TOWN DIFFICULT TO EXIT
Z DIXON	32 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			SEE HARDCOPY 6
MR M HANSEN	33 ST MARTINS CLOSE				X	
S BLACK	33 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			TRAFFIC UP BLUE BALL HILL PAST CHESTER ROAD, PUT A CAMERA IN
S DUSELL	37 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			
MRS K HOOK	39 ST MARTINS CLOSE				X	SNOW CAUSES PROBLEMS IN AND OUT OF ST JOHNS STREET
G SCHWEDLER	41 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X		X		SPEED BUMPS ST MARTINS CLOSE
J CHOULES	42 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X	X		
W HOWARD	45 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X 2ND		X 1ST	
R DIXON	46 ST MARTINS CLOSE	X				SPEED BUMPS ST JOHNS ST, BLUE BALL HILL ACCESS DOWNHILL, BUT NOT UP, ACCESS TO ALRESFORD RD DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS
MRS J BURCHETT	47 ST MARTINS CLOSE		X			IF POSSIBLE A CAMERA AT THE TOP OF BLUE BALL HILL TO CATCH ILLEGAL DRIVERS

APPENDIX C

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS ST JOHNS STREET

NAME	ADDRESS	ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND IN ST JOHNS STREET	ONE WAY NORTHBOUND IN ST JOHNS STREET	PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES IN BLUE BALL HILL	LEAVE AS IS	COMMENTS
G PHILLIPS	49 ST MARTINS CLOSE				X	SEE HARDCOPY 11
MR R SHINTON-SMITH	1 ST JOHNS STREET			X		
W GUNYON	4 ST JOHNS ST				X	ONE WAY WILL ONLY WORK IF ALSO TRAFFIC CALMING, IF NOT AVAILABLE THEN BLOCK
S BAKER & E BASHNELL	5 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		OPT 1 IS IDEAL BUT OPT 3 SHOULD HAVE AN EFFECT
L TAUNTON	6 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
A BETSWORTH	7 ST JOHNS ST	X				
N WELLS	9 ST JOHNS STREET	X				
L JONES & J CLARKE	11 ST JOHNS STREET	X				IF MADE ONE WAY HOPEFULLY COULD CREATE ADDITIONAL PARKING BAYS
S GROVES	12 ST JOHNS STREET	X			X	SEE HARDCOPY 4
H RENT	14 ST JOHNS ST	X				ONLY WAY TO STOP WORKS TRAFFIC TO PROHIBIT ACCESS TO EASTON LANE VIA ST JOHNS ST
D SMITH	15 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
R & B MORTIMER	CHURCH COTTAGE 20 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		SEE HARDCOPY 10
J GRICE	21 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
DR FAULK	23 ST JOHNS STREET	X				BEST OPTION FULL WIDTH BARRIER IN ST JOHNS ST WORKED WELL WHEN CHURCH WAS REPAIRED
P SURRIDGE	OLD BLUE BOAR 25 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		CONCERNED TRAFFIC ILLEGALLY TRAVELLING UP BLUE BALL HILL
MR & MRS HARTING	35, ST JONHS ST			X		FIRST TWO OPTIONS STILL ENABLE BLUE BALL HILL TO BE USED AS A RABBIT RUN
B BURFOOT & K MORLEY	38 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		TRAFFIC CALMING/20MPH SOUTHBOUND
R FARREN-PRICE	39 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
V KENDALL	41 ST JOHNS ST	X				
K DURHAM	42 ST JOHNS ST	X				
S PATTERSON	46 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
MR COLE	47 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
S MORRISON	48 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		PLEASE GIVE THOUGHT TO MORE RESIDENTS PARKING TO COMPENSATE FOR CHESTER ROAD PARKING DIFFICULT
J SIMPSON	49 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
MRS V MUSGRAVE	1 TUDOR HOUSE 52 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
MR & MRS HINCHCLIFFE	52 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
F HANDLEY & G EARL	53 ST JOHNS ST	X				IN ADITION TO ONE WAY THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME TRAFFIC CALMING PLEASE
A MCKELND	54 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
S NEWBROOK	55 ST JOHNS ST	X				
P EAGLING	56 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
MRS PECOVER	57 ST JOHNS ST		X			
L MARINER	58 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
DR R HICKSON	59 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
J & C WHITE	60 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
R PRUEN	61 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		OPT 3 WOULD NOT BE NEEDED IF ALL TRAFFIC WAS STOPPED GOING UP, IF IT HAPPENS, ENSURE SIGNS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE
N BRADBURY	62 ST JOHNS ST	X				
HORAN	62 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		OPTIONS 1 & 3 IN CONJUNCTION WOULD WORK
C WEBSTER	63 ST JOHNS ST	X		X		INCREASED PARKING PROVISION WOULD BE A BENEFIT
J GAMBLE	64 ST JOHNS STREET	X		X		
MR STREET & MISS FURNISS	66 ST JOHNS STREET	X				
MRS C FRASER	ST JOHNS CROFT, ST JOHNS ST			X		
N FRASER	ST JOHNS CROFT, ST JOHNS ST			X		
MR & MRS J OWEN	2 ST JOHNS MEAD	X		X		
D BOTHY	1 THE SOKE ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
H DICKSON & A DAY	2 THE SOKE ST JOHNS ST	X		X		
H DUMBLETON	E-MAIL		X		X	
D GRAHAM	?		X			SEE HARDCOPY 1
		59	25	51	15	

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PROPOSED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND

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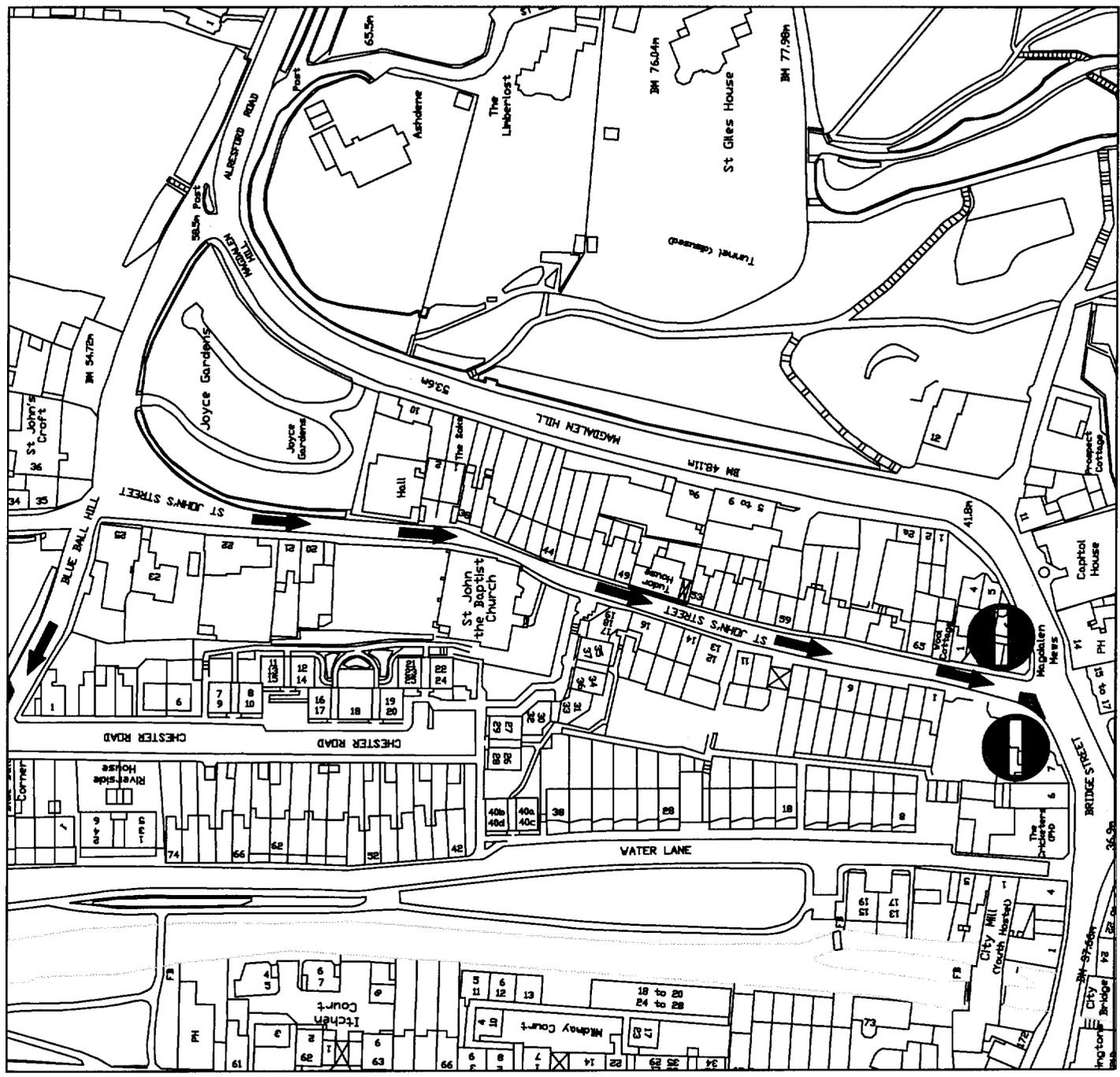
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