

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

22 January 2008

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ST JOHNS STREET, WINCHESTER

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB1398(TP) – Proposed Experimental Traffic Order – St Johns Street, Winchester -30 January 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Further to extensive consultation and previous report to the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee, an experimental order introducing one-way traffic in St Johns Street in the southerly direction (downhill) was approved.

This order was implemented and the revised traffic flow introduced on 15th March 2007. Since this time the order has proven to be effective and although some comments were received initially regarding the safety of the access into Blue Ball Hill from Magdalen Hill/Alresford Road no accidents have been recorded at this location.

A follow up letter and questionnaire was distributed to all properties affected by the experimental order. The results of this showed that the overwhelming majority of residents are in favour of the experimental one-way order being made permanent. Details of these are included as Appendix D and E. It should be noted that there was an error in the response form, stating that the experimental one-way flow was northbound when it is actually southbound, however many residents picked this up and made their own correction when replying. It is not believed that this error changed the outcome of the survey.

Details of the traffic speeds and volumes before and after the experimental order was introduced will be reported verbally at the meeting as the follow up data is not available at the time of the Report being circulated.

Despite some residents fears over access and visibility at the junction of Alresford Road and Blue Ball Hill there have been no recorded accidents at this junction since the experiment was introduced.

From an environment aspect the order appears to have resulted in an overall improvement

in the immediate area and a significant benefit to the quality of life for the residents of St Johns Street.

If the order is approved to be made permanent there will be some minor alterations to the kerb lines at the southern end of St Johns Street to provide better visibility for motorists exiting onto Magdalen Hill/Bridge Street. The kerb and footway levels at the junction of Alresford Road/Blue Ball Hill will be modified to remove the 'ramp' effect.

Other temporary measures will be made permanent, except that provision for a future contraflow cycle lane will be engineered into any permanent construction.

It is proposed to make the one-way traffic order permanent.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That work be carried out for one-way traffic southbound in St Johns Street, Winchester as covered in the experimental traffic regulation order, to be made permanent.
2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make a permanent order as set out in Recommendation 1.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

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

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

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

4 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

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

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Statement of Reasons and Schedules

Appendix B: Detail of Experimental Order (Drawing No 810402/033/002)

Appendix C: Experimental Order

Appendix D: Follow up Consultation letter

Appendix E: Summary of consultation response

APPENDIX A**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

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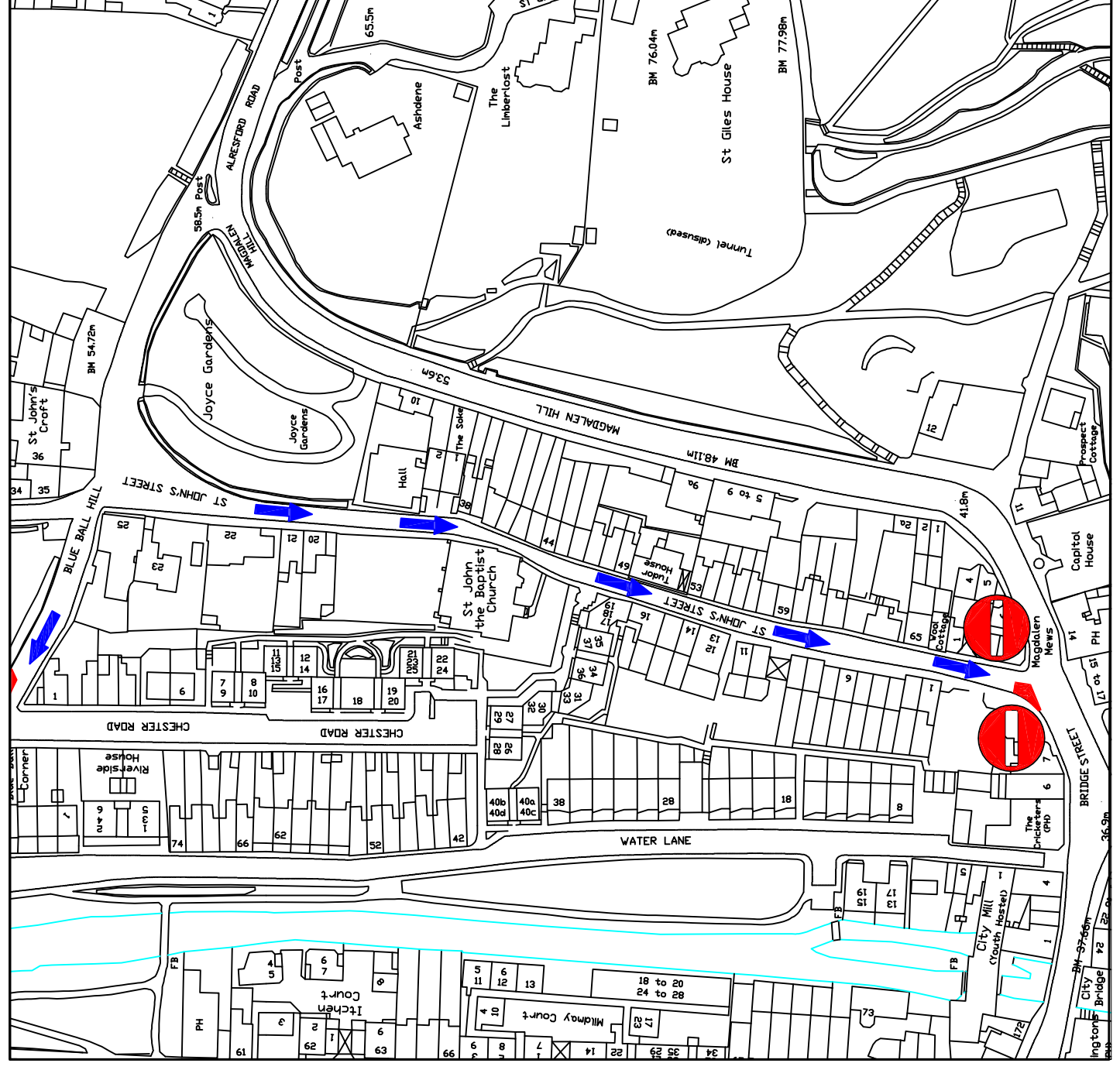
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Title
ST JOHNS STREET
WINCHESTER

PROPOSED ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND

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ST JOHNS STREET ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND (DOWN HILL)

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE CITY OF WINCHESTER (ST JOHNS STREET) (EXPERIMENTAL) TRAFFIC
REGULATION) ORDER 2007

Winchester City Council on behalf of Hampshire County Council in exercise of its powers under sections under Sections 1,2 4,9,10, 32,35,45,46,49,51 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“ the Act”), as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Parking) Act 1986, Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act , and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby makes the following order :-

1. In this order the “Principal Order “ means “The City of Winchester (Central Area) Traffic Regulation (Consolidation) Order 1984 as amended.
2. The Principal Order is varied by measures hereby authorized by the addition to the Second Schedule thereof of the item listed in the Schedule hereto.
3. The Councils Director of Development may, if that officer considers it essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by this order runs, and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police modify or suspend this order, or any provision thereof, at any time.
4. This order shall come into operation on the 12th day of March 2007 and shall remain in force until the 11th day of September 2008 or such earlier date as the Council shall determine.
5. This order may be cited as The City of Winchester (St Johns Street) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2007.

Given this day of 2007

THE COMMON SEAL OF WINCHESTER)
CITY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of :-)

City Secretary and Solicitor

THE SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

ONEWAY TRAFFIC FLOWS (ARTICLES 3 AND 4)

First Column

St Johns Street (that length of road which extends from its Junction with Blue Ball Hill to its junction with Bridge Street

Second Column

Southerly

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12th December 2007

Dear Sir or Madam

EXPERIMENTAL ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ORDER - ST JOHNS STREET, WINCHESTER

Now that the experimental order introducing one-way traffic in St Johns Street has been in for a few months I am writing to get feedback form the residents directly affected.

The Council is aware of some issues, especially with visibility at the junction of Blue Ball Hill and Alresford Road/Magdalen Hill and is in the process of installing some additional signing and road markings which are hoped will help resolve this potential problem. The Council is also installing an edge of carriageway line in Blue Ball Hill from the Alresford Road junction through to Beggars Lane to provide a protected footway for pedestrians.

Should the scheme be made permanent it is also proposed to revise the kerb lines at the southern end of St Johns Street to provide better visibility for those exiting onto Magdalen Hill

I would be grateful if you could let me have any comments by Friday 28th December 2007 so that they can be included when this matter is taken to Committee for consideration. This meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at 9:30am in the Walton Room, The Guildhall, Winchester. The meeting is open to the public, and if you wish to make a representation I would ask that you make yourself known to the Committee Clerk 15 minutes before the meeting starts.

I trust the above is of use and look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully

Neville Crisp
Traffic Engineer

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

To

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EXPERIMENTAL ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ORDER - ST JOHNS STREET, WINCHESTER

I would like the experimental one-way traffic northbound (uphill)
in St John's Street to be made permanent

I would like the experimental one-way traffic northbound
in St John's Street to be removed and traffic in
St Johns Street to be returned to two way

Please add any other comments below

Name

Address

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Signed

Date

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS ST JOHNS STREET

APPENDIX E

NAME	ADDRESS	ONE WAY SOUTHBOUND IN ST JOHNS STREET	RETURN TO PREVIOUS TWO WAY TRAFFIC	COMMENTS
MR P BUNSTEAD	GREENLEAVES BEGGARS LANE	✓		
MR & MRS BOURNE	NORTH END BEGGARS LANE	✓		
P MILLER	THE GABLES, BEGGARS LANE		✓	Concerned with access problems at Alresford Road which may be compounded by potential development in Blue Ball Hill
ILLEGIBLE	34 BEGGARS LANE	✓		
A PAGET	11 CHESTER COURT		✓	
S SAFFRON	12 CHESTER COURT	✓	✓	
MRS J PEES	23 CHESTER COURT	✓		Concerned with visibility at Alresford Road junction
J THORNE	25 CHESTER ROAD	✓		Has been a great success
L KEITH	1 MAGDALEN MEWS	✓		Request to amend parking bays at southern end of St Johns Street to make entry to Magdalen Mews easier
MRS L CHARLES	2 MAGDALEN MEWS	✓		
MR R SHINTON-SMITH	1 ST JOHNS STREET		✓	Would agree to making St Johns Street two way if Blue Ball Hill is closed. If not then make one-way experiment permanent
W GUNYON	4 ST JOHNS ST	✓		
T BAKER	5 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
A BETSWORTH	7 ST JOHNS ST	✓		
OLEARY	8 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
R & B MORTIMER	20 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
MRS J GRICE	21 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		To change back would be dangerous
DR FAULK	23 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
A & E PROUDMAN	25 ST JOHNS ST	✓		Experiment a great success - make it permanent
A GRANT	33 ST JOHNS STREET		✓	Still used as a short cut
MR & MRS HARTING	35, ST JOHNS ST	✓		Motorist still travelling UP Blue Ball Hill making junction dangerous. Fully support experimental one-way being made permanent Very significant improvements since experiment introduced
B BURFOOT & K MORLEY	38 ST JOHNS ST	✓		
D GILES	39 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
K DURHAM	42 ST JOHNS ST	✓		Road is much safer for all
A BALSON	43 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
R COLE	47 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		One way experiment has been a god send in both terms of safety and noise
S MORRISON	48 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		Has made a fantastic improvement to the street
D GARDINER	49 ST JOHNS ST	✓		One-way has led to a safer, quieter and less polluted local environment
S NEWBROOK	55 ST JOHNS ST	✓		Made an enormous difference to the quality of life. Measures to help visibility out of end of street desired
P EAGLING	56 ST JOHNS ST	✓		Much better, especially now with nursery/school in street
MRS PECOVER	57 ST JOHNS ST	✓		
R PRUEN	61 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		Absolute bliss now. Anxious for experiment to be made permanent. Agrees to making visibility at junctions better
N BRADBURY	62 ST JOHNS ST		✓	
C & H WEBSTER	63 ST JOHNS ST	✓		The experiment has created a quieter, more convenient and safer environment
J GAMBLE	64 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
C & S MORTON	65 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		Quality of life has been much improved. Community life has also benefited
MR STREET & MISS FURNISS	66 ST JOHNS STREET	✓		More residents parking places please
N FRASER	ST JOHNS CROFT, ST JOHNS ST	✓		
H DICKSON & A DAY	2 THE SOKE ST JOHNS ST	✓		
L MARLOW	ST JOHNS HALL, ST JOHNS STREET	✓		
MR & MRS GRAY	2 ST MARTINS CLOSE	✓		Ramp to junction of Alresford Road to be improved
MR A MILLER	3 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	
S LYNCH	5 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	
MR G ROSSITOR	9 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	
J PESTANG	15 ST MARTINS CLOSE	✓		
G FORD	16 ST MARTINS CLOSE	✓		Blue Ball Hill/Magdalen Hill junction needs redesigning and resurfacing
S DAWSON & J BRIERLEY	22 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	Trial St Johns Street Northbound rather than Southbound due to access problems
K MCINTYRE	25 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	If not changed then wants a mirror at junction off Magdalen Hill into St Johns Street
MR M HANSEN	33 ST MARTINS CLOSE	✓		
S DUSELL	37 ST MARTINS CLOSE	✓		Blue Ball Hill/Magdalen Hill junction needs to be changed
W HOWARD	45 ST MARTINS CLOSE			Trial St Johns Street Northbound rather than Southbound or a mini-roundabout to be installed at Alresford Road junction
R DIXON	46 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	Walking down Beggars Lane finds the lack of footways and clear road signs dangerous. Wants 20 mph speed limit
H ROBBINS	47 ST MARTINS CLOSE		✓	
R CLAY	FALT 4 PARMISTER HOUSE, WALES STREET		✓	It was more efficient and safer previously
D WOOLDRIDGE	FALT 7 PARMISTER HOUSE, WALES STREET	✓		Very nice having traffic one-way