

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

1 December 2010

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – HYDE CHURCH LANE  
WINCHESTER

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following complaints regarding damage to property on both sides of Hyde Church Lane caused by large vehicles, and concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians using the Lane, a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit through traffic from using Hyde Church Lane was proposed.

Preliminary informal consultations with residents whose properties accessed Hyde Church Lane were carried out prior to the formal advertisement, and following this, a physical closure had been put forward as the best solution to the problems raised. The Police, County Councillor and Ward Members gave their support to proceed with the proposal. A copy of the plan and notice is detailed in Appendices A and B.

The proposal was advertised for public comment for a period of 28 days from 15 July 2010. In response to the advert, 15 letters were received, some of which were supportive of the proposal. However 11 of the 15 responses raised an objection to the closure for various reasons. Appendix D summarises the comments received.

Following consideration of the comments received, the Ward Members were contacted to discuss the way forward. It was agreed that a full closure of Hyde Church Lane should not be pursued at present, but that an Experimental 'No Entry' should be introduced at the junction of Hyde Church Lane with Worthy Lane. This would prevent large vehicles accessing Hyde Church Lane from Worthy Lane and causing damage to property when exiting on to Hyde Street. The results can be monitored over a period of 12 months in consultation with residents and local Councillors.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1 That an experimental 'No Entry' Traffic Regulation Order be introduced on Hyde Church lane at the junction of Worthy Lane for a period of twelve months and the results monitored, after which time consideration will be given as to whether the 'No Entry' should be made permanent.
- 2 That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary Order.

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#### DETAIL:

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Hyde Church Lane is a narrow through road linking Hyde Street and Worthy Lane. There are no footways for most of its length, and the road is only wide enough for one vehicle with one of the narrowest points being at the junction of Hyde Street. Although there are only a few properties with direct access on to Hyde Church Lane, damage has occurred to the properties on both sides of the Lane including broken gas flues, damage to brick work and damage to iron guttering and rain water down pipes on the side of buildings. Damage has been caused primarily by large vehicles attempting to turn out from Hyde Church Lane on to Hyde Street due to the narrowness of the junction (See photographs in Appendix C).
- 1.2 In addition to the damage to property, concern has been raised in relation to the numbers of pedestrians who use the route in both directions. Surveys carried out indicate that there are in excess of 700 pedestrians per day using Hyde Church Lane, who are forced to share the narrow carriageway with over 200 vehicles per day.
- 1.3 Vehicle movements occur in both directions between Hyde Street and Worthy Lane with traffic volumes split roughly equally in each direction. However large vehicles, such as lorries can only access Hyde Church lane from Worthy Lane, as the junction of Hyde Church lane and Hyde Street is too narrow to allow large vehicles to enter.
- 1.4 A physical closure of Hyde Church Lane would prevent damage to property and dramatically reduce the potential conflict between traffic and pedestrians. However a 'No Entry' at the junction of Hyde Church lane and Worthy lane would potentially reduce through traffic by approximately half and would stop large vehicles accessing Hyde Church lane from Worthy Lane. This should have a beneficial effect in reducing property damage, although there would still be potential conflict between traffic and pedestrians using the route.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

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

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

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The cost of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order and associated signing and road markings is covered by the Traffic Management agreement with Hampshire County Council.

### 4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 An evaluation of the risks associated with the matters in this report indicate that a further risk assessment is not needed as the changes and issues covered do not represent significant risks.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Correspondence on Traffic and Transport Division files 810402/162

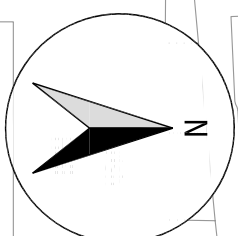
## APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Plan 810402/162/001

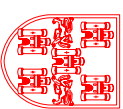
Appendix B – Notice of Proposal

Appendix C – Photographs

Appendix D – Table of Objections



Rev.	Description	Date	Drawn



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 City Council

OPERATIONS GROUP  
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**Project:**

HYDE CHURCH LANE  
 WINCHESTER

**Title:**

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE

Scale: 1:500

Date: 08/04/09

Drawn: MCH

Checked:

DRG. No.

810402/162/001

Status:

**Notice of Proposals of making of Various Road Traffic Regulation Orders  
Affecting the District of Winchester City Council**

Winchester City Council as agents for Hampshire County Council proposes making the undermentioned road traffic regulation orders:-

**1. "The Hampshire City of Winchester (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Driving) Order 2010"**

The effect of this order will be to introduce a prohibition of driving order in Hyde Church Lane. Details are as follows:-

Prohibition of Driving (24 hours a day 7 days a week)

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>
HYDE CHURCH LANE	BOTH	FROM A POINT 45 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION WITH WORTHY ROAD TO A POINT 5 METRES WEST THEREOF

FURTHER DETAILS: A copy of this notice, the proposed orders, and maps showing the location and effect of the proposals, a statement of reasons and the order to be varied may be inspected during usual office hours at the following place:-

- (i) City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester.

OBJECTIONS: All objections and other representations in respect of this proposal must be sent in writing to the undersigned by 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010. All objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010

H. N. Bone, Head of Legal Services,  
Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hampshire.





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CAB2086(TP) – APPENDIX D

REF	RESPONDENT	OBJECTION/COMMENTS
1	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Opposes the plan to close Hyde Church Lane due to it being a useful thoroughfare and closure would encourage anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.
2	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Opposes the closure because residents needing to gain access to property from Hyde Church Lane would have to reverse back out on to Hyde Street. Anti-social behaviour will increase if the road is closed. A One-way should be introduced instead with speed humps.
3	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Objects to the proposal. Rosewarne Court is accessed at the rear from Hyde Church lane and emergency access would be impeded with a closure. Vehicles would have to reverse out of Hyde Church Lane on to Hyde Street. Refuse collections will also be impeded. Hyde Church lane should be made one-way.
4	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Vehicles requiring access to property on Hyde Church lane would have to reverse out on to busy roads. Anti-social behaviour outside the sports club would increase. Hyde Church lane should be made one-way
5	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Agree with the proposal
6	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Anti-social behaviour will increase in the vicinity of the sports centre if the lane is closed to through traffic
7	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Residents needing vehicular access to Hyde Church Lane will be forced to reverse out either on to Worthy lane or Hyde Street which is a dangerous manoeuvre. A one-way should be introduced from Hyde Street to Worthy Lane
8	Hyde Street Winchester	Rear access to property is required to allow for the collection of rubbish and this will require reversing out of Hyde Church Lane on to Hyde Street which is a dangerous manoeuvre. Emergency access would also be hindered.
9	King Alfred place Winchester	The notice is misleading and is not accurate.
10	Hyde Church Lane Winchester	In order to gain vehicular access to property to load and unload residents of Hyde Church Lane would be forced to reverse out of Hyde Church Lane on to Hyde Street. This is a blind junction so the manoeuvre would be dangerous. Motorists and pedestrians would be put at risk by reversing vehicles
11	Hyde Church Lane Winchester	Agree with the closure in principle but have concerns about vehicles having to reverse out of Hyde Church lane on to Hyde Street
12	No address supplied	Agree with proposed closure
13	Hyde Church Lane Winchester	Agree in principle with reducing traffic on Hyde Church Lane but have safety concerns about traffic reversing out of Hyde Church Lane

14	Hyde Street Winchester	Agree with the proposals as own property has sustained damage several times over a number of years
15	Rosewarne Court Winchester	Agree in principle but have reservations regarding access and reversing out of Hyde Church Lane.