

Statement of Reasons

THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, BISHOPS WALTHAM) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 1985 (VARIATION NO.4) ORDER 2022

The proposal to introduce or amend parking restrictions in the following areas of Bishops Waltham are being proposed to improve visibility, reduce obstruction and damage to property, and to make the roads safer for pedestrians and school children.

Proposed parking restrictions around the Infant and Junior Schools

The school parking proposals have been developed following initial consultation with the schools, HCC school travel planner, the local PCSO's and Bishops Waltham Parish Council. They all in support of the proposed restrictions. The formalisation of the no stopping zig zags outside the school will allow the entrance to the Infant School to be kept clear of vehicles, improving the sightlines for, and visibility of, parents and children.

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed at the junctions of Oak Road, Elm Road, Pine Road and Willow Road to improve sightlines. The proposed introduction of no waiting Monday – Friday 8am - 4pm (single yellow lines) on the northern side of Oak Road to reduce obstructive parking during the day.

The double yellow lines on the southern side of the Junior School access will allow for the existing behaviour of parent drop off to continue, which works efficiently at the moment. Single yellow lines are proposed on the northern side of the Junior School access to keep the access clear during school hours but allow some on street parking for the adjacent properties at other times.

The double yellow lines between the Infants School and Elm Road are to stop parking behind residents off road parking, protect the verge with the oak tree, and prevent obstructive parking.

The double yellows along the northern side of Pine Road are to prevent obstructive parking as the existing habit is to for residents to park on the southern side. The double yellows on the bend in Oak Road are included because cars park on the bend, forcing cars onto the wrong side of the road with limited visibility of oncoming traffic.

Proposed amendments to parking restrictions on the High Street

The Parish Council have raised concerns regarding vehicles parking on existing double yellow lines at junctions on the High Street, and on both sides of the northern (top) end, obstructing large vehicles and causing congestion. We (Winchester City Council) have received complaints about large vehicles causing damage to property whilst negotiating vehicles parked near High St/ Bank St junction. Therefore no loading at any time restrictions are proposed for the junctions of the High Street and Bank St and Cross Street, and on the eastern side at the top of the High Street. The existing double yellow lines on Cross St are proposed to be extended further from

the junction to match the proposed no loading at any time restriction and keep the junction clear of obstructive parking.

The top of the High Street is one way southwards, and currently has double yellow lines on both sides. Shoppers and delivery drivers frequently park on these restrictions, causing obstruction and congestion. Therefore it is proposed that parking bays are introduced on the western side, to allow some short stay parking (20 minutes no return in 40 minutes), a goods vehicle loading bay (6am – 7pm), and a disabled bay. A no loading at any time restriction is proposed on the eastern side to prevent obstructive parking.

The Parish Council had requested disabled parking be introduced at the top, and both sides of the bottom of the High St.

The Avenue

We have received complaints about parked vehicles restricting visibility at the busy junction of The Avenue and Winchester Road (B2177), therefore it is proposed that the existing white line markings installed to discourage parking at the junctions are formalised as double yellow lines.

Sections 122(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 have been considered in the design of these proposal, specifically the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.