

## Statement of Reasons

### WINCHESTER CITY (OFF STREET) PARKING PLACES ORDER 2003

#### (VARIATION NO.11) ORDER 2021

The reason for the revocation of the provisions relating to the Upper Brook Street Car Park and its removal from the Principal Order is because the Car Park is to be closed to allow for the construction of the new GP Surgery for St Clements Doctors Practice on the site. This forms part of the already approved planning application reference 15/02897/FUL.

Sections 122(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 have been considered in the design of this proposal together with the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty under Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.

#### **Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

The Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) when making TROs to consider expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. This requires the Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a proposal including if applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
- The national air strategy.
- The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
- Any other matters appearing to the Council to be applicable.

The removal of this car park with 59 spaces forms part of the Central Winchester Regeneration and helps with achieving aims within the Parking & Access Strategy 2020-2030 and the Winchester Movement Strategy. These strategies seek to reduce the impacts of vehicles on the City Centre and to enhance other forms of travel such as walking and cycling and public transport. These strategies also seek to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions.

It is important to retain and enhance general practitioner services in an accessible City Centre location near to other services and with the benefit of existing regular public transport, park and ride services and other nearby car parks.

#### **Public Sector Equality Duty**

The use of the site where the Upper Brook Street Car Park is located is in the City Centre and will enable health services to be accessed by a wide range of the local community including those who rely on public transport.

Disabled parking facilities will remain in other nearby locations including general access to a further 1500 parking spaces within the council's 'Centre' car parks. 'On-Street' parking capacity for Blue Badge holders will remain unchanged.

A further review of disabled parking capacity will be carried out in 2022.