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Dear Sir or Madam,

**REVISION / EXTENSION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS – HIGHCLIFFE, WINCHESTER**

The results of the informal consultation carried out last year showed that there was significant support from residents of Highcliffe for changes to the existing restrictions as well as the introduction of additional waiting restrictions including an extension of the residents permit parking scheme.

The details of the consultation have been discussed with the local Councillors and summarised at the meeting of the Highcliffe Community Forum in January and I am now writing to inform you that the Council is now proposing to take this forward formally.

The overall extent of the proposed changes are shown on the enclosed plan which includes changing the existing Zone X permit parking restrictions to include Sunday, a new permit holders zone (Zone X2) for eastern Highcliffe (Fivefields Rd, Gordon Ave, etc) and 2 hour limited waiting restrictions with permit holder exemption (new Zone X3) for the Petersfield Road / Chalk Ridge area.

More detailed plans are available to view on reception at the City Council Offices or on the Council's website here:-

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/roads-highways/traffic-regulation-orders/>

The proposal is currently being advertised with formal comments to be received in writing by 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Comments to be sent in writing to:-

or by email to:-

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I trust this is of use.

Yours faithfully



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Traffic Engineer

cc Councillors Ashton, Mather, Murphy, Warwick & Hiscock

## SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

### What are parking and waiting restrictions and why are they needed?

The only way the Council can control parking on the road is to put down yellow lines and/or mark out parking bays. Without these restrictions in place anyone is entitled to park on the highway provided their vehicle is legal and that they are not causing an obstruction or hazard to other road users. Typical restrictions are:-

- **Yellow lines** These tell people where they are not allowed to park their cars. A single yellow line means that no one can park there during the hours noted. Double yellow lines mean that no one can park at any time. The restrictions apply to the whole of the Highway and include the grass verges and footways if present.

Please note that yellow lines do not usually prevent motorists from stopping to load/unload provided it is safe to do so.

- **Permit holder parking bays** These show where you can park provided you display a valid permit and as long as you do not block drives or kerbs that have been lowered for prams and wheelchairs.
- **Shared use bays** These are the same as permit holder parking bays except that anyone can use the bay for a specified period without displaying a permit. These bays enable visitors to stop for limited periods without the need for a permit.
- **Parking zones** These areas will have signs at the entry point(s) indicating the restrictions in place but do not have parking bays marked on the road as the restrictions will apply to the whole area. There may be additional 'repeater' signs within the zone to help inform motorists that restrictions are in force.

### Will there be any signs?

There may be signs needed adjacent to single yellow lines to indicate the times the restriction is in force. Double yellow lines do not require signs unless there are also loading restrictions in place. There would need to be signs adjacent to marked parking bays to tell motorists who can park and for how long.

### What is meant by "permit holder parking"?

Each household can apply for 2 permits for their own cars, as well as 2 visitor's permits. You don't have to own a car to have a permit for your visitors.

Residents will also be able to purchase books of scratchcard visitor permits at £13 per book of ten. Limited to two books of 10 per year.

Permits are also available for businesses, etc. Full details are available on the Council's web site.

### Why does the Council have to charge for permits?

The permit fees cover the cost of administering and enforcing the scheme. The overall scheme is budgeted to be cost neutral and not to make a profit with the permit fee charges set accordingly.

Permits currently cost £22 a year for the first permit and subsequent permits are £70 to a maximum of 4 permits per household.

**Please note that this cost is reviewed periodically and may change, especially if the Parking Agency Agreement between HCC and WCC is changed. This is likely to happen in 2020 and may result in a full cost recovery scheme where the permit fees would be set to also include the cost of installing and maintaining the associated signs and lines. The cost of the permits will therefore almost certainly increase substantially, current estimates put the likely cost for all permits at roughly £50 each.**

More information can be found on the Council's website – [www.winchester.gov.uk/parking](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/parking)