

Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio: Public Protection

Subject: Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Waiting Restrictions -

Hewetts Rise and Rossan Avenue area, Warsash

Report of: Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

Strategy/Policy:

Corporate Objective: A safe and healthy place to live and work

Purpose:

To inform the Executive Member of the outcome of the statutory advertisement of a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary:

This report addresses concerns in respect of parking in the Hewetts Rise and Rossan Avenue area of Warsash, by non residents.

Following consultations, it is proposed to introduce waiting restrictions on various roads in this locality.

Recommendation:

That the waiting restrictions as shown at Appendix D are introduced as advertised.

Reason:

To improve road safety and to reduce the risk of obstructions.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of the proposal will be met from the Traffic Management budget.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

Appendices Appendix A: Scheme drawing, as advertised

Appendix B: Responses to letter drop Dec 2012

Appendix C: Responses to formal consultation Jan 2013

Appendix D : Scheme drawing, as recommended for implementation



Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

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Supporting Information

Background

- 1. Parking restrictions have been introduced in a number of roads in the Newtown Road area in recent years, to address complaints received from residents in respect of parking associated with Warsash Maritime College.
- 2. In recent months the parking has extended to Hewetts Rise and Rossan Avenue, resulting in a number of complaints and requests for Fareham Borough Council to take action to combat this parking.
- Proposals have been made and notified to local residents by means of a letter drop
 to all houses which front the streets where restrictions are proposed, and also by the
 normal formal consultation procedures of notices on local lamp columns and in the
 local newspaper.

Consultations

- 4. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and the Police have been consulted on these proposals and all offered their support.
- 5. The Statutory Consultees have been consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

- 6. An initial proposal was advertised by means of a letter drop to all residents in Hewetts Rise and a number of other frontages in the Pitchponds Road area, in December 2012. This letter drop resulted in 18 responses.
- 7. Word of these proposals also reached residents in Rossan Avenue who contributed to these responses, including making requests to extend the restrictions into this road and as far as Jumar Close, including part of Glenda Close.
- 8. As a result of these further representations the original proposals were extended to apply also to Rossan Avenue and part of Glenda Close. These extended proposals were formally advertised in January 2013.

- 9. At the start of the period of when the extended proposals were formally advertised, a letter drop was also carried out to all frontagers who would be directly affected by the extended proposals, but who had not been consulted via the December letter drop.
- 10. The proposals as formally advertised are shown at Appendix A. These provide parking restrictions for a two hour period in the morning and another two hour period in the afternoon, outside all houses in Hewetts Rise, as well as parts of Pitchponds Road, Rossan Avenue and Glenda Close. In addition, some lengths of "No waiting at any time" were proposed at junctions, and on one side of some roads in order to prevent haphazard parking on both sides at unrestricted times.
- 11. This methodology has worked well in Newtown Road and some other roads in the area.
- 12. The responses to the initial letter drop are shown at Appendix B, and the responses to the second letter drop and the formal consultation exercise, are combined and shown at Appendix C.
- 13. In addition to these consultation exercises, Councillor Cartwright, Executive Member for Public Protection has also attended a meeting with a number of local residents to discuss their views on the proposals. At this meeting he agreed to review the proposals to take the residents' concerns into account. This is reflected in the proposals which are further revised and shown at Appendix D, and which are also described in paras. 17 and 18 below.
- 14. Many of the responses were to express concerns that these proposals would lead to difficulties for the residents, although some were in support of the proposals.
- 15. Many residents expressed concern that this should be addressed by Warsash Maritime College, however it has been discussed in previous reports that the College cannot be obliged to improve its parking facilities unless they apply for further planning permission, which they have not done. In turn, they cannot advise their students about the manner in which they park, when this parking is taking place outside the college grounds.
- 16. Discussions have taken place with the college authorities and these will continue.
- 17. In order to address the concerns which led to these proposals, and also the concerns about the inconveniences that they may cause, it is recommended that while the physical extent of the proposals should be maintained, the times over which they apply should be reduced in some cases.
- 18. In summary all proposals for two hour restrictions will be reduced to one hour. In addition, the "At any time" restrictions in parts of Rossan Avenue and Glenda Close will be reduced to the one hour prohibitions.

Conclusion

19. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions are implemented as detailed at Appendix D to this report.