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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Newtown Road, Warsash
Report of:	Director of Environmental 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 make a change to existing waiting restrictions and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary:

This report considers a change to the existing waiting restrictions in Newtown Road, to address concerns about insufficient parking facilities.

Recommendation:

That the modifications to the waiting restrictions as shown at Appendix A are introduced, subject to retaining approximately two metres of double yellow lining to the north of the vehicular entrance opposite to Foy Gardens.

Reason:

To reduce the existing restrictions in Newtown Road to facilitate additional parking and to help to keep speeds from becoming too high.

Cost of Proposals:

The cost of the proposals will be met by Fareham Borough Council's Traffic Management Budget.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

Appendices Appendix A : Scheme drawing

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 11 June 2015

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Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

Portfolio: Public Protection

Supporting Information

Background

1. Newtown Road runs to the south from the roundabout at the western end of Warsash Road, in the centre of Warsash village. It runs to Warsash Maritime College and then on to link into the residential road of Hook Park Road.
2. Shortly to the south of Warsash Road is Havelock Road, a short cul de sac to the west which serves residential flats near to the junction, and further along it serves some individual houses.
3. There is significant pressure on parking in this area (both in Havelock Road and Newtown Road), which is generated by several sources including local shops, residents, and to some extent from the Warsash Maritime College.
4. This parking has led to the introduction of waiting restrictions in Havelock Road (in December 2014) to address concerns about parking near to junction areas, and also obstruction of the footway. However, while these restrictions have achieved these objectives, they have also added further pressure in that local residents now find themselves very short of parking facilities. In turn this has led to complaints and requests for assistance.
5. It is not the responsibility of the local authority to provide parking for private vehicles; however Fareham Borough Council is happy to do what it can to assist if it is reasonable and practical to do so.
6. In order to assist in this area, and following a number of requests and suggestions from residents, it would be possible to remove some of the existing double yellow lining in Newtown Road to free up some of the roadside for parking.
7. When the double yellow lining was introduced a good many years ago, circumstances were somewhat different and a primary objective of them was to

keep the road available for its intended purpose of the passage of traffic. However, parking pressures were then a good deal less, and also speeding was less of a concern.

8. The removal of a length of double yellow lining would relieve some of the parking pressure in a safe manner, and it would also help to keep traffic speeds from becoming too high, which is a growing source of complaints in many areas including in Newtown Road.

Consultations

9. The Police, Ward and County Councillors have been consulted and expressed their support.
10. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

11. The proposal was advertised in May 2015 and two comments were received. The first was not to object to the proposal, only to make some suggestions which were acknowledged by reply, but which did not warrant any changes to this proposal.
12. A further comment was received that the southern end of the proposed removal of the lining is a little close to a vehicular entrance, and it would be beneficial to retain a short length to help to protect visibility at that vehicular entrance.

Conclusion

13. It is recommended that the existing waiting restrictions are modified as advertised and shown at Appendix A, subject to the retention of approximately two metres of double yellow lining to the north of the vehicular entrance which is opposite to Foy Gardens.