

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order - Taxi Rank Restrictions – Harper Way, Fareham
Report of:	Director of Operations
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 prohibit waiting except for taxis in Harper Way and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary: This report considers the reasons for proposing a “Taxi only” restriction in Harper Way.

Recommendation: That the waiting restrictions as shown at Appendix A are introduced.

Reason: To provide additional regulation for the existing facility for taxis.

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

Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 30 November 2016

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Briefing by: Director of Operations

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Supporting Information

1. Harper Way is an unadopted road running parallel to Fareham bus station, and for many years this road has accommodated the main taxi rank for Fareham town centre.
2. Until now traffic in this road has been regulated by an Order which prohibits entry except for taxis and service vehicles. This has worked well but in recent months there have been complaints about parking in the taxi rank, which is not a separate offence.
3. What this means is that entry into the taxi rank by unauthorised vehicles is an offence which can only be enforced by the police, while parking within the taxi rank at present cannot be enforced by Fareham Borough Council's Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs). What is needed is a specific Order so that once a vehicle is parked (not being a taxi) it can be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice by CEOs, and this present proposal will achieve that.
4. It is therefore proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order is introduced to prohibit parking in this section of Harper Way by all vehicles except for taxis.

Consultations

5. The Police, Ward and County Councillors have been consulted on this proposal and expressed their support.
6. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

7. The proposal was advertised in October 2016 and no responses were received.

Conclusion

8. It is therefore recommended that the proposed waiting restrictions are implemented as advertised and shown at Appendix A.