

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Loading Restrictions – West Street Bus Lay-by, 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 introduce loading restrictions in a bus layby in West Street and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary: This report considers the reasons for proposing loading restrictions in West Street.

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

Reason: To provide a loading facility for local shops.

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. West Street runs westwards from Fareham town centre to the railway station, where it then joins the main A27 at Station Roundabout. Until earlier in 2016, all buses running from the town centre to the west used West Street. Running parallel is the A27 Western Way, which is used by the Eclipse service from Fareham bus station to Gosport (then running via Redlands Lane, shortly to the west of the railway station, and on to the bus link).
2. Western Way benefits from a dedicated bus lane as it approaches Station Roundabout, and these bus services benefit from a faster route than using West Street, particularly at peak times. This has led to First Bus, the providers of almost all of Fareham's bus services, to run their westbound services via Western Way. In turn this has meant that the bus layby in West Street shortly to the west of its junction with Trinity Street, is no longer used by buses.
3. In the vicinity of this bus lay-by is a number of local shops, and some of the shopkeepers have asked whether it would be possible for this layby to be used for loading purposes. At present this layby is subject to a restriction which permits stopping by buses only, between 7am and 7pm.
4. This request appears reasonable and it is therefore proposed to change this restriction to permit loading for up to 20 minutes at a time. This needs to be time restricted in order to avoid over-use of the layby. It is also proposed that loading should take place by goods vehicles only, to avoid the layby becoming heavily used by private cars, which would create a potential hazard close to the traffic signals at the junction with Trinity Street.
5. In addition it is proposed that this new restriction should not exclude use of the layby by buses, so that if there is a future need to run buses westbound along West Street, they can still be accommodated.

Consultations

6. The Police, Ward and County Councillors have been consulted on this proposal and expressed their support.

7. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

8. The proposal was advertised in October 2016. No objections were received and one expression of support was received.

Conclusion

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