



Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Botley Road, Park Gate
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 a request by Hampshire Council to remove parking in Botley Road between Duncan Road and Southampton Road. This is to provide a safer cycle route as part of a package of improvement measures in this locality.

Recommendation:

That the waiting restrictions as shown at Appendix B 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 by Hampshire County Council.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

Appendices

[Appendix A : Scheme drawing - as advertised](#)

[Appendix B : Scheme drawing - as recommended](#)



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Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 19 February 2013

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Briefing by: Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

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Supporting Information

Background

1. Hampshire County Council are carrying out some improvement works in the southern section of Botley Road during the first half of 2013.
2. As part of these improvements they have requested that Fareham Borough Council prepare a Traffic Regulation Order to remove the parking in that section of Botley Road which lies between Duncan Road and Southampton Road (the A27). This is in order to keep the road free from obstructions and to provide for cyclists.
3. The length affected is presently a 40 minute waiting area, but in practice it is not frequently used for parking during the working day, so this should not cause any particular hardship except perhaps in a very small number of cases.

Consultations

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

Representations

6. The proposal was formally advertised in January 2013. Three objections were received, two of which cited difficulties that this would cause, particularly in the vicinity of the terraced cottages near to Duncan Road, since these cottages have no off road parking available.
7. All three objections mentioned that creating a clearer route would be likely to lead to higher speeds, which would present hazards of its own. A further concern was that this would cause problems for the unloading of shopping.
8. In respect of the parking difficulties, if the proposals outside the cottages were reduced to apply 8am-6pm on Mondays to Saturdays only, this would ease their

concerns. Houses further to the southeast have their own off street parking so they do not need such a concession.

9. The clearer route aspect is recognised by Hampshire County Council who are designing the scheme, and it is expected that they will be taking this into account as part of their measures. In any event, revising the proposal to permit parking outside the cottages during evenings and on Sundays, will serve to keep speeds down during quieter periods. At busier times the traffic volumes are normally high enough to make excessive speeds difficult to reach.
10. In respect of the unloading of shopping, this would be permitted on the waiting restrictions, so long as it is just for this purpose, and not for longer term parking.

Conclusion

11. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised and detailed at Appendix B to this report.