

# Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio: Public Protection

Subject: Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Waiting

Restrictions – Yew Tree Drive Area, Sarisbury

**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 Yew Tree Drive. Following consultations it is proposed to introduce waiting restrictions to overcome the concerns expressed.

### **Recommendation:**

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

### **Risk Assessment:**

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

**Appendices** Appendix A: Scheme drawing



# **Executive Briefing Paper**

Date: 11 February 2014

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Area, Sarisbury

Briefing by: Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

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# **Supporting Information**

### **Background**

- 1. Yew Tree Drive presently forms part of a route linking junction 9 of the M27 with the A3051 Botley Road. Until 2013 it was not a through route as its western end was available for use by buses only.
- 2. It is the core road serving a number of residential streets, also a school, shops and other amenities. It does not have many frontages itself.
- 3. During 2013 some significant changes were made to the traffic flows along Yew Tree Drive, which commenced when roadworks were undertaken on the M27.
- 4. The roadworks were expected to result in delays to travel along the M27, which could lead to traffic diverting to other roads in the area while seeking routes to avoid the delays on the motorway. As a means of addressing this, Hampshire County Council opened up the Yew Tree Drive bus lane to all traffic.
- 5. Hampshire County Council also took the decision that following completion of the roadworks, they would extend the opening of the bus link for a further period to assess the effects on traffic flows in the area with the motorway fully re-opened.
- 6. Any parking on Yew Tree Drive means that two way traffic has difficulty passing. Although there are few frontages, there is a doctor's surgery which has its own parking facilities, but there are times when this becomes full and the parking spills over on to Yew Tree Drive. In combination with the extra traffic this leads to congestion, the result of which is a need to remove this parking in order that the traffic can keep moving.
- 7. In order to maintain traffic flows in this area it is proposed that parking should be prohibited at all times on Yew Tree Drive between its junction with Clydesdale Road and Sweethills Crescent. In addition, it is also proposed to prohibit parking in Clydesdale Road between its junction with Yew Tree Drive and Shire Close in

order to cater for possible displacement of parking from Yew Tree Drive. Clydesdale Road also serves a number of residential streets and would benefit from being kept clear of obstructions.

### **Consultations**

- 8. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police were consulted on this proposal and all expressed their support.
- 9. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

### Representations

- The proposal was formally advertised in December 2013 and a single response was received. This requested that the proposals should be extended further into Connemara Crescent.
- 11. The proposals cannot be extended at this stage without formal re-advertisement, but in any event any extension could result in a further extension being requested just beyond whatever point the restrictions end. It is suggested that the restrictions are introduced as advertised, but monitored with a review in future should it prove necessary.

### Conclusion

12. It is recommended that the proposed waiting restrictions are implemented as advertised and detailed at Appendix A.