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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, Osborne 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 amend a length of waiting restrictions and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary:

In response to concerns expressed by local residents, this report proposes the introduction of waiting restrictions around a bend in Osborne Road, to the north of its junction with Pitchponds Road.

Recommendation:

That the changes to waiting restrictions as shown at Appendix A are introduced as advertised.

Reason:

To remove all day parking and to improve road safety.

Cost of Proposals:

The cost of the proposal will be met by the 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: 2 July 2014

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Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

Portfolio: Public Protection

Supporting information

Background

1. Complaints have been received by local residents in respect of parking in Osborne Road to the north of its junction with Pitchponds Road, which has been attributed to students from the nearby Warsash Maritime College.
2. Waiting restrictions have been introduced into a number of roads in the vicinity of Warsash Maritime College in recent years, in order to address complaints about parking by students. These have been successful in reducing the complaints, but parking has migrated to other streets. The complaints have reduced as the parking has spread further out from the College, but they have nevertheless been received in respect of this section of Osborne Road.
3. Osborne Road links the busy Warsash Road with a number of residential streets in the southern part of Warsash. Heading north from its junction with Pitchponds Road, Osborne Road has housing on both sides and runs around a sweeping right hand bend. It is busy at certain times of day, particularly at school opening and closing times when parents use this road to gain access to and from the nearby school in Church Road.
4. Parking often takes place around this bend, mainly on the outside (west side), but sometimes on the inside too. This parking compromises forward visibility around the bend, and also causes inconvenience and obstruction to householders entering and leaving their driveways.
5. It is proposed to introduce part time restrictions along part of the west side of this bend, to apply 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm. This will prevent all day parking while leaving the road available at unrestricted times for parking by local householders and their visitors. Since the houses in this area have driveways, it is expected that the pressure on parking in this area will be reduced by virtue of these restrictions, with the remaining parking being less problematic than it is at

present. The proposals include that parking will be prohibited at all times on the inside of the bend.

Consultations

6. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police were consulted on this proposal and all expressed their support. As part of this, a site meeting was held which was attended by Councillor Cartwright and Police representatives, where it was agreed that there are safety issues here which would benefit from the introduction of waiting restrictions.
7. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

8. These proposals were notified to all residents along this section of Osborne Road by letter in December 2013.
9. The response to the letter drop was generally favourable, with just one objection received, and this recognised that there are concerns about parking in Osborne Road. A number of comments were made in the responses that parking by students at the college should be addressed by the college themselves which could avoid it taking place on residential streets, however there are no powers to oblige the college to do this unless they apply for further planning permission.
10. Other reservations were expressed including that off road parking is limited at some of the frontages, but it would nevertheless remain available except for two one hour periods during Mondays to Fridays, and throughout the weekends.
11. Five responses were received to the letter drop which were in support of the proposal.
12. The proposal was formally advertised in May 2014 and five further comments were received. Three of these expressed reservations about the proposals in general, citing that the problem may be moved rather than resolved, but recognising that restrictions in Osborne Road would be beneficial due to the hazardous nature of the bend in the road. The other two comments expressed support for the proposals.

Conclusion

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