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Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Changes to Waiting Restrictions – Lower Spinney, 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 modify existing waiting restrictions.

Executive summary:

This report considers requested changes to the waiting restrictions in Lower Spinney, following receipt of a petition from local residents.

Recommendation:

That the waiting restrictions are introduced as shown at Appendix A, or that no changes are made at this time.

Reason:

To accommodate the wishes of local residents after the earlier introduction of waiting restrictions, while respecting the need for road safety.

Cost of Proposals:

The cost of the proposals 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: 6 November 2014

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Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

Portfolio: Public Protection

Supporting Information

Background

1. Waiting restrictions were introduced into Lower Spinney in October 2013, as part of the programme to address complaints about parking associated with students from the nearby Warsash Maritime college.
2. Since these restrictions have been in operation, although the residents were generally in agreement at the outset, they have since found them to be more onerous than they are happy with, and have asked for them to be relaxed.
3. The views of the residents were expressed in a petition which showed the majority to be in favour of a proposal to relax the restrictions, which is shown at Appendix A. The petition showed that of the 24 households along this road, 5 were opposed to any change, but 18 were in favour, and one expressed no strong view.
4. It was therefore decided to publicly advertise the proposal as requested in the petition.

Consultations

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

Representations

7. The proposal was formally advertised in September 2014. Three further comments were initially received, all of which were from objectors to the proposed changes. These objections were already recorded as such as part of the petition described above.

8. However, subsequent to this, letters were received from another 6 households asking to withdraw their support from the original petition. The effect of this is that 11 of 24 have now specifically expressed their objections. The remaining supporters are those who have signed the petition, but the objectors have argued that some of these may be fairly ambivalent about whether or not they really want the change.
9. There is therefore significantly divided opinion among the local residents, which suggests that the changes as advertised should not be made at this time.
10. It is also proposed that the existing waiting restrictions which apply for two hours each weekday morning and afternoon are reduced to apply for one hour only. This was part of the advertised proposal and no objections were received in respect of this aspect.

Conclusion

11. It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are introduced as shown at Appendix A, or that no changes are made at this time.