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BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION MAKING (PUBLIC PROTECTION)

Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2016

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Vannes Room - Civic Offices

Executive Member: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Deputy Leader



1. Report Published

To consider the following matters for decision for which reports have been published:-

(1) Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Hollybrook Gardens, Locks Heath (Pages 3 - 10)

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Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Hollybrook Gardens, Locks Heath
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 waiting restrictions in Hollybrook Gardens and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary:

This report considers the reasons for proposing waiting restrictions in Hollybrook Gardens.

Recommendation:

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

Reason:

To remove the risk of obstructions and to improve road safety.

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
Appendix B: Responses to public advertisement

Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 13 December 2016

Subject: Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Hollybrook Gardens, Locks Heath

Briefing by: Director of Operations

Portfolio: Public Protection

Supporting Information

Background

1. Hollybrook Gardens is the main road for a small housing estate accessed off Locks Road. Complaints have been received about parking in two locations, namely at its junction with Locks Road where visibility is obscured by parking too close to the junction, and secondly around the inside of the bend to the west of Oleander Close.
2. In order to address these concerns it is proposed to prohibit waiting at all times in these two areas of complaint, as shown on the drawing at Appendix A

Consultations

3. The Police, Ward and County Councillors have been consulted on this proposal and expressed their support.
4. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

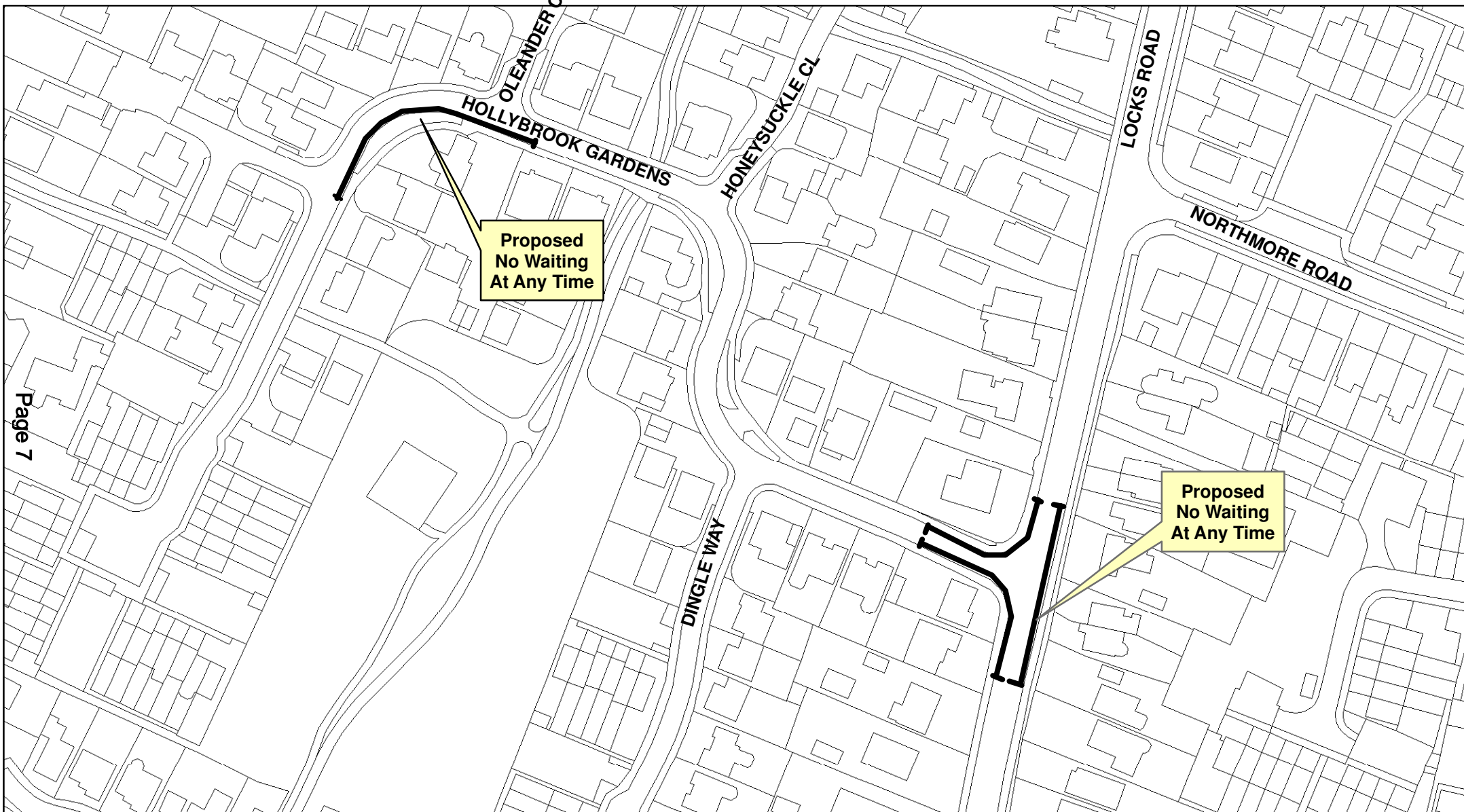
5. The proposal was advertised in November 2016 and eight responses were received. Of these, one expressed the view that the restrictions around the junction area with Locks Road were unnecessary but all of the others were in support of these.
6. Three of those in support asked that the restrictions could be extended further on the north side, however they have been designed to be longer to the south since traffic approaching from this direction (i.e. to the right) is physically closer and therefore potentially a greater hazard. Traffic approaching from the left is further

away (by virtue of being on the opposite side of the road) and can thus be seen from further away too.

7. These restrictions will provide an improvement over the present situation, and making them too extensive risks increasing parking pressures in the nearest locations where they are not provided, as well as increasing the risk of parking closer to private driveways further along the road.
8. These restrictions will be monitored once introduced, and considered further if there is any pressing need to do so.
9. Other comments made concerned the other part of the proposal, i.e. the inside of the bend to the west of Oleander Close. There was a mix of views about the proposals here, including one saying that they were unnecessary, two saying that they would penalise residents (one of these specifically asking for a scheme for residents only) and three saying that the proposals did not go far enough.
10. It is fair to say that these proposals were made after a good deal of consideration of views such as those which had already been expressed, and with the Ward Members and the Executive Member on site. With the responses reflecting views ranging from the proposals being unnecessary, to them being insufficient, and then that they would penalise residents unfairly, it was never likely that any proposals would please everyone, and neither would the alternative of doing nothing.

Conclusion

11. In conclusion it is therefore recommended that the proposed restrictions are implemented as advertised and shown at Appendix A.
12. It is also recommended that the performance of these restrictions should be monitored after their introduction. They could then be re-assessed but only if there is a clear need to do so in due course, along with a likelihood of majority support for any further changes.



HOLLYBROOK GARDENS AND LOCKS ROAD, FAREHAM

SCALE - 1:1250 @ A4

RESPONSES TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

NAME REF.	COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS	OFFICER RESPONSE
1	Support - Welcome the proposal and the principles in delivering improvements to traffic flow and road safety in this area. However request that some amendments are considered, principally in extending the length of the waiting restrictions on the north side of Hollybrook Gardens up to the driveway of No.201 Locks Road.	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced
2	Support with reservations - Know that this is being introduced to stop the local post office workers parking all day in the close as restrictions were placed near the sorting office (and to improve safety on the bends in the close) - but am concerned it will leave local residents with nowhere to park their own vehicles. Has this been considered?	Residents should not be parking in locations which present a safety hazard
3	Support - The restrictions need to be extended further up/down Locks Road so that traffic attempting to exit Hollybrook Gardens may do so in a safe manner. Additionally at the corners leading to and on the junction of Hollybrook Gardens and Honeysuckle Close, cars are consistently parked all around the bend and in the passing spaces making it very dangerous to enter Honeysuckle Close as you have to drive on the wrong side of the road around the corners with no visibility of oncoming traffic, and trying to leave Honeysuckle Close you often face traffic approaching on the wrong side of the road because of these parked vehicles.	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced
4	Support with reservations - In complete agreement of the proposals at the junction with Locks Road. However, the proposal within Hollybrook Gardens (by Oleander Close) only addresses part of the problem, and causes additional problems for residents. The resolution should be to mark all corners as no parking, but introduce a complete Resident Only parking scheme throughout Hollybrook Gardens, which would allow residents and visitors to park, but not "commuters".	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced

5	Objection - Lived in Hollybrook Gardens for 28 years and are not aware of there having been any accidents caused by occasional lack of visibility. When visibility is restricted, and cars are approaching the bend in opposite directions, all that is required is common civility and courtesy and for people to drive with due care and attention. When the subject bend has no cars parked on it, cars travelling in either direction often drive a lot faster. When the subject bend has no cars parked on it, cars travelling in either direction often drive a lot faster.	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced
6	Objection - Looking at the proposed affected areas only one corner out of 3 hazardous corners have been included, what is the reasoning for this, as this does not make sense if it is for safety reasons? Putting yellow lines only one side of the road will inherit further problems when they, 'the post office depot employees' can park the opposite side of the road because it will make it difficult for residence accessing a private driveway that runs next to my property.	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced
7	Objection - It is quite difficult at times to get out of Hollybrook Gardens into Locks Road but despite that, drivers going up and down Locks Road are very courteous and don't take umbrage if we cause them to slow down.	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced
8	Objection - Safety is cited as the reason for these changes, parking on the S bend between Dingle Way and Honeysuckle Close is extremely dangerous, yet you make no proposal to put yellow lines here. The yellow lines at the junction of Locks Road and Hollybrook Gardens are desperately needed as getting out of this junction is extremely difficult with no visibility due to parked cars on Locks Rd. However the proposal will make little difference as the yellow lines do not extend far enough along Locks Road to improve visibility when exiting the junction.	Comments noted, measures will be monitored once introduced