

Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio: Public Protection

Subject: Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Waiting

Restrictions - Cornaway Lane, Portchester

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 introduce waiting restrictions and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

Executive summary:

This report considers the introduction of waiting restrictions into Cornaway Lane, to address concerns about parking.

Recommendation:

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

Reason:

To provide a clearer route for the passage of vehicles 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



Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 17 March 2015

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Lane, Portchester

Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

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Supporting Information

Background

- 1. Cornaway Lane runs south from the main A27 and feeds a sizeable housing area. Part way along its length, Hatherley Drive provides access to some of these houses and also to a Wicor Primary School.
- 2. Shortly to the north of the junction with Hatherley Drive a school crossing patrol operates, at a point where there are dropped kerbs in the footway, and reflective bollards to highlight the location.
- 3. In common with most other schools parking increases significantly at school opening and closing times, and at times parking takes place so close to this crossing point as to be considered hazardous. As a result, officers at Hampshire County Council who are responsible for the crossing patrols, have asked that waiting restrictions be introduced here.
- 4. Parking near to this crossing point has also been separately highlighted by the Police as a road safety concern.
- 5. As a result, proposals have been developed to protect the crossing point by a prohibition of waiting at all times. The junction area itself is already protected by such a restriction on its western side, but for road safety reasons the eastern side of this junction is also included as part of this new proposal.

Consultations

- 6. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police have been consulted on this proposal and all have expressed their support.
- 7. Some earlier discussions have taken place with Ward and County Councillors about the risk of displacement of parking to other locations, and also about the need to keep Cornaway Lane free from obstructions to passing traffic.

- 8. The present proposal has been developed as a result of these discussions, which have included that it is desirable to keep some parking in Cornaway Lane, as removing too much parking would risk traffic speeds becoming a concern.
- 9. It has been requested by all of the Councillors that the restrictions are monitored once introduced, with a view to proposing further restrictions in due course if the parking suggests that this is warranted.
- 10. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

- 11. The proposal was advertised in February 2015 and seven responses were received.
- 12. Of these, three were opposed saying that they would lead to personal difficulties with parking. Two of these were from residents living adjacent to the proposed restrictions, the third lived in Cranleigh Road.
- 13. Two comments were in support but asking for further restrictions, and another was asking for clarification but did not comment further. The final comment was from a parent expressing concern that they would find it difficult to park to collect their children if these restrictions are introduced.
- 14. In response to all of these, it is normal to monitor the performance of the restrictions and to review them in due course if they cause any particular concerns. The advertised proposals have already been reduced from the original proposals which addresses some of the concerns, but in respect of the wishes of the Councillors to monitor their performance, other factors can be taken in to account as part of this monitoring.

Conclusion

15. It is recommended that the proposed waiting restrictions are introduced as advertised and shown at Appendix A.