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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 – The Square, Titchfield
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 The Square, Titchfield, to address concerns about too much long stay parking, and to improve the vitality of the village centre.

Recommendation:

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

Reason:

To improve road safety, and to reduce the amount of long term parking in The Square.

Cost of Proposals:

The cost of the proposals will be met by Fareham Borough Council's Planning Department.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

Appendices Appendix A : Scheme drawing

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 17 March 2015

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Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

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Supporting Information

Background

1. Titchfield Square, as the name suggests, forms the central part of Titchfield village, and has parking on both sides.
2. The parking in this area is sufficient for just under 50 cars and is unrestricted except for 5 spaces which are presently restricted to 30 minutes (no return within 1 hour) between 8am and 6pm, and 2 which are marked for disabled badge holders only.
3. Concerns have been expressed about parking in the village both in this area and also in the off street car parking areas, and as a result Fareham Borough Council's Planning Department undertook surveys of the parking habits.
4. The results of these surveys were considered by Fareham Borough Council's Executive at its meeting on 5th January 2015, which agreed some modifications in the off street parking areas, and also to promote some changes to the on street parking.
5. The purpose of this report is to consider the changes to the on street parking, including increasing the 30 minute waiting area by 8 spaces, from the present 5 spaces, to 13. All of this is on the eastern side of The Square in the vicinity of The Bugle Hotel.
6. An additional proposal is in recognition of difficulties experienced by drivers making the exit from West Street into The Square, as the first parking space on the western side of The Square when making this exit, compromises visibility to the left. This is often exacerbated when this parking is by vans or 4WD cars.
7. The proposal here is to make this first parking space available for motor cycles only, which will double up as a visibility improvement, and to provide a useful facility for motor cyclists.

8. These proposals are all shown on the drawing at Appendix A.

Consultations

9. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police have been consulted on this proposal and no-one has raised any objections.
10. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

11. The proposal was advertised in January 2015 and four comments were received. Two were expressing concern that these restrictions would remove a useful facility and that they are not necessary. The third comment was that the restrictions are welcome, and the fourth was expressing other comments about parking in Titchfield but no strong preferences in relation to the on street proposals.
12. It appears that those expressing concern about the proposed 30 minute waiting areas, may have believed that this was to apply throughout The Square, when it actually only applies to eight new spaces. This can be monitored after their introduction, but in view of the detailed studies done in this area, it is suggested that it is appropriate to continue with the proposals.

Conclusion

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