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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 – Linden Lea, 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 Linden Lea, as part the development of a convenience store in this area.

Recommendation:

That the waiting restrictions as shown at Appendices A and B 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 the developer, and supplemented by Hampshire County Council..

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

Appendices Appendix A : Scheme drawing (1 of 2)
Appendix B : Scheme drawing (2 of 2)

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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. Linden Lea runs in an east west direction through the northern part of Portchester, serving a sizeable housing area. A small distance to the west of its junction with The Hillway, the former Linden Lea public house has recently been converted into a convenience store.
2. As a result of this change from public house to convenience store, funding was taken from the developer to address traffic and parking issues which might arise on the public highway, as a result of this development.
3. Although this store has its own off road parking, concerns have been expressed about parking in Linden Lea which appears associated with the store. The provision of waiting restrictions will help to encourage drivers to use the off road parking.
4. An additional concern is that some vehicles have been seen driving along the edge of the verge in this area, with comment that these have been associated with visiting the store.
5. While investigating this in consultation with Ward and County Members, concerns have been expressed about other nearby junctions and so these have been included as part of this proposal, just to protect the junction areas. The proposed restrictions are slightly more extensive near to the convenience store.
6. It is also proposed that part of the funding from the developer is used to provide posts (dragons teeth) to prevent the vehicle over-running. Any additional costs in all of this will be met by Hampshire County Council, however putting in posts (dragons teeth) has not yet been decided as a way forward.

Consultations

7. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police have been consulted on this proposal and all have expressed their support.
8. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

9. The proposal was advertised in February 2015 and two objections have been received. The first was expressing concern that parking directly outside their house will no longer be possible.
10. It is unfortunate that this house lies directly opposite to a junction, but in terms of road safety it would be preferable that parking did not take place here. It will remain possible to park just a few metres along the road, and it is therefore suggested that this objection should not provide a reason to alter the proposals.
11. The second objection detailed a number of reasons why parking should not be made more difficult given that this is unlikely to reduce the numbers of cars taking children to schools in the area. It is recognised that the numbers of cars is unlikely to decrease, but these proposals are mainly limited to the junction areas and are for safety reasons only, they are not aimed at reducing the numbers of cars parking in the area, only to ensure that they park in an appropriate manner.

Conclusion

12. It is recommended that the proposed waiting restrictions are introduced as advertised and shown at Appendices A and B.