

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Public Protection
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Harper Way, Fareham</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Environmental Services
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	
<b>Corporate Objective:</b>	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 loading restrictions and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation Order.

**Executive summary:**

This report considers the introduction of loading restrictions into Harper Way, to address concerns about vehicles waiting in this area.

**Recommendation:**

That the loading 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 : Proposals as recommended

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### Executive Briefing Paper

**Date:** 17 March 2015

**Subject::** Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Harper Way, Fareham

**Briefing by:** Director of Environmental Services

**Portfolio:** Public Protection

#### Supporting Information

##### Background

1. Harper Way is a one way street which runs in a northerly direction between Portland Street and West Street in central Fareham.
2. For much of its length Harper Way has a taxi rank on its western side, and to the west of that lies Fareham bus station.
3. At the southern end of Harper Way is a roundabout which is used by all buses leaving the bus station. This roundabout is also used by all vehicles travelling to the well used Market Quay car park, and by other traffic passing in both directions passing along Portland Street.
4. It is important to keep this roundabout clear of any unnecessary obstructions, but complaints have been received about taxis waiting here, when the taxi rank is fully occupied. There is no gain to the public from taxis waiting here, because if the taxi rank is full then there are sufficient available for all people wanting to use them.
5. This parking by taxis which are unable to access the rank when it is full, is particularly obstructive to buses as the bus station exits directly on to this roundabout, and the physical size of the buses makes it difficult or even impossible to manoeuvre around the taxis when they are stopped here.
6. It is therefore proposed to introduce loading restrictions to make it illegal to wait here when it is possible to move forward. This proposal is shown at Appendix A.

##### Consultations

7. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police have been consulted on this proposal and no-one has raised any objections.

8. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

### **Representations**

9. The proposal was advertised in February 2015 and no objections were received.

### **Conclusion**

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