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Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Segensworth Road, 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 Segensworth Road, to address concerns expressed by local residents.

Recommendation:

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

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 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

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Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 2 December 2014

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Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

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Supporting Information

Background

1. Segensworth Road lies close to the Segensworth Industrial estate, which generates a significant amount of parking by its employees.
2. Although parking is provided on site at most of these premises, some parking spills over into Segensworth Road, which has led to complaints from local residents. Parking from this area also spills over into other roads, which are the subject of separate reports.
3. Segensworth Road has houses along its southern side throughout its length and these have off road parking available. In general there is little need for parking in this road by residents or their visitors.
4. Parking in Segensworth Road is sporadic in nature, and the most notable concern in recent years has been when the Office of National Statistics was particularly busy in the months after the last national Census in 2011. However, there are proposals to restrict parking in nearby Titchfield Park Road, which carries a risk that parking will then take place in Segensworth Road.
5. In order to address the complaints, it is proposed to prohibit parking for one hour in the morning (10.00-11.00am) and another in the afternoon (2.00-3.00pm) along the southern side of the road, between the existing restrictions at No.199, and its junction with Hill Croft.
6. These restrictions would apply on weekdays only and would have the effect of preventing the all-day parking that is leading to the complaints, while leaving a good part of each day as well as weekends, available for residents and their visitors.
7. Segensworth Road is wide enough that parking could be accommodated on the northern side without too much of a problem, and although this parking should

not be encouraged, it may be preferable to take place here than in some of the other nearby residential areas.

8. This has been suggested to all residents of Titchfield Park Road via a letter drop which was carried out in September 2014. Responses were received from just 3 of the residents, all of whom were expressing their support.
9. Comment was made that speeding may result from the creation of a clearer route, however this adds weight to the case for leaving the northern side of the road without restrictions, as any parking which takes place here could serve to prevent traffic from travelling too quickly.
10. Comment was also made about the bus stop near to the junction with Titchfield Park Road, as parking may obstruct the proper use of this bus stop. This will be monitored, with consideration given to either moving the bus stop to within the junction area (which will itself be protected by a prohibition of waiting at all times), or by the possible provision of bus stop clearway markings.
11. Taking all of the foregoing into account, the proposals were advertised as shown at Appendix A.

Consultations

12. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and Police were consulted on this proposal and all expressed their support.
13. The Statutory Consultees were consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

14. The proposal was publicly advertised in October 2014 as shown at Appendix A, and six objections were received, all of which were from commuters expressing concern that these restrictions would deprive them from parking in this road.
15. In response to this concern, the public highway is for the passage of traffic, it is not the responsibility of the Council to provide parking on the public highway for commuting purposes. If employers are generating the need for parking without providing adequate parking facilities, employees should be approaching them to address this, rather than the local authority.
16. Concern was also expressed about the risk of displacement of parking to other roads. This is recognised and will be monitored, but in view of the weight of complaints about parking in this locality, taking no action does not appear to be an option.

Conclusion

17. It is recommended that the proposed waiting restrictions are implemented as advertised and detailed at Appendix A.