



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HIGH QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

TOPIC – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – KINGS ROAD, MONARCHS WAY AND NIGHTINGALE CLOSE, WINCHESTER

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

If you wish to make representation on this proposed Decision please contact the relevant Portfolio Holder and the following Committee Administrator by 5.00pm on Friday 18 February 2011.

Contact Officers:

Case Officer:

Neville Crisp. Traffic Engineer. Tel: 01962 848484. Email: ncrisp@winchester.gov.uk

Committee Administrator:

Nancy Graham. Senior Democratic Services Officer. Tel: 01962 848235.

Email: ngraham@winchester.gov.uk

SUMMARY

- It is proposed to introduce 'No waiting at any time' and 'No waiting 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday' restrictions along Kings Road and 'No waiting at any time' restrictions in the first sections of Monarchs Way and Nightingale Close to control parking and waiting to improve access and visibility for the safety for residents and all road users.

- The proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Priorities in its attempt to improve traffic management, road safety and the environment.
- 2 letters were received objecting to the proposal on the grounds that it focused on preventing parking and maintaining access in Kings Road to the exception of the adjacent roads and that additional restrictions are needed in Monarch Way. This is not possible within the advertised proposal and to do so would not deter motorists from parking as suggested, but would probably only displace the parking to less suitable locations. Copy of letters and responses attached. (Appendix 1)
- The cost of the proposal will be funded through the Traffic Management Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council. There are no additional enforcement costs.
- Copy of the plan showing the location of the proposals is attached. (Appendix 2)
- Copy of proposed schedule and a statement of reasons are attached. (Appendix 3)

PROPOSED DECISION

- It is recommended to introduce 'No waiting at any time' and 'No waiting 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday' restrictions along Kings Road and 'No waiting at any time' restrictions in the first sections of Monarchs Way and Nightingale Close as advertised and the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary order.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

See Summary.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

No implications.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROPOSED DECISION

- Following representations from residents and local Members an informal consultation was carried out with all residents of Kings Road, Monarchs Way and Nightingale Close to establish the extent and type of potential waiting restrictions that residents would prefer.

- The replies were collated and a suitable scheme prepared and submitted to the local Ward Members, Portfolio Holder, County Councillor and Police for their approval to proceed formally.
- All residents were subsequently contacted by letter with the results of the consultation and notified about the extent and type of restrictions being formally pursued.
- Proposal notices were placed in the Mid Hants Observer and posted on street accordingly. (Appendix 4)

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

See Summary.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

None.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

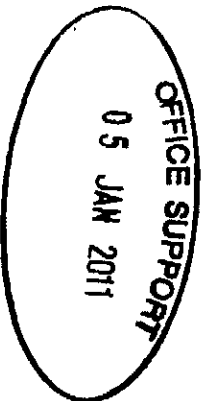
Not applicable.

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Eleanor Bell – Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment

Your ref: 810402-187



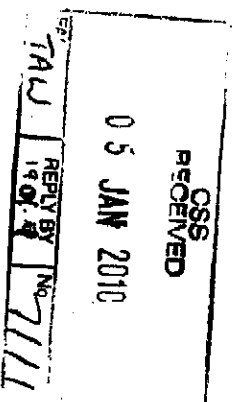
Winchester City Council
City Offices

4th January 2011

Colebrook Street
Winchester
Hampshire SO23 9LJ

FAO: Mr H Bone, Head of Legal Services

Dear Mr Bone



Proposed waiting restrictions
Kings Road, Monarch Way & Nightingale Close, Winchester

I refer to the Council's letter dated 8th Dec 2010, detailing the above proposal and requesting that any formal comment on it to be sent to you.

The proposal outlined on the Council's drawing 810402/187/002 forbids parking on the east side Kings Road at any time. That will cause a reduction in the parking space available during the day and evenings, seven days a week including during school holidays. As a consequence vehicles which currently park there will choose to park in Monarch Way, the nearest and most convenient non-restricted road.

A careful comparison of Kings Road and Monarch Way shows that the two roads are quite different in their layout and the way they are used.

	Kings Road	Monarch Way
Type of road	main road straight alignment	estate road curved alignment (two slow reverse curves)
	at least 24 ft wide (designed to accommodate large vehicles like buses) cul de sac	18 ft wide i.e. no central white line (designed to service a housing estate) cul de sac

Facility for turning	yes, at a roundabout specifically built for that purpose	no, the only place to turn is by making a three point turn at the T junction half way along the road
Access provided to	4 houses, Kings School and the Tower Centre	28 houses, HCC Professional Centre and other HCC offices
Property frontage	no, does not have houses on the road on either side (on the east side houses are set back in a single access private drive area and on the west side they are a distance away beyond a service road on Nightingale Close)	yes, has 11 houses on the north side (all with very short car length drives which for many cars means using the whole width of the road to manoeuvre in and out)
Traffic density	light (except for short periods - 15minutes - twice a day at school times and on some evenings when there are events at the Tower Centre)	steady all through the working day (residents' cars, deliveries both to houses and to the Professional Centre and Offices - latter include a number of light vans & commercial vehicles)

The comparison shows that the Council's answer to congestion in one area is to move it to another area markedly less suited to cope with it. For example, six vehicles parked in Kings Road will cause less congestion and inconvenience to residents than if the same number were parked in Monarch Way.

It would seem to me that a timed (8.00am-9.00am, 3.00pm-5.00pm) parking restriction on both sides of Kings Road should be perfectly adequate as a solution to the congestion problem

In formulating the proposal there seems to have been no serious attempt to assess the current situation in the roads adjacent to Kings Road e.g. the consultation letter in Sept 2010 was sent out to Kings School and residents but inexplicably not sent to the HCC Offices at the end of Monarch Way. No realistic assessment of the consequences of the proposal on any road other than Kings Road has been made. As a consequence a quick but heavy handed and inappropriate solution has been proposed.

The Council should think again.

Yours faithfully

Gareth T Jones



Neville Crisp

From: Neville Crisp
Sent: 29 December 2010 22:18
To: Howard Bone
Cc: Neville Crisp
Subject: WAITING RESTRICTIONS - KINGS ROAD MONARCH WAY NIGHTINGALE CLOSE

Dear Howard,

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS KINGS ROAD, MONARCH WAY & NIGHTINGALE CLOSE

I'm responding to the letter from Neville Crisp regarding the proposed waiting restrictions as above.

I support the proposals in principle. I wish to formally object to a number of aspects and in doing so I would make the following suggestions to revise the scheme.

1. I believe that the No Waiting at any Time restriction on the east side of Kings Road between Old Romsey Road and Monarch Way should be extended along the whole length of that section and not broken by a section of No Waiting between 0800 to 0900 etc. This is an area where cars park regularly causing difficulty for passing traffic.
2. I believe that the NO Waiting restriction on both sides should extend further into Monarch Way. Under the present proposals, all traffic that is displaced by the new arrangements will move into the very narrow Monarch Way, parking on both sides and preventing proper access. The road is already used as an overflow car parking area when the car park at Falcon House etc is full. There is also a tendency for vehicles to park partly on the pavement or on the grass verge because the road is narrow, thus causing obstructions to pedestrians and environmental damage.
3. There should be clearly marked box junctions at the junctions of Nightingale Close and Monarch Way. Because of the use of coaches early in the morning and between 1515 & 1745 plus parents of children from Kings School waiting in parked vehicles, the exit and access to both roads is sometimes obstructed. This is then compounded by the delay in traffic signals which favour Romsey Road traffic at these times. It can take as much as 15 minutes to exit from Monarch Way on to Romsey Road at peak times, i.e when most residents are going to and from work. Drivers do ignore these turnings and marked box junctions would ensure access.
4. Traffic out of Kings Road is afforded less than 12 seconds to get into Romsey Road whilst Romsey Road traffic in both directions continues in excess of 2 minutes before the signal priority changes. Recent changes in traffic technology at this junction have made little impact on these priorities. Vehicles jump the lights at peak times also causing congestion at this junction.
5. Occasional vehicles are often parked in residential visitor bays in Monarch Way due to the lack of local parking facilities. Extension of the No Waiting at any Time restriction would help to impact on this practice.

I would be pleased to receive a formal reply to these comments with a notification of the timetable for possible implementation.

Please circulate my comments to whoever you feel appropriate.

Sincerely,

Peter Rees

PROPOSED VARIATION TO:-HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHESTER)
(PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)
(NO. 2) ORDER 2002**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REVISION:-**

On traffic management and road safety grounds to ensure unobstructed access.

EXISTING ITEMS TO BE REPLACED - NONE**PROPOSED ITEMS**

(Schedule IX introduced under Variation No. 11 Order 2007 to main Order)

SCHEDULE IX**No Waiting 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
KINGS ROAD	WEST	BETWEEN A POINT 27.0 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NIGHTINGALE CLOSE AND A POINT 84.0 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION.	*
KINGS ROAD	EAST	BETWEEN A POINT 50.0 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ROMSEY ROAD AND A POINT 31.0 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MONARCH WAY.	*

SCHEDULE II**No Waiting At Any Time**

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Zone</u>
KINGS ROAD	WEST	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ROMSEY ROAD AND A POINT 27.0 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NIGHTINGALE CLOSE.	*
KINGS ROAD	EAST	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ROMSEY ROAD AND A POINT 50.0 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION.	*
KINGS ROAD	EAST	BETWEEN A POINT 31.0 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MONARCH WAY AND A POINT 77.5 METRES NORTH OF THAT JUNCTION.	*
MONARCHS WAY	BOTH	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KINGS ROAD AND A POINT 15.0 METRES EAST OF THAT JUNCTION.	*
NIGHTINGALE CLOSE	BOTH	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KINGS ROAD AND A POINT 8.0 METRES WEST OF THAT JUNCTION.	*

**Notice of Proposals of making of Various Road Traffic Regulation Orders
Affecting the District of Winchester City Council**

Winchester City Council as agents for Hampshire County Council proposes making the undermentioned road traffic regulation orders:-

5. The Hampshire (Various Roads, Winchester) (Parking Places and Restriction of Waiting) (NO.2) Order 2002 (Variation No.26) Order 2010.

The effect of this order will be to extend waiting restrictions in Kings Road, Monarchs Way and Nightingale Close and introduce no waiting at any time restrictions and No Waiting 8:00 am to 9:00 and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. Details are as follows:-

No Waiting 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 5:00pm Monday to Friday

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NIGHTINGALE CLOSE	BOTH	BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH KINGS ROAD AND A POINT 8.0 METRES WEST OF THAT JUNCTION.	*

FURTHER DETAILS: A copy of this notice, the proposed orders, and maps showing the location and effect of the proposals, a statement of reasons and the order to be varied may be inspected during usual office hours at the following place:-

- (i) City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester.

OBJECTIONS: All objections and other representations in respect of this proposal must be sent in writing to the undersigned by 7th January 2011.
All objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Dated this 1st day of December 2010

H. N. Bone, Head of Legal Services,
Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hampshire.