



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT

TOPIC – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, EASTWAYS, BISHOPS WALTHAM

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 City Secretary and Solicitor, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Performance Improvement Committee.

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

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SUMMARY

- Double yellow lines are proposed to prohibit parking around the junction of Eastways and where currently there is a single yellow line. Although the single yellow line prevents day time parking, it does not prevent parking occurring in the evening, which creates access difficulties. The proposed double yellow lines will also be extended around the first bend in Eastways to allow better access for emergency vehicles.
- There is an existing disabled bay outside number 2 Eastways, which is currently advisory. Due to problems with the abuse of this bay, it is also proposed to make the bay enforceable which will allow a parking ticket to be issued to vehicles that use the bay that have not displayed a blue disabled badge.
- The proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Strategy in its attempt to improve traffic management and road safety.
- The cost of the proposal will be funded through the Traffic Management Agreement with Hampshire County Council. There will be no additional enforcement costs.

DECISION

It is recommended that No Waiting (at any time) be approved on the south western side of Eastways from the junction of Basingwell Street for a distance of 40 metres, for a distance of 13 metres on the north eastern side of the road (up to the layby) and for a further 16 metres

on the corner of Eastways, adjacent to number 4. It is also recommended that the existing advisory disabled bay be incorporated in the Order to allow enforcement action to be undertaken and that the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorized to make the necessary Order and publish the required notices to this effect.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Parking around the centre of Bishops Waltham is limited due to the width restraints of some roads and the presence of parking restrictions. Shoppers and workers are able to park in the public car parks but this is subject to a charge. Eastways is a residential close within easy walking distance of the village centre, and therefore is often used by visitors to the village centre who can park for free. In the evenings it is used by residents of nearby roads who do not have off-street parking and are prevented from parking outside their own properties due to parking restrictions or limited road width. Parking in Eastways therefore occurs both during the day and at night.

A number of the properties in Eastways also do not have off-street parking, and although the residents of Eastways are tolerant of other residents parking at night, on occasions, access has been difficult due to the number of vehicles that are double parked on opposite corners of the road. On one occasion an ambulance was prevented from accessing the upper part of the close due to parked vehicles on both sides of the road.

Informal consultation was carried out with all the residents, which resulted in a good response. All of the residents who responded were in favour of the proposed restrictions (21 out of 28 households responded).

One objection was received in response to the public advertisement, from a resident who had not responded to the informal consultation. The objector was concerned that vehicles displaced from the northern end of the road would create problems in the hammer head of the close where currently parking is not an issue. The proposed restrictions will reduce on-street car parking space by approximately five vehicles. However, at present there are a number of disabled bays in Eastways, two of which are no longer required. It is therefore proposed to remove two of these bays to free up more space and this will partially compensate for the extended restrictions. In real terms the extended restrictions will result in the loss of three car spaces, but will improve the access in and out of the close for residents and emergency vehicles alike.

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

NA

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

NA

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

NA

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Knasel – Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport