PHD705
Ward(s):St Michael

DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

TOPIC – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – COLEBROOK STREET, 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 Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to 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 Democratic Services Officer by 5.00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2016.

Contact Officers:

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

Democratic Services Officer: Nancy Graham – Senior Democratic Services Officer. Tel: 01962 848235. Email: ngraham@winchester.gov.uk

SUMMARY

- Following complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking outside the hours of the existing single yellow lines causing obstruction to the footway and potentially to larger vehicles in Colebrook Street, Winchester it is proposed to change the relevant section of single yellow line to double yellow line, which will effectively resolve this problem .

- The proposed changes were advertised on 13 June 2016. All residents in the vicinity of the changes in Colebrook Street were notified by letter. Notices were posted on street in the immediate vicinity of the proposed changes, published in

the Mid Hants Observer, placed on the Council's website and held on deposit in the City Office reception.

- Nine responses were received. Four in support of the proposals. Five objecting to the proposal on the grounds that it would remove their ability to park on the single yellow line after 6pm which they are often forced to do due to the limited on-street parking available locally.

- The proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Priorities in its attempt to improve traffic management, road safety and the environment.

- The cost of implementing the proposal is funded through the Traffic Management Agency Agreement with Hampshire County Council. There are no additional enforcement resource implications.

- Copy of the plan showing the location and extent of the proposal is attached (Appendix 1).

- Copy of proposed schedule and statement of reasons is attached (Appendix 2).

- Copies of representations received are attached (Appendix 3).

PROPOSED DECISION

- That restrictions be introduced as detailed in the schedule attached (Appendix 2).

- That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the necessary order.

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

See Summary.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- The cost of advertising and implementing the traffic regulation order is covered by the Traffic Management agreement with Hampshire County Council.

- No discernible increase in enforcement resources or costs is anticipated.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROPOSED DECISION

- Requests for consent to proceed to formal advertisement was sent to all local Ward Members, County Councillor, Police and WCC Parking Office Manager and duly confirmed.

- All residents of Colebrook Street in the vicinity of the proposed changes were contacted by letter. Proposal notices were posted on street in the immediate vicinity of the proposed changes, published in the Mid Hants Observer, placed on the Council's website and held on deposit in the City Office reception.

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

N/A

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

N/A

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

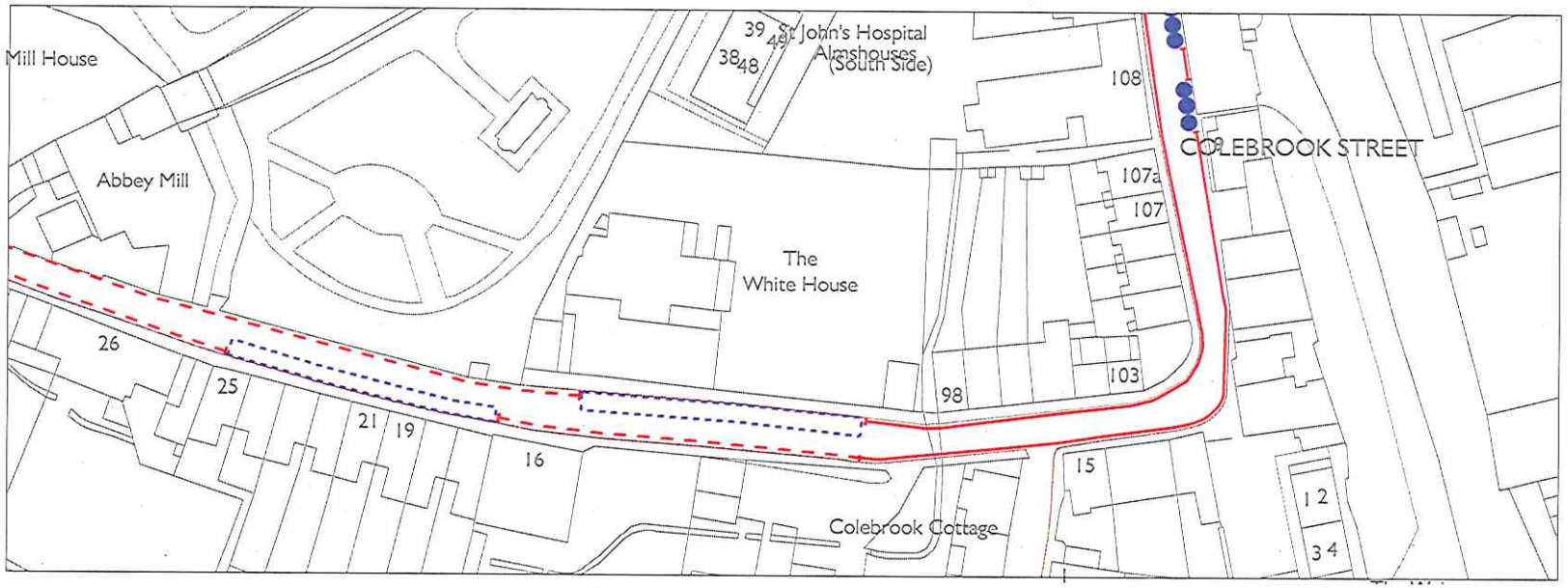
N/A

Approved by: (signature) **Date of Decision**

Councillor Byrnes – Portfolio Holder for Transport and Professional Services

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Plan
Appendix 2 – Proposed Schedule & Statement of Reasons
Appendix 3 – Representations received



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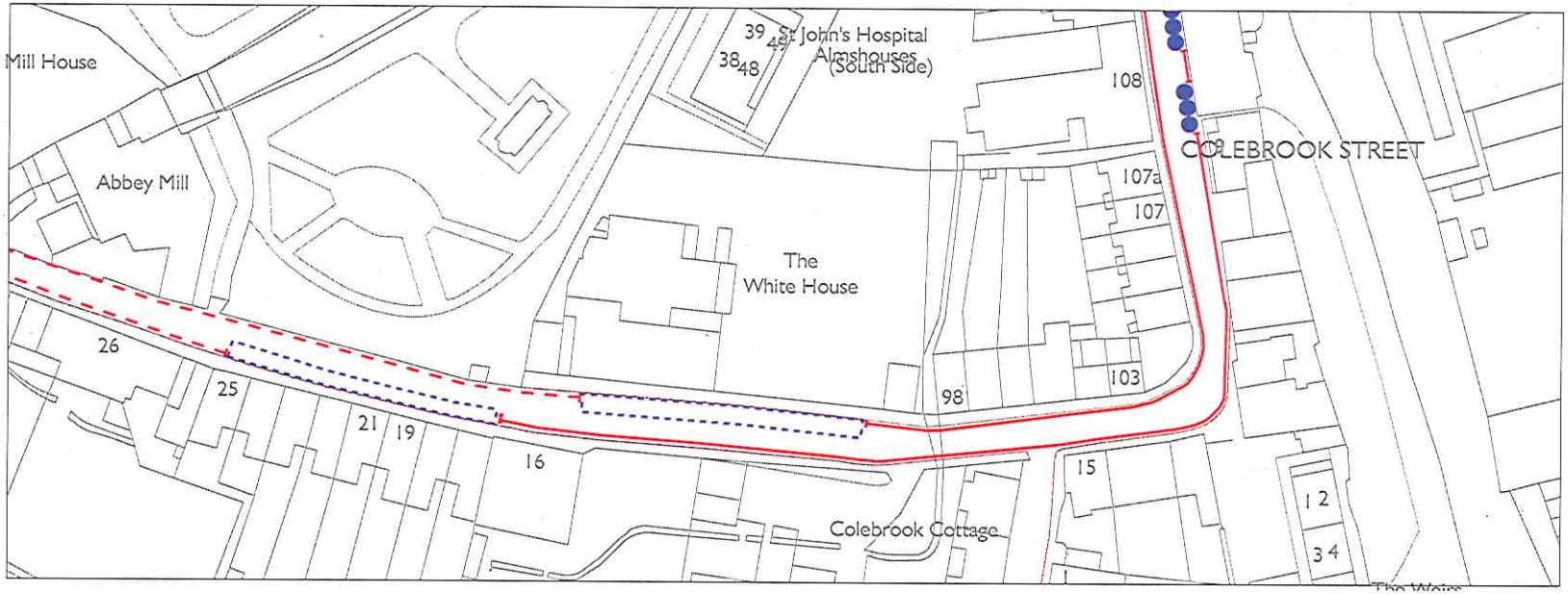

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

NO WAITING 8:00am TO 6:00pm MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY 8:00am TO 10:00pm MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

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Rev.	Description	Date	Drawn

Winchester City Council

OPERATIONS GROUP

ACCESS & INFRASTRUCTURE

City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester,
SO23 9LJ.

Project:
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS
PERMANENT

Title:
PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS
COLEBROOK STREET
WINCHESTER

Scale: NTS	Date: 24/05/2016
Drawn: NVC	Checked:
DRG. No. 810402/340/001	Status:

PHD 105 Appendix 1

PHD705 Appendix 2

PROPOSED VARIATION TO:-

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHESTER)
(PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)
(CONTROLLED ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010

and

THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS WINCHESTER)
(PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)
(CONTROLLED ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010
(VARIATION NO.13) ORDER 2012

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REVISION:-

On traffic management and road safety grounds to prevent obstruction of the footway and carriageway.

EXISTING ITEMS TO BE DELETED:-

Schedule 2
No Waiting At Any Time

Road Name	Side	Description	Area	Zone
COLEBROOK STREET	SOUTH-EAST	BETWEEN A POINT 67.0 METRES SOUTH OF ITS EASTERLY JUNCTION WITH HIGH STREET AND A POINT 154.9 METRES SOUTH-WEST OF THAT JUNCTION.	I	S

Schedule V
No Waiting 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Saturday

Road Name	Side	Description	Area	Zone
COLEBROOK STREET	SOUTH	BETWEEN A POINT 154.9 METRES SOUTH AND WEST OF ITS EASTERLY JUNCTION WITH HIGH STREET AND A POINT 211.9 METRES SOUTH AND WEST OF THAT JUNCTION.	I	S

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PHD705 Appendix 3

Colebrook Street
Winchester
SO23 9LH

11th July 2016

Dear Sjr,

Ref. Revised Waiting Restrictions – Colebrook Street, Winchester

As residents of Colebrook Street we are writing in response to the proposal to implement double yellow lines at the West end of this street.
While we appreciate that it is not ideal having cars parked on either side of this part of the street, we feel that this situation requires more careful thought. Through discussion with other residents it would seem that any complaints you have received have come from a minority of households who have private, off street parking with no consideration for those of us less privileged.

When residents arrive home they frequently find nowhere to park other than on this stretch of the street. Often (e.g. during Christmas market or whenever there are events in the Guildhall or Cathedral) the city car parks and streets are full and we can find nowhere to stop even at considerable distance from our homes.
We regularly arrive home and drive round the town for an hour or more before finding somewhere even to stop let alone somewhere safe to park for the night. This is clearly unacceptable to us but also raises pollution / safety issues for other city residents and visitors. We do begin to feel that the City Council does not sufficiently value city centre residents, making little effort to respond to our pleas for help with difficult parking conditions.

This situation has worsened since the opening of River Cottage Restaurant. We were assured by the city council when we raised this as an objection to the change of use of the City Mill building, that it would not affect the traffic or parking in Colebrook Street.

This has not proved to be the case. There are many cars trying to park in Colebrook Street in the evenings or on Sunday lunchtimes, either on the stretch of street in question or often in our residents parking bays, which are currently operational and supposed to be monitored until 10.pm. We note that on the map sent out these spaces are listed as operational only until 6pm. We trust that this is an error as there is no mention of this change in the letter received from WCC. If this were to change residents returning from work after 6pm would never find parking places as by that time the bays would be full of visitors to the city's bars and restaurants.

We feel that the council should now try to alleviate our parking problems rather than just paint double yellow lines, which will aggravate our situation further.

One suggestion we would make is that the left hand pavement from The White House to the corner be removed – it stops at The White House anyway and there is a pavement on the other side continuing the full length of the street so pedestrian safety would not be compromised. People rarely walk on this side of the street unless accessing parked cars. This would create space for double sided parking without obstruction of either road or pavement.

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Alternatively, perhaps part of the Colebrook Street Car Park could be allocated to residents parking. We have noticed on several occasions that spaces have been reserved in the car park for Guildhall or city office visitors – are we less important than Council guests ?
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Neville Crisp

From:
Sent: 14 July 2016 21:48
To: Traffic Order Objections
Subject: Colebrook Street

Colebrook Street

Winchester

SO23 9LH

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Neville Crisp

From:
Sent: 25 June 2016 12:04
To: Traffic Order Objections
Subject: Colebrook Street Parking

Dear Sir

I have received your letter regarding the waiting restrictions in Colebrook Street. I have some major concerns on this, although I agree that something must be done.

On renewing my parking permit I was told that I no longer have the ability to use the Chesil Street open air and the Friarsgate multi-storey car parks as these are being developed. No alternative has been provided.

On Sundays there is unrestricted parking in resident bays. This means visitors to town can park in our bays, which means we cannot! We have to contend with events at the Guildhall, the Cathedral, Winchester Festival, the Hat Fair, the Christmas Market, the Sunday Markets, the Sunday Farmers Markets and all sorts of other events that happen in town.... If you remove our single yellow lines to replace them with double yellow lines, where are the residents meant to park if the bays are full of visitors to Winchester and our two main overflow car parks are no longer available?

I understand the pavement parking is inconvenient but to take additional parking away and again to replace it with absolutely nothing is ludicrous. Please would you let me know what you are going to do to provide alternative parking for residents? I have sat in traffic for over two hours on a Sunday trying to park in an S bay. You are simply making the problem worse. There are so many options open to you but it seems no consideration has been given to any of them.

1. Resident bays should be resident bays 24x7
2. Alternative parking should be provided for the removal of Chesil Street Car Park and Friarsgate Car Park
3. Access only rights to central city streets - thereby no need for double yellow lines and there will be no parking on pavements (as done so wisely by Southampton City Council in the St Mary's area around the football stadium). We have empty park and rides, and gridlocked city centre streets. Access should be for residents, disabled and deliveries only.
4. Those with garages should not get resident permits. The residents in Colebrook street with garages do not use them, yet have vehicles twice the size of the rest of us).

Please would you get back to me with the strategy you have for replacing our parking opportunities in town.

Kind regards

Neville Crisp

From:
Sent: 22 June 2016 13:27
To: Traffic Order Objections
Subject: Colebrook Street - installation of double yellow lines

We wholeheartedly support this proposal as the number of motorists who park ON the pavement, therefore straddling the single yellow line which is currently there, is a constant worry.

We understand from the Police that to obstruct the pavement, particularly to the extent that pedestrians, mobility scooters and babies prams cannot get through with out being forced onto the carriageway, is an offence in law. Sadly, despite calls to the Police this situation has not improved.

We have witnessed back-logs, particularly on weekends, when there isn't space for traffic to pass each other as the road has become too narrow. Not only is it too narrow for cars it is too narrow for the Emergency Services' vehicles to get through the remaining space.

So on the grounds of safety to human life and the need for vehicular access by the Emergency Services we wish to support this proposal.

, Colebrook Place,
Winchester So 23 9LP

Sent from my iPad

Colebrook Place
Winchester
SO23 9LP

22nd June 2016

Winchester City Council
City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester
SO23 9LJ

BY HAND

Dear Sirs,

Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Restrictions on Colebrook Street.

We write in support of the proposal to restrict parking on the south side of Colebrook Street by painting double yellow lines for the following reasons of safety.

1. When cars are parked part on the pavement and part on the carriageway it can be impassable for pedestrians to walk on the pavement. This has given rise for young children and disabled pedestrians to have to use the carriageway despite motor vehicles also using the carriageway at the same time.

2. We have seen on various occasions large cars, usually 4x4 vehicles, parked opposite each other on either side of Colebrook Street such that the gap between the vehicles is 2.0 metres or less making access to Colebrook Street severely restricted and impossible for emergency vehicles to pass.

Yours faithfully,

Neville Crisp

From:
Sent: 07 July 2016 19:17
To: Traffic Order Objections
Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Colebrook Street South-East

Dear Sir,

We would write in support of the proposal to extend the no waiting at any time provisions in the above street.

The existing single yellow line does not prevent cars parking and partially obstructing both the pavement and the roadway.

A major concern is the restriction of the road width as our own and other vehicles have been damaged by passing cars, vans and lorries. Also, we understand that a minimum of 2.1m is required for emergency vehicle access. With cars parked on both sides of the road this distance is not always achievable.

Colebrook Street is a busy pedestrian thoroughfare not only for residents, but also for tourists and other visitors. The St Mary Magdalen Almhouses are also located in the street and their elderly residents use Colebrook St for access frequently have to walk in the road as the southeastern pavement is blocked by parked cars.

The volume of traffic using Colebrook Street has increased over recent years with the opening of the River Cottage Canteen with their associated delivery vehicles. Also, the Christmas market continues to draw large numbers of people to the City, many of whom seem to want to park as close to the centre as possible regardless of the availability of nearby car parks and of the inconveience to others.

We think that the proposal would help to ensure proper emergency vehicle access to Colebrook Street and safe pedestrian access for both residents and visitors.

Yours faithfully,

Colebrook Place.
Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2

Neville Crisp

From:
Sent: 27 June 2016 18:00
To: Traffic Order Objections
Subject: Revised waiting restrictions- Colebrook Street Winchester

Good Afternoon

Thank you for your letter dated 15th June 2016 reference the revised waiting restrictions on Colebrook street.

I am wiring to voice my objections to the changes see my bullet points below.

1. There is not enough parking spaces for residence within our zone. This pushes residence to park on single yellow lines when you come back from work as otherwise you have to drive several miles through rush hour to get to another residence parking bay on the other side of the one way system (St Swithins street Area)

2. I feel residence are penalised in Winchester. With the closure of Friarsgate carpark and the opening of River Cottage it has only exacerbated the problem on Colebrook Street on evening and weekends. Leaving residence no option but to park on single yellow lines

3. The council really need to look at the resident parking situation, my husband and I have one small mini and continuously have problems finding spaces, its a bit dishearting when you see that
-The Old Vine (paid guests) get visitors permits
- Relatives that are visiting there relatives in the sheltered housing on the corner of colebrook street with permanent visitors permits and then using the permits to go shopping which I have been witness to
- Residence with two cars can park there cars on the street, but we are left searching particularly on weekends for space.

4. If you change the road it will penalise residence on the road with options of parking we are already penalised, when ever the broadway is closed (which seems more and more regularly) and all traffic from winchester has to come down this small road!

5. While I write this I can't help but think of the Christmas Market! Every year it makes parking in Winchester near impossible for residence and as Colebrook Street is so small and close to the market we get hit hard! If we leave our house in the car on a saturday and return before 6pm it is near impossible to find a space anywhere in the Zone. Taking the option of parking on single yellow lines away will be it will be near impossible at any time.

I understand that changes do need to be made but please bare in mind residence and that you have supplied enough parking for residence. If the increase in demand continues with the changes that you are suggesting come into force we will soon not be able to park in Winchester at all.

A suggestion to elevate the problem would be:

a) offer residence of colebrook the option to park in Colebrook Street car park
b) increase the number of residence parking within the zone

b) remove the pavement on the the north side of the road by The White House increase the depth of the parking bays so cars can park vertically rather than horizontally, thus fitting more cars.

I would appreciate you keeping me abreast of changes and the out come of this.

Kind regards

Colebrook St.
Winchester SO23 9LH.

20 June 2016.

Mr. H. N. Bone
~~Neville Crisp~~, Head of Legal & Democratic Services
Winchester City Council
~~Engineering & Transport~~
Colebrook St.
Winchester SO23 9LJ.

Dear Mr. ~~Crisp~~, Bone

Revised Waiting Restrictions - Colebrook St. Winchester

Regarding the above proposal, I would be delighted if the Council would proceed with this change.

As a person with limited mobility the footpath here is not easy due to the uneven pavement, and cars parked partly on the pavement can make it more difficult still.

In addition I wonder whether the Council would consider sending a parking warden whenever there is an evening concert/event at the Cathedral. Cars are always parked partly on the pavement along the length of Colebrook St. apart from the area of permit holders only. I am uncertain, however, whether it is illegal to park partly on a pavement.

Yours faithfully