



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

TOPIC – RESTRICTION OF WAITING – LEAFY LANE, WHITELEY

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 Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer 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.

Contact Officers:

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SUMMARY

Leafy Lane, Whiteley is a residential road, linking Parkway through to Whiteley Lane, which then leads on via Cartwright Drive to the A27 into Fareham. Since the construction of the Business Park and housing developments at Whiteley, Leafy Lane has been used as an alternative through route by motorists to avoid the traffic queuing for the M27 at junction 9.

To try and deter traffic using Leafy Lane as a through route, Hampshire County Council installed road humps and a 20mph speed limit zone. These measures have been in place for many years, but Leafy Lane is still used extensively as a through route and is very busy at peak times.

In recent years parking has started to occur at the southern end of Leafy Lane which is often associated with the Business Park. Double yellow lining on both sides of the road was introduced at the southern end of Leafy Lane in 2004 as part of a wider scheme to control the parking in Parkway. This was effective in removing the parking for a number of years, however over the last two or more years the parking has

gradually returned. In response to complaints from some of the residents, white bar markings were applied for a short distance from the end of the existing double yellow lines. However this only had a short term effect, and now parking has moved further up Leafy Lane. This has the effect of reducing the carriageway to one cars width, causing congestion especially at peak times.

In September 2013, a temporary Primary School opened at the top of Leafy Lane, which although only attended by 30 pupils at present, is likely to increase the traffic volumes in future years. Although the school has been constructed with an off site car park, in future years as the school expands, parents may also be tempted to park at the top of Leafy Lane to pick up and drop off children.

A consultation exercise was undertaken with the residents of Leafy Lane to examine whether enforceable restrictions in the form of yellow lining would be supported. In the past there has been strong local opposition to yellow lining, but in response to the most recent consultation undertaken, there was majority support for a weekday restriction to prevent parking on the whole length of Leafy Lane. This would consist of single yellow lining, with signs on lamp columns or posts where necessary to convey the days and times the restrictions are applicable. The restrictions will apply from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

The Police, County Councillor and Local Councillors were all in favour of the proposal, which was advertised in June 2013. In response to the advert, three letters of objection were received which are attached as Appendix 2.

The proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Priorities in attempting to improve road safety and the environment and for encouraging inclusive communities.

DECISION

1. It is recommended that the restriction of waiting be introduced as advertised and detailed in the attached plan and schedule (Appendix 1)
2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary Order.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

As part of the informal consultation undertaken with the residents of Leafy Lane and some of the properties in the surrounding roads closest to Leafy Lane, residents were asked for their views on whether double or single yellow lines would be supported. Residents were also consulted as to whether the restrictions should be applied to the whole or part of Leafy Lane. There was majority support for a weekday restriction on the whole of Leafy Lane. Only three objections were received during the advertisement period and these are attached (Appendix 2). Those who objected have always been opposed to any form of waiting restrictions for Leafy Lane but represent a minority view.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of implementing the yellow lining and required signing will be in the region of £500, which will be funded from the Traffic Management Agency budget received from Hampshire County Council.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

An informal consultation exercise was conducted with the residents affected by the proposals. Following the informal consultation requests for formal consent to proceed to advertise were received from the County Councillor and The Police.

Proposal notices were subsequently posted on site and in the Mid Hants Observer.

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

None.

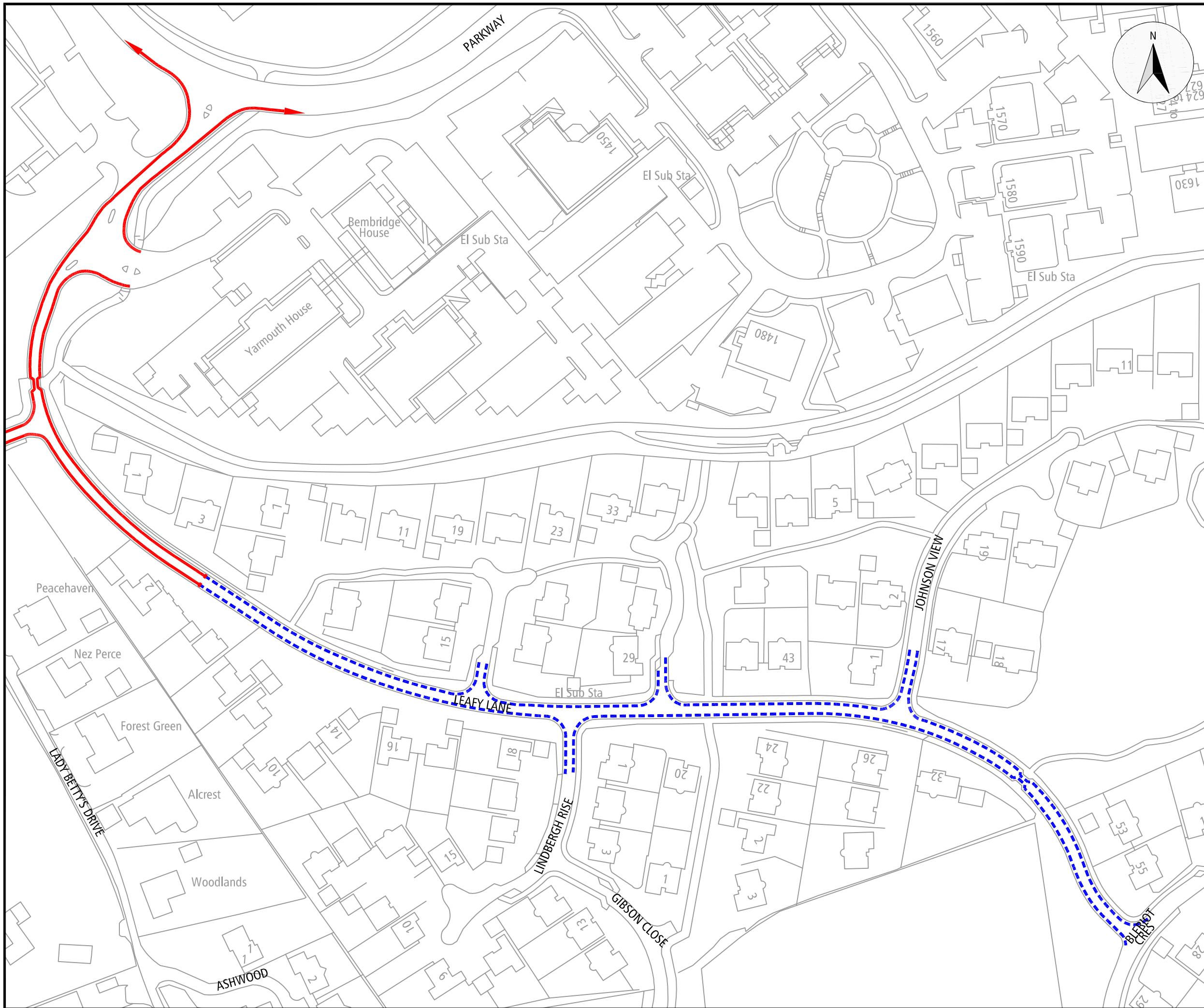
DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None.

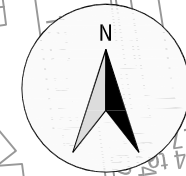
Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 16.12.13

Councillor Victoria Weston – Portfolio Holder for Built Environment



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KEY

--- PROPOSED SINGLE YELLOW LINES (MON-FRI 8am - 6pm)

— EXISTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

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Project:
TRAFFIC ORDERS CURRENT SCHEMES
LEAFY LANE & PARKWAY, WHITELEY

Title:
PROPOSED SINGLE YELLOW LINE
8am - 6pm MON TO FRI

Scale: 1:1250 @ A3 Date: 14/11/12

Drawn: MCS Checked:

DRG. No. 810402/18/001

Status:

Corinne Phillips

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 04 July 2013 22:28
To: Corinne Phillips; aneatbray@aol.com
Cc: Cllr Patricia Stallard; Cllr Vivian Achwal; Cllr Sam Newman-Mckie; Whiteley Parish Council; [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Proposed Yellow Lines in Leafy Lane
Attachments: Leafy Lane Parking 155.jpg

Dear Corinne,

I attach my response to the informal consultation regarding the parking restriction proposals, and still very much stand by the comments I made then. If parking infringements were dealt with properly and cars made to park responsibly then there wouldn't be a problem. As these people clearly have nowhere else to park, I'm really not too sure what these restrictions are hoping to achieve, other than to speed up the traffic along Leafy Lane.

As the response was only 66% in favour, would it not be more appropriate to reconsider the original plan for additional pinch points which gained a 71% positive response?

Regards

Further Comments:

I really don't think that parking restrictions on Leafy Lane are the solution.

In an ideal world, the Bader Way/Leafy Lane route should be access only, then the problem of both traffic volumes and roadside parking would diminish considerably.

Whilst that option is considered, owners of businesses in the Business Park need to be encouraged to either provide sufficient parking or alternative transport means for their staff. At least one of the businesses at the bottom of Leafy Lane has far more employees than it has allocated car parking spaces.

Police should rigorously enforce the highway code and issue fixed penalty tickets to any car parking in contravention of its recommendations ie opposite entrances, on a bend etc

Name

Address

(Your name and address is optional, but replies will be sent to those who respond and supply their address)

[Redacted]
 [Redacted] Johnson View, Whiteley,
 Fareham. PO15 7JR

Winchester City Council
01962 848326

Dear Sir

Whiteley East Residents Association wish to register their objection to your proposal to paint single yellow lines along Leafy Lane for the following reasons.

The yellow lines will:

A) prevent residents and their visitors from parking outside their own homes during the hours of enforcement

B) force the existing parking offenders in to the cul-de-sacs off Leafy Lane thereby inconveniencing and annoying these residents

C) worst of all, create a "Clearway" so that the very commuters that WERA are wanting to deter from using Leafy Lane have an even quicker, unimpeded run, reducing their commuting time, thereby attracting even more rat runners to use Leafy Lane.

On page 13 of the June issue of the Whiteley Voice, the Parish Council have and are continuing to campaign to ensure funds are made available to make "alterations to Leafy Lane to make the route less attractive to commuters".

D) the recent traffic survey revealed that at 8.00 there are 387 Northbound & 107 Southbound vehicles passing the entrance to the new school opening in September, a total of 494. This will increase to over 700 with an anticipated 60% (source HCC) of parents driving their children to school. (60% of 210 pupils = 126 x 2 for the return journey + staff, teachers, service vehicles, etc). From a Health & Safety perspective, the last thing to be encouraged is even more traffic.

E) impede residents wanting exit these side roads and their driveways in to Leafy Lane would find it even more difficult and foreboding due to the extra traffic.

WERA do not support the unnecessary expense of tax payers money on a "tool" to prevent parking when there is already a "tool" in place. Surely, if you wish to deter the offenders, the most cost effective solution is for the Police to prosecute under Section 243 of the Highway Code as below, offences in red are all relevant.

243

DO NOT stop or park

near a school entrance

anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services

at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank

on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing

opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space

near the brow of a hill or hump bridge

opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle

where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane

where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles

in front of an entrance to a property

on a bend

where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities **except** when forced to do so by stationary

traffic.

WERA are not aware of any consultation process with its residents which took place on this matter. Would you please provide WERA with the scope of the consultation and the results.

We look forward to your response.

Regards



From: Sara Kendall on behalf of Traffic Order Objections
Sent: 25 June 2013 14:11
To: Corinne Phillips
Subject: FW: Objection to Leafy Lane & Parkway, Whiteley: Parking Restrictions

Importance: High
I still haven't acknowledged receipt.

Sara

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2013 14:09
To: Traffic Order Objections
Subject: Re: Objection to Leafy Lane & Parkway, Whiteley: Parking Restrictions
Importance: High

Per the below, I would just like to point out that I live at [REDACTED] Bleriot crescent which is around to the left hand side at you reach the top of Leafy Lane (as Bleriot Crescent splits two ways at the top, left towards my house and right towards the Cornerstone school and out of Whiteley to Segensworth).

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2013 13:58:42 +0100
To: <tro@winchester.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Leafy Lane & Parkway, Whiteley: Parking Restrictions

To whom it may concern,

My family and I have grave concerns over this proposal; there is a major issue currently with parking on the Whiteley Business estate, bought about by companies not providing enough parking for their employees, and our feeling is that these parking measures in the main will only serve to exacerbate the problems and not solve them – in effect all you will be doing is pushing the problem somewhere else.

The "somewhere else" in this case will be into nearby residential roads.

We live at the top of Leafy Lane, in Bleriot Crescent. As this is only a short walk away from the back of many of the companies whose parking will be taken away by these restrictions, it won't be long before people realise that they can park without restriction in my road, and in the other roads off of Leafy Lane and take only a short walk through to the business park.

Whilst I do not materially disagree with trying to solve the parking problems, I do not feel that this will not be good for the community at large.

If you are intending to continue with these proposals, I for one would like the entirety of Bleriot Crescent included in the scheme for Single Yellow Lines to dissuade employees of the closer businesses from using my residential streets as a convenient parking spot.

The safety of children at the recently added primary school (Cornerstone CoE) would, in my view, be severely affected by the increase in parking problems and business traffic were it to become a free for all in terms of increased road use on these nearby residential roads.

I would appreciate confirmation that you have received this objection by return.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]