



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT

TOPIC – HIGH STREET AND TANNER STREET, WINCHESTER – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

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 Legal Services Manager, the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director: Resources 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 Monday 14 May 2018.

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SUMMARY

- An experimental order was used to introduce new parking restrictions in Tanner Street and new traffic restrictions in High Street, Winchester. These restrictions were implemented in connection with the newly refurbished bus station when it reopened last year.
- The buses now depart the bus station onto Friarsgate rather than The Broadway. They then turn left into Tanner Street and access the city centre bus stops in St Georges' Street. The lower High Street is now bus free, creating a more pedestrian and cycle friendly area.

- The experimental order now prevents all motor vehicles, from 10am to 4pm, including Sunday, from travelling up the High Street but allow access to bicycles at all times. Middle Brook Street (from High Street to Silver Hill) has now become a pedestrian and cycle zone at all times.
- It was necessary to introduce loading restrictions on Tanner Street and a small section of Silver Hill to ensure that bus movements were not impeded. It was also necessary to remove the taxi feeder bay on Tanner Street which is rarely used by taxis.
- The Experimental Order for this area has now been in situ for over six months. During the six months, the order has not been modified, nor has the Council received any objections or comments. Therefore, it is proposed that this order becomes permanent.
- The proposals set out in this report would support the following Council Strategy Outcomes:
 - *Improving the quality of the District's environment and specifically -i) By working with our partners and using powers available to us, make Winchester a safe and pleasant place to live, work and visit and ii) Improve the environment and reduce harmful emissions through holistic transport planning.*
- By removing the bus movements from the High Street and Middle Brook Street, the environment has been enhanced for pedestrians and cyclists without unduly compromising the movement of motorised vehicles or the way the central area operates more generally. This has made the High Street a more pleasant place and this change has therefore enhanced the public realm of the city centre. It is considered appropriate to make these changes permanent. .

PROPOSED DECISION

1. That an order giving permanent effect to the experimental order already in place in Tanner Street, Middle Brook Street and High Street, Winchester as per plan in appendix 1, be made.
2. The Legal Services Manager be authorised to make the necessary order.

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

See Summary above. No other options needed to be considered after the introduction of the experimental order. No representations have been received by the Council following the implementation of the order.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no implications due to the experimental order having already been implemented. This was funded by the bus station refurbishment project which the traffic order was implemented.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROPOSED DECISION

- Due to the nature of an experimental order, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary, HCC Member, local ward members were all informed of the proposals.
- Letters were sent to those shop fronts affected by the order.
- Detailed discussions took place with bus operators and Hampshire County Council prior to the experimental order being implemented, who were in support.
- Taxi licence holders were kept informed and given the opportunity to comment on the proposals.
- A notice of making was published on the 2nd August 2017 in the local paper on the Council's website and on street. A copy of the order was deposited and has been available for inspection throughout the period of the experimental order.
- No objections or comments have been received in the six months since the orders were introduced.

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

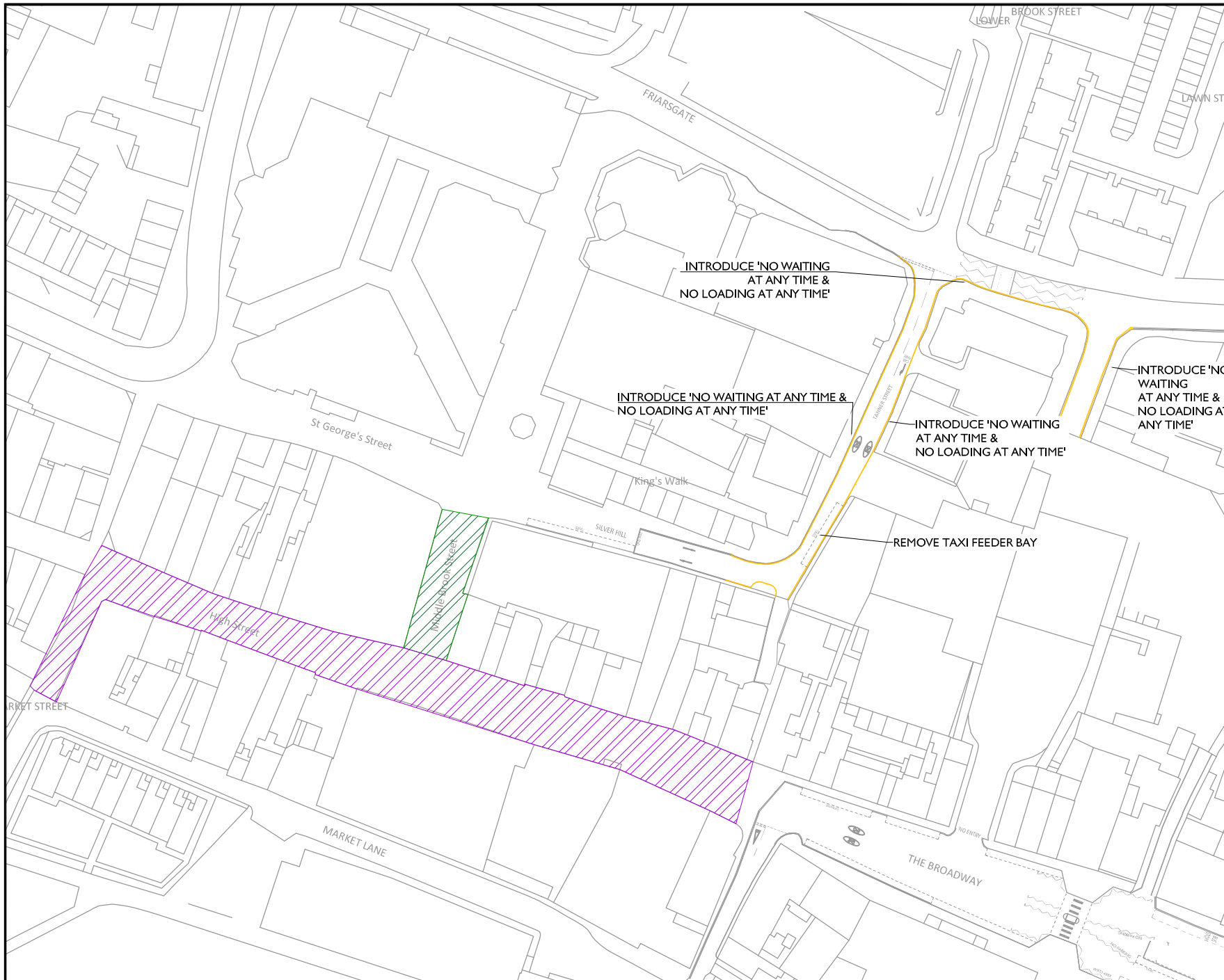
Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Warwick – Portfolio Holder for Environment

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Experimental Order Plan



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Project:
**WINCHESTER BUS FACILITIES
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS
PHASE 2 PROPOSALS**

Title:
**FRIARSGATE/MIDDLE BROOK ST
/HIGH STREET/ TANNER ST
WINCHESTER
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER**

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