

Statement of Reasons

WINCHESTER CITY (OFF STREET) PARKING PLACES ORDER 2003

(VARIATION NO.10) ORDER 2021

The introduction of a new leisure facility (and associated car park) has been implemented to improve the health & wellbeing of residents and visitors to Winchester.

The car park regulations are required to manage the site to ensure leisure users can park safely nearby to facilities, and to have access to a consistent number of parking spaces. This includes disabled bays, cycle storage, electric vehicle charging points, and improved pedestrian access routes.

Sections 122(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 have been considered in the design of this proposal together with the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty under Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.

Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") when making TROs to consider expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. This requires the Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a proposal including if applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
- The national air strategy.
- The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
- Any other matters appearing to the Council to be applicable.

The new car park accommodates vehicular access to the newly constructed Winchester Sport and Leisure Park. It will help to secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in Bar End Road and surrounding area, providing suitable and adequate parking facilities for users of the leisure centre including disabled parking and will contain pedestrian crossing points. It will also ensure the users of Winchester's park and ride services will not be adversely affected as it negates the need for users of the leisure centre to park in the nearby car parks at St Catherine's and Barfield.

Public Sector Equality Duty

The car park has been designed to be fully accessible with level pedestrian crossing points all the way to the main entrance of the Winchester Sport and Leisure Park.

Disabled parking bays have been provided to full accessible standards and are clearly marked. These are located adjacent to the main entrance and the hydrotherapy suit entrance.

Lighting has been provided throughout to HCC standards. The car park is also covered by CCTV.