

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

23 JULY 2018

VARIOUS ON STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Report of the Environment Lead Specialist

Recommendations

It is recommended that

- (1) Councillors approve the removal of Cheltenham Gardens and Pretoria Road from the various order given the objections received;
- (2) the proposals for Westward Road, Beattie Rise and Cheping Gardens are accepted as advertised;
- (3) Cheltenham Gardens proceeds as an experimental order with a review at 6 months and that a decision is taken after 18 months following consultation and analysis of the feedback
- (4) Councillors approve the new proposals for traffic regulation at the junction of Pretoria Road and St. John's Road with the issues further along and at the opposite end of Pretoria Road considered separately at a later date;
- (5) The Pavilions (old Moorgreen Hospital site) proceeds as an experimental order subject to comment and agreement from the developer, Barratts; and
- (6) feedback is to be reviewed for Upper St. Helen's Road in consultation with the ward councillors so that an experimental traffic order can be implemented.

Summary

This report provides an update on new waiting restrictions which have been proposed in Cheping Gardens, Westward Road, Beattie Rise, Cheltenham Gardens, Pretoria Road, Upper St. Helen's Road and The Pavilions. It summarises the responses received to-date and recommends how to proceed with the proposals.

Statutory Powers

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; Traffic Management Act 2004.

Legal Agreements

Agency Agreement dated 30 March 2009 between Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council

Strategic Implications

This report relates to the Corporate Plan objective of Tackling Congestion i.e. improving the use of the highway such that traffic can flow as freely and safely as possible. The issue also relates to the objective of an Excellent environment for all, and Local First principles of responding where possible to local concerns and making decisions at a local level.

Introduction

1. Cheping Gardens, Beattie Rise, Westward Road, Cheltenham Gardens and Pretoria Road were identified by this Committee as priorities for a various traffic order.
2. Site visits were undertaken to determine whether the proposed restrictions would address the issue at these locations. Initial consultation was undertaken with the statutory consultees, including the emergency services and public transport operators. Additionally local Councillors and Hampshire County Council (HCC) were consulted and no objections to the proposals were received.
3. Cheping Gardens has been investigated in response to reported and/or known visibility issues at the junction with Mortimer Road. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been progressed (see Appendix 1)
4. Beattie Rise has been investigated in response to reported and/or known obstructive parking issues between properties No 9 and 14. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been progressed, to extend the existing no waiting restriction at the entrance to Beattie Rise (see Appendix 1).
5. Westward Road has been investigated in response to reported and/or known visibility issues thought to be a contributory factor in three collisions at the junction with Wildern Lane. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions has been progressed (see Appendix 1).
6. Cheltenham Gardens has been investigated in response to reported and/or known visibility issues which are mainly caused by users of the local train

service. The original proposal was not progressed due to a high number of objections and therefore needs to be formally withdrawn from the various order. A new proposal has been consulted upon including a letter drop to residents living at Cheltenham Gardens (see Appendix 1).

7. Pretoria Road has been investigated in response to reported visibility issues and obstructive parking. This proposal has not been progressed due to a number of objections from local residents. This needs to be formally withdrawn from the initial various order. A new proposal has been consulted upon to improve visibility at the junction of Pretoria Road and St. John's Road only (see Appendix 1).
8. This Committee needs to consider the comments received, before making a decision on the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Consultation

9. The formal consultation was advertised in the Hampshire Independent newspaper, on the Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) website, the HCC Public Notices Portal and on public notices placed throughout affected areas.
10. Officers received comments regarding the proposals as listed below.

Statement of Reasons:

11. To implement a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction on Cheping Gardens, Beattie Rise and Westward Road in order to improve road safety. The effect of the restriction will be to;
 - maintain visibility splays at the junction of Westward Road / Wildern Lane,
 - maintain visibility splays at the junction of Cheping Gardens / Mortimer Road,
 - prevent obstructive parking within Beattie Rise,
 - prevent obstructive parking at Pretoria Road;
 - implement an amendment to the parking restriction times on Cheltenham Gardens (however the original order had lapsed therefore the order requires initial implementation first). The effect of the restriction will be to:-
 - prevent obstructive parking at Cheltenham Gardens

Summary of Comments:

The advertisement of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order resulted in a single letter of support for Beattie Rise along with a request to extend the restriction. There were many objections received via phone calls and e mails concerning Pretoria Road with each respondent unhappy about losing on street parking; there were no comments in support of Pretoria Road.

Cheltenham Gardens received support from residents however the original order had not been implemented, which led to some confusion over what was being proposed.

Response to comments:

12. The support for the restriction in Beattie Rise is noted along with a request to extend the restriction. Ongoing monitoring of the location will be undertaken.

Recommendation:

13. Given the on-going safety issues at these locations and having regard to the comment received during the consultation, it is recommended that Councillors approve the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in Cheping Gardens, Beattie Rise and Westward Road. The amended Pretoria Road scheme should now be advertised either as a stand-alone TRO or included in the next variation order. The revised Cheltenham Gardens' proposal should be implemented as an experimental order with a review at six months and a decision taken at eighteen months. The proposals will address the current safety issues whilst reducing the impact on residents' parking.

Upper St. Helen's Road/ The Pavilions

14. Upper St. Helen's Road has also been investigated in response to reported visibility issues and obstructive parking. This proposal has received a large amount of feedback with no consensus as to the appropriate action. It is therefore necessary to review the feedback with residents and ward councillors so that an experimental traffic order can be implemented..
15. The Pavilions is the new housing development adjacent to the Ageas Bowl. The roads are un-adopted and at the moment are in the ownership of the developer's Barratts. A proposal for an experimental TRO has been drafted for Barratts' consideration.

Financial Implications

16. The cost of the TRO and associated signs and road markings are funded through the Local Area Committee budget.
17. Any amendments or new proposals which require the TRO to be re-advertised and further consultation to be carried out, will incur additional costs in terms of staff time and advertisement expenses that were not included in the original estimate for the work. Due to time and budget limitations, such changes would be better addressed through inclusion in a future Consolidation TRO.

Equality and Diversity Implications

18. An equal opportunities assessment has not been carried out because the report does not contain proposals for significant changes to existing services, policies or strategies and does not introduce any new services, policies or

strategies. The proposed restrictions will not result in a loss of existing disabled bays.

Conclusions

19. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order to introduce new waiting restrictions for the stated roads in Hedge End, West End and Botley should be progressed. Further consultation is required for The Pavilions and Upper St. Helen's Road's proposals.
20. This report takes this into account and makes a recommendation to address the current safety concerns.

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Appendices Attached: One

LOCALISM ACT 2011, SECTION 1

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

Appendix One





