

CABINET STATEMENT

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Local Areas

The digital resident parking scheme was fully implemented throughout Eastleigh, with some recent improvements to include professional carer permits etc through the MiPermit system. Parking operations, including enforcement, curtailed somewhat as a result of the covid situation, but officers maintained some enforcement in respect of poor/dangerous parking.

Air Quality

- We have ordered 10 of the Defra funded Airscan units (air quality and traffic monitoring) arriving next week, installation on lampposts planned for Autumn when we have more 'normal' traffic flows (needs to be then to get representative data).
- New (replacement) air pollution continuous analysers installed and up and running and data appearing on the Eastleigh [my-air](#) website:
 - [Southampton Road](#) upgraded 3/2/20 - NO2, PM10, PM2.5 (this is new) now being measured in real time, and
 - [The Point](#) upgraded 4/5/20 new real time analyser NO2 ,
- Recruited two new Specialists who joined the pollution team at the start of June

Sustainable Transport

The decision to temporarily close Market Street and High Street to traffic was made by Local Councillors in response to the COVID-19 threat & the Government's announcement of the reopening of non-essential retail on the 15th June. The Council is committed to providing as safe a shopping environment as possible, helping people to support their local shops and feel safe when visiting the town centre.

The closure is being monitored and regularly reviewed to ensure that it operates safely and takes into account changes to government advice. Over recent weeks footfall in the town centre has increased, although there is a way to go before, we are back to pre-covid levels, and we hope this will continue as more retailers reopen and residents feel confident that they can shop safely.

There has been a significant increase in cycling in the Borough since lockdown and to support this a free Dr Bike service will be available in Eastleigh Town Centre – more details will be published online in due course.

We have continued to support local public and community transport services during the lockdown and welcome the return of some services in the Borough, we hope that people will feel more confident in using public transport following the Government's decision to make face masks mandatory.