

# **EASTLEIGH TOWN CENTRE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 14 March 2023**

## **TRO, VARIOUS ROADS, EASTLEIGH TOWN CENTRE AREA**

### **Report of the Traffic Management Engineer**

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#### **Recommendations**

**It is recommended that**

- (1) A Traffic Regulation Order is made, the effects of which are to introduce waiting and parking restrictions in:**
  - a) Belmont Road,**
  - b) Falcon Square – North West Corner**
  - c) Falcon Square – Both Service Roads**
  - d) Surrey Road**
  - e) Sussex Road**
  
- (2) Amend waiting and parking restrictions in:**
  - (a) York Road**
  - (b) Derby Road**
  
- (3) Withdraw the proposals for waiting restrictions in Crestwood View as advertised on 13 January 2023.**

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#### **Summary**

A proposal to introduce waiting and parking restrictions in various roads in Eastleigh Town Centre was advertised on 13 January 2023. Representations were received both in support of, and objection to, the advertised restrictions. This report summarises the comments received and recommends how to proceed

#### **Statutory Powers**

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; Traffic Management Act 2004.

#### **Legal Agreements**

Agency Agreement between Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council which will terminate on 31 March 2023.

## **Strategic Implications**

1. Creating an excellent environment for all by removing obstructive and inconsiderate parking.

## **Introduction**

2. Various roads in the Local Area have been investigated in response to reported problems such as obstructive parking. Site investigations were undertaken to assess the issues being experienced by road users, and to decide on appropriate measures to mitigate the issues.
3. This report details the comments received during the public consultation period. The Committee is asked to consider the comments received, before making a decision to introduce, amend or withdraw the Traffic Regulation Order.

## **Detail**

4. Consultation was undertaken by means of a Public Notice on the Eastleigh Borough Council website, published in the Hampshire Independent newspaper, and posted on street furniture in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions. In addition, a letter containing details of the proposals was delivered by hand to affected properties in Crestwood View. Plans showing the proposed restrictions are in Appendix 1.
5. Nineteen representations were received in total within the consultation period and one further representation received after the consultation period. All of these are discussed in detail in this report. The breakdown of these is as follows: seventeen in relation to Crestwood View, one in relation to Derby Road and two in relation to Falcon Square.
6. One further minor enquiry was received during the consultation period concerning a detail of the proposals in York Road, which has now been resolved satisfactorily.
7. The twenty representations are summarised below, along with the Engineer's response. The full (redacted) text of the representations can be found in Appendix 2

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Comment	Engineer's response
<p>Fifteen residents of Crestwood View objected or strongly objected to the proposals in Crestwood View on the grounds of:</p> <p>Loss of amenity;</p> <p>Inadequate planning consideration at the development stage;</p> <p>Relocated parking to potentially unsafe locations (Woodside Avenue).</p>	<p>The current proposals, despite being much less restrictive than previous proposals, are still likely to affect residential and visitor parking to properties by reducing limited kerbside parking space, with little opportunity for this parking to be relocated safely elsewhere. In view of the level of opposition received, it is recommended to withdraw this proposal.</p>
<p>Two residents of Crestwood View supported or partially supported the proposals on the grounds of access for emergency services and that "something needs to be done"</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>One request was received to consider reducing the current proposal to remove two parking places in Derby Road, to only one parking place.</p>	<p>Noted for consideration.</p>
<p>One resident objected to the proposals in the NW corner of Falcon Square citing concerns over loss of parking for nearby residents</p>	<p>The proposals are intended to improve manoeuvrability for refuse collection vehicles, currently often obstructed by parked vehicles at the NW corner of Falcon Square. There have been 12 incidents of missed collections reported by EBC crews in 2022, with 28 complaints of missed collections by residents in 2021 &amp; 2022, despite several visits to residents from local response officers and written requests, the issue continues.</p>
<p>One further resident was in support of the proposals in Falcon Square. They also requested additional restrictions for Wren Road.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Additional restrictions are beyond the scope of this report. As previously stated, the Agency</p>

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## **Financial Implications**

9. The costs of the TRO and associated road markings are funded from the core TRO Programme budget as part of the “Various roads” allocations, at a cost of approximately £4k

## **Risk Assessment**

10. If the proposals are not implemented, it is likely that the issues intended to be addressed in the above roads will continue.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

11. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision and an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been carried out. In summary the EqIA shows that there are minor positive impacts in many of the roads identified within the proposals by restricting waiting at the kerbside, thereby discouraging drivers from obstructing footways and driveways.

## **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

12. The proposals should not increase Greenhouse Gas/CO2, or damage ecology or the environment.

## **Conclusion**

13. The proposals have due regard to the requirement of S122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, by securing the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on the highway. The proposed waiting restrictions attracted objections, comments and expressions of support. This report takes into consideration all the representations received and recommends as per item 1 of this report.

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### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D**

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.

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