

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Decision by Narinder Bains

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Waterlooville: Scratchface Lane

Report by: Kevin Chappell

Key Decision: No

1.0 Delegated Decision Category

1.1 An executive decision in accordance with section B of part 3 of the council's constitution.

2.0 Decision

2.1 This report requests that a decision be made in line with the recommendation that:

2.1.1 officers can proceed with the process of implementing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Highfield Avenue and undertake the public consultation regarding the proposed changes; and

2.1.2 officers can bring the proposed TRO into force except where:

- a) a ward councillor registers a request that the matter be dealt with by Cabinet; or
- b) ten or more representations from separate addresses are received (and not withdrawn) which are in objection to the officer recommendation.

3.0 Issue

3.1 Scratchface Lane – Complaints have been received from residents and Hampshire County Council on behalf of the nearby Special Needs School located off the turning circle at the end of the road, regarding concerns of parking on the junctions and bends, obstructing sight lines. Vehicles in some locations are parking on grass verges and footpaths this is reported to be throughout the day at school times but more frequently at night and on weekends. Scratchface Lane has a few terraced houses and leads to a Special Needs School. The road only has a footpath on one side of the road. There is also, a pedestrian access at its far end that leads to Scratchface Woods. A hedgerow / tree line being on the opposite side of the road. There are two roads off Scratchface Lane, leading to Midas Close and Moorlands Court. The

majority of houses in these two roads have either their own off street parking or garages in a block (Moorlands Close)

- 3.2 Results from several surveys carried out at different times of the day, and days of the week confirm the issues highlighted, especially at school pickup / drop off times, in the evening and weekends. The surveys appear to show that the vehicles that are parked on these junctions and lengths of roads tend to be residents or regular visitors to the nearby houses or visitors / workers of the school. The effect of this has caused concerns regarding traffic having to pass parked vehicles on the incorrect carriageway thus causing conflicts particularly on the bends and at the junctions.
- 3.3 Surveys show that there are issues with vehicles parking too close to junctions and or on footways and grass verges, causing obstruction and damage. It is proposed to install sections of “No waiting at any time” on one side of the road on its approach to the school with a continuous restriction around the turning circle outside of the school, and on the junctions of roads along Scratchface Lane that have no current restrictions as named below.
- Midas Close
 - Moorlands Close

Plan Numbers:

2020PUR01 show the lengths of roads subject to the proposals.

4.0 Implications

- 4.1 **Resources:** Funding for the TRO and the associated works will be sourced from Hampshire County Councils aids to movement budget.
- 4.2 **Legal:** The Order will be made under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 4.3 **Strategy:** The regulation of traffic and on-street parking meets the Council’s safer vision.
- 4.4. **Risks:** Should the proposals not be implemented the risk is that safety, visibility and accessibility problems will remain which may increase the risk of accidents occurring.
- 4.5 **Communications:** Interested parties will be notified of the proposals by means of notices, information on the Council’s website and in the local press as per the Council’s statutory duties.
- 4.6 **For the Community:** Interested parties will be notified of the proposals by means of notices, information on the Council’s website and in the local press as per the Council’s statutory duties.
- 4.7 **Consultation:** The County Councillor, Ward Councillors and the Police are being consulted on the scheme.

Appendices: Plan of proposed restrictions Plan No's:

2020PUR01 show the lengths of roads subject to the proposals.

Background Papers: None

Date of Decision by Cabinet Lead: 28 September 2020

Agreed and signed off by:

Team Leader: 21 August 2020

Reviewed by

Legal Services: 28 September 2020

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