

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation
Date: 14 March 2013
Subject: Anchorage Road Weight Restriction
Report by: Head of Transportation & Environment
Wards affected: Copnor Ward

1. Requested by

Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation

2. Purpose of report

To notify the Cabinet Member of the intention to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a full-time weight restriction on Anchorage Road between the roundabout at Robinson Way and Sywell Crescent and the roundabout at Williams Road and Norway Road. The Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised with effect from 25th March 2013.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following contact with a local resident regarding the noise and vibration caused by large numbers of HGVs on Anchorage Road adjacent to the housing development to the north, a survey was undertaken, which confirmed that an unacceptable number of HGVs were traversing that section of road.
- 3.2 Whilst it is acknowledged that Anchorage Road services a large number of industrial and business units and that these play a crucial part in the economy of Portsmouth, it is as important to improve the quality of life of residents. In an effort to balance these two principal needs, consultation was carried out in May and June 2012 whereby options were submitted for consideration to the local residents and businesses.

- 3.3 Proposals for a full-time weight restriction with various alternative routes and the option of 'do nothing' was put forward. The results from this initial consultation have shown that there is a split of opinion between implementing a full weight restriction and the 'do nothing' option.
- 3.4 A full-time weight restriction would restrict HGV traversing that section of Anchorage Road 24 hours 7 days a week.

4 Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 4.1 This report has undergone an effective Equality Impact Assessment.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 The City Solicitor is satisfied that it is within the Council's powers to approve the recommendations as set out.

6. Head of finance's comments

- 6.1 The scheme is estimated to cost £35,200.00 and will be funded from the 12/13 Local Transport Plan approved Budget.
- 6.2 The £35,200.00 includes provision for the works, internal fees and a commuted sum for the ongoing maintenance of the revised scheme.

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Appendices: APPENDIX A – Location map for proposed Weight Restriction