



Title of meeting: Traffic & Transportation Portfolio
Date of meeting: 12th March 2013

Subject: Traffic Regulation Order:
The Portsmouth City Council (HB Coniston Avenue Residents'
Parking Scheme) (Amendment) (No.49) Order 2013

Report by: Head of Transport and Environment

Ward affected: Baffins

Key decision: No
Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

To consider the responses to the formal public consultation on proposals contained within this Traffic Regulation Order. There is a statutory requirement to take into consideration any comments from the public before determining whether to confirm or refuse an order whenever objections are received to advertised proposals.

2. Recommendation

That the proposal to amend the existing order is approved as advertised.

3. Background

The HB Coniston Avenue residents' parking scheme was introduced in September 2011. In October 2013, a petition was received from the residents of Coniston Avenue requesting that the 2-hour free parking period be removed. The petition was signed by residents of 12 of the 13 properties in Coniston Avenue, in favour of the scheme becoming "HB Permit Holders Only".

The proposed change to the parking scheme requires an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order, which itself requires public consultation to be carried out prior to any amendments being approved.

The formal public consultation on the proposal took place between 9th - 31st January 2014 (See public notice on page 4).

4. Reasons for recommendation

4.1.1 There are 14 parking spaces in Coniston Avenue and 13 residential properties. The current 2-hour parking period for non-residents enables continuous short-term parking throughout the day. Vehicles of staff and patrons of the adjacent church hall (dance club etc), the public house, doctors' surgery, car sales and garage repair business use the parking spaces in Coniston Avenue. Overnight parking by non-residents frequently occurs between 8pm to 9am.

4.1.2 Targeted enforcement has had some effect, but is not possible every day at all times required, which motorists take advantage of. There is no alternative parking available nearby, and residents would like to improve the opportunity to use the spaces outside their homes, and for the scheme to be more effective.

4.2.1 One objection was received to the proposal, from the Churchwarden of the adjacent church premises (St Alban's Church):

St Alban's is a parish Church used for funerals and weddings and some degree of short term parking is required. There used to be parking on both sides of Coniston Avenue - could this not be reinstated to ease the problem? Could the permit system operate between 5pm until 9am, ensuring residents have a space when returning from work? When the 7 town houses were built on Copnor Road (rear access in Coniston Avenue) where was it envisaged they would park?

4.2.2 As described by the residents of Coniston Avenue, the demand for short-term parking far outweighs the 14 spaces available. Prior to parking being restricted in Coniston Avenue, vehicles used the pavements on both sides; an arrangement that could not be formalised due to the limited pavement width. The townhouses have rear pedestrian access, and pavement parking could obstruct the gates and create safety issues for residents. The scheme operates 24 hours a day at the request of residents, who indicate a 24-hour problem exists. The Planning Service and developers are advised of on-street parking availability prior to permission being granted. It is up to residents to decide whether or not the accommodation is suitable for their needs before moving in.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

This report has undergone a preliminary equality impact assessment and there are no equality issues arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 A TRO may make include provisions prohibiting or restricting the waiting of vehicles or the loading and unloading of vehicles. A TRO may also make a provision prohibiting, restricting or regulating the use of a road or any part of the width of a road by vehicular traffic of a particular class specified in the order subject to such exceptions as may be so specified or determined, either at all times or at times, on days or during periods so specified.

6.2 A proposed TRO must be advertised and the public given a 3-week consultation period where members of the public can register their support or objections. If objections are received to the proposed order the matter must go before the appropriate executive member for a decision whether or not to make the order, taking into account the comments received from the public during the consultation period.

6.3 A TRO may be subsequently amended provided that the same statutory procedure as for the making of an order is followed.

7. Finance comments

7.1 The costs associated with implementing this order are estimated to be £800. This includes all signage works and the public consultation of the Order.

7.2 No additional funds need to be set aside for the on-going maintenance of the physical features.

7.3 No additional resources will be required to enforce the amendment to the parking scheme.

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Head of Transport and Environment

Appendices: none.

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
1 email	Transport & Environment Service, Transport Planning, 4 th floor, Civic Offices

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation

Public notice advertising the proposals of TRO 49/2013:

Dated: 9th January 2014

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (HB CONISTON AVENUE RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME) (AMENDMENT) (NO.49) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Portsmouth City Council is consulting the public and proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1 to 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect would be as follows:

A) PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY (REMOVAL OF 2-HOUR FREE PARKING PERIOD)

1. Coniston Avenue Within all existing marked bays

B) REASONS FOR ORDER

The residents' parking scheme in Coniston Avenue was introduced to optimise available parking for residents of Coniston Avenue, whilst allowing a limited waiting period for short-term visitors, tradesmen etc.

There are approximately 14 parking spaces in Coniston Avenue, which are used throughout the day by staff and patrons of the adjacent church hall (dance club etc), public house, doctors' surgery, car sales and garage repair business. Therefore, residents rarely have the opportunity to park in the road in which they live. Targeted enforcement has had some effect, but is not possible every day at all times required, which motorists take advantage of. There is no suitable alternative parking available nearby for residents.

Persons wishing either to object to or support these proposals may do so by sending their representations in writing to Nikki Musson, Transport and Environment, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth, PO1 2NE, or via email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk quoting ref: **TRO49/2013**, stating the grounds of objection/support by **31st January 2014**.

A copy of the draft Order and plan may be examined at the Information Desk, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Portsmouth during normal office hours, and a copy of the Public Notice can be found on the City Council's website at: <http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/609.html>

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any letters of representation that are received may be open to inspection by members of the public.

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