

To The Resident

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Dear Resident

MONTAGUE ROAD ONE-WAY CONSULTATION

I write to you following the survey conducted earlier this year regarding the possible reversal of the existing one-way system currently in operation within Montague Road. I can confirm that from the original 120 consultation letters originally delivered to residents within the area, only 39% of voting forms were returned to Portsmouth City Council.

From the 39% of responses received the results were extremely close with 43% supporting the reversal of the existing one-way system and 57% asking for the existing layout to remain unchanged.

It was felt, as a result of the voting and the comments received from residents, that more information was required for residents to make an informed decision regarding Montague Road. This includes the opportunity to vote again and also have the opportunity to attend an evening drop in session which will be held by Officers and attended by Ward Councillors.

The following two options are proposed and are also shown on the attached drawings;

OPTION ONE - The existing one-way system within Montague Road remains unchanged – See Drg. No. Montague 01.

As part of any scheme proposed by Portsmouth City Council an option to leave the existing layout unchanged must be considered. The current layout has raised concerns about inconsiderate parking on the junction of London Road and Montague Road.

OPTION TWO - The existing one-way system within Montague Road is reversed – See Drg. No. Montague 02.

This proposal would result in traffic travelling in a west-bound direction from the junction of Beresford Road to the junction of London Road. The advantage of this proposal prevents

vehicles from entering the London Road/Montague Road junction and parking inconsiderately. The existing dropped kerbs at the junction of London Road would be less likely to be parked over, allowing pedestrians to cross Montague Road without negotiating parked vehicles.

The disadvantage to this proposal would be the loss of two on-street parking spaces at the junction of Montague Road/Beresford Road (one on the eastern side and one on the western side). This space would be required to allow the safe turning movements for large service vehicles to access the area, for example, emergency vehicles and refuse vehicles.

In addition traffic flows would likely increase to other neighbouring roads as a result of Montague Roads one way system operating against traffic flow from the main London Road.

In order that your views may be taken into account, please indicate your preference, and any additional comments you may have, on the attached voting form before the closing date below. If Portsmouth City Council receive similar results to the previous survey other Engineering options, subject to available funding, may be considered.

CLOSING DATE FOR CONSULTATION IS MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2015

It is also proposed that a drop-in session will be held at North End Bowling Club, Beresford Road on Wednesday 17th December 2014 from 18:00 to 20:00. The purpose of this session is that residents can drop-in at any time during the event to discuss and ask questions regarding the proposals with officers and Local Ward Councillors.

Responses from all residents in the affected roads will be considered before any further action is taken. Please note that any voting forms that are not returned or that are received after the closing date will not be taken into account. Should you wish to discuss any option further, please do not hesitate to call me on (023) 9284 1312.

Yours faithfully

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