

**Title of meeting:** Cabinet Member for Transport decision meeting

**Date of meeting:** 20 March 2024

**Subject:** TRO Hewett Road - Waiting restrictions (Ref. P014/24)

**Report by:** Felicity Tidbury, Assistant Director for Economy, Planning and Transport

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**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport

**Wards affected:** Hilsea Ward

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 To consider the public response to the proposed waiting restriction (Double Yellow Line) on Hewett Road opposite the properties Nos 103-109 and determine whether or not to introduce the restrictions as advertised.

1.2 In this report, TRO means Traffic Regulation Order.

Appendix 1: The public proposal notice for Hewett Road WR (Ref. P014-24)

Appendix 2: Representations received.

Appendix 3: Site Plan

Appendix 4: TRO Hewett Road (P014-24) - IIA

**2. Recommendations**

**It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Transport that:**

**2.1 The proposed "no waiting at any time" restriction (a length of 25 metres on Hewett Road opposite the properties Nos 103-109) is introduced as advertised.**

**3. Background**

3.1 As part of the Mayfield School redevelopment, the Council proposed a permanent traffic regulation order (TRO) to introduce waiting restrictions on



Hewett Road at the vehicular access to Mayfield School to enable safe vehicular access to and from the school.

- 3.2 The rebuilt Mayfield School opened in 2021. Approval was previously granted for a TRO to install "no waiting at any time" restrictions (double yellow lines) outside new accesses on Hewett Road, Kensington Road and Mayfield Road, and amend "SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR " zigzag markings to facilitate access to the school for pedestrians. The order was made and came into force on 5 August 2021 (TRO 49/2021) following approval by the Cabinet Member for Transport on. However, the restriction on Hewett Road (25 metres of "no waiting at any time" restriction) was not marked on site because the location of the entrance moved slightly during construction from its planned location.
- 3.3 In November 2023, the TRO team was requested to progress a TRO to introduce 25 metres of "no waiting at any time" (double yellow lines) restriction on Hewett Road outside the new vehicular access to the school. This TRO was advertised on 15 January 2024, and resulted in 2 objections from residents, on the basis that they rely on being able to park on the street, and the proposed restriction would reduce the supply of on-street parking in the vicinity. Parking within the area is also impacted by staff from the school parking on the street.
- 3.4 Given the objections received, officers reviewed the proposed restriction and the possibility of reducing the operational hours of the restriction (e.g. "no waiting Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm", to allow for parking overnight and weekends, when demand is likely to be greatest) was investigated. However, information from the Education Department, indicated that the school is in use for community events and activities at evenings and weekends, and this use is likely to increase when the school becomes an academy school.
- 3.5 Officers also considered whether the length of the proposed restriction could be reduced from 25 metres to 15 metres. However, the tracking drawings for the type of vehicle which regularly uses the access (long wheelbase minibus) show that the full length of the proposed restriction is required to enable the vehicle to turn in or out of the access in a single manoeuvre. It should be borne in mind that the original restriction (TRO 49/2021) for 25 metres of "no waiting at any time" restriction was approved but not implemented, and there would therefore be no net loss of kerbside parking space within Hewett Road.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

- 4.1 The proposed restriction is required to keep an area of kerbside clear of parked vehicles to enable vehicles (mainly the school minibuses) to access Mayfield School's premises and their off-road parking place.



**5. Integrated impact assessment**

- 5.1 This report has undergone a preliminary Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA).
- 5.2 A full IIA is not required as the recommendations do not have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the specific protected characteristics as described in the Equality Act 2010.

**6 Legal implications**

- 6.1 Traffic regulation orders (TROs) can be made for a number of reasons, including avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road, for preventing damage to the road or any building on or near the road, for facilitating the passage on the road of traffic (including pedestrians) or preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.
- 6.2 It is the duty of a local authority to manage its road network with a view to achieving, so far as may be reasonably practicable having regard to their other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives: securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network; and facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority.
- 6.3 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.

**7. Director of Finance's comments**

- 7.1 There are no expected financial implications linked to this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The expenses for implementation will be covered by the school, which has requested the alterations to the waiting restrictions.

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Signed by:

**Appendices:**

**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:

| <b>Title of document</b>   | <b>Location</b>          |
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| Appendix 1: The public proposal notice for Hewett Road WR (Ref. P014-24) | Page 5 within the report |
| Appendix 2: Public views submitted                                       | Page 6 within the report |
| Appendix 3: Site Plan  | Page 8 within the report |
| Appendix 4: TRO Hewett Road (P014-24) - IIA                              |                          |

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

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Signed by Councillor Gerald Vernon - Jackson, Cabinet Member for Transport

## APPENDIX 1

### THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (HEWETT ROAD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (P014) ORDER 2024

Notice is hereby given that Portsmouth City Council proposes to make the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of the Order would be to introduce "no waiting at any time" restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) on **Hewett Road: south side** - a length of 25 metres opposite the properties Nos 103-109, in order to facilitate mini-bus access to Mayfield School

1. Copies of the draft Order, plan and Statement of Reasons are available to view on Portsmouth City Council's website: Search "Traffic Regulation Orders 2024" at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk). Alternatively, they can be viewed at the Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, PO1 2AL, Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm. Printed copies can be obtained by calling 023 9268 8501.
2. Persons wishing to object to these proposals must do so by sending their representations to [TROteam@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:TROteam@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) or by post to TRO team, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth PO1 2NE, quoting ref TRO P014/2024 within 21 days of the date of this Notice (i.e. by **04.02.2024**) stating the grounds for the objection.
3. Under requirements of current access to information legislation, please note that all representations submitted in response to this Notice, may be made available for public inspection. Full details of the Council's Data Protection privacy notice can be viewed on the website.

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## APPENDIX 2

### Hewett Road Objections

#### Objection 1

My husband and I strongly object to the proposed removal of parking spaces in Hewett Road

During term time, the disruption to residents in Hewett Road and the surrounding streets is immense already, with staff, workmen and parents parking wherever they can. Removing the proposed parking spaces will cause even more disruption to the residents, who have suffered so much already with the noise, dust and air pollution during the demolition and rebuild of Mayfield school. These spare parking spaces are used outside of school times, by other residents of surrounding streets, who are unable to park outside their house due to a lack of car parking spaces in their streets. This will cause more issues! A number of residents from the other end of Hewett road park at this end of the street because they have lack of parking.

I realise that I am a day late in submitting my objection. The reason for this is that myself and the affected neighbours were unaware of the proposal until today, when a friend from St Swithuns road informed me that an announcement was in the Portsmouth News a few weeks ago. The residents who it will affect have had no notification by post and not every person reads the evening news! Another neighbour today noted a yellow notice on the lamppost opposite. I walk to work in the dark and return in the dark, so have not noticed this, despite walking past it daily.

The residents of Hewett road and surrounding roads have suffered enough. Where we once had playing fields, we now have a huge school, with added noise and disruption. This parking proposal will cause even more disruption and stress!

#### Objection 2

I object strongly to the proposed removal of parking spaces in Hewett Road.

During term time staff at Mayfield and Cliffdale Schools park in any available spaces in the surrounding roads i.e St Swithuns Road, Domum Road, Battenburg Avenue, Kensington Road and Hewett Road. This makes it difficult for residents to park their vehicles anywhere near their homes. The south side of Hewett Road remains one of the few places where residents may be able to find a space.

I do not understand why this proposal is “no waiting at any time” and will not apply only when the school is open.

In my opinion, since Mayfield has expanded to become a school teaching 2-16 year old pupils there has been little thought about where the additional staff are going to park and further reducing availability of parking spaces will make matters worse.

## APPENDIX 3

