

The Portsmouth City Council (Elm Grove & Grove Road South) (Parking Places, Waiting Restrictions and Amendments) (Order 2024) Consultations

Scheme Number	P004/2024
Project Manager	Stanley Palmer
Consultation start date	20/03/2024
Consultation end date	10/04/2024

Objections

Date	Views	Support /Object	Officer comments
22/03/2024	<p>I support the improvement plans in general, though I have 2 comments / requests :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would recommend the new cycle wands are extended beyond the 'stop areas' and as close to the various junctions as possible. Most weekend evenings, cars are parked right up to the lights (outside 'Fuegos'), sometimes on both sides of the road . By extending the wands, hopefully this would be stopped 2. I do not agree with putting 2 additional car parking spots on Grove Road South, as it would 'push' traffic into the middle of the road and make the exit from my driveway dangerous 	<p>Objection - withdrawn 09/09/2024 and noted in support above</p>	<p>1. Extending Orca wands beyond the Advanced Stop Lines (ASL) would potentially limit the number of cyclists able to wait in the designated area at the junction, additionally it would restrict cyclist movements around the junction when making turns and possibly impede HGVS and refuse collection vehicles accessing all directions. The current design is full in line with LTN 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design, as such we would not consider extending the orca wands beyond the current proposed location into the junction.</p> <p>2. This scheme is no longer proposing the introduction of new 1hr waiting restrictions outside Nos. 50-52 on Grove Road south, this resolves this issue and the objection has since been withdrawn.</p>
11/04/2024	<p>Please find attached the response from Portsmouth Cycle Forum to the TRO P004-24. In general we support the scheme around the Elm Grove & Grove Road South crossroads, but we oppose the element to relocate two of the parking bays to Grove Road South. Full reasoning / explanation is included in the attached document</p>	<p>Objection-withdrawn 11/09/2024</p>	<p>This scheme is no longer proposing the introduction of new 1hr waiting restrictions outside Nos. 50-52 on Grove Road south, this resolves this issue and the objection has since been withdrawn.</p>
24/04/2024	<p>Do absolutely NOT support Repetition of failure!!</p>	<p>Objection</p>	<p>Objection was submitted outside of consultation period and does not outline specific points of contention or potential amendment to scheme. Comment cites previous Emergency Active Travel Fund</p>

			scheme which had a different scope and intervention approach. The proposed scheme has been developed through engagement and consultation with businesses and residents as outlined in this report.
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Support

Date	Views	Support /Object	Officer response
29/03/2024	I fully support the proposed plan for Elm Grove and Grove Road South. I cycle there twice a day on my way to work and back and this would make a huge difference.	Support	
29/03/2024	I am writing to let you know that I fully support the implementation of protected and permanent cycle lanes (with protection by Orca Wands) in Elm Grove and Grove Road Junction. I am a cyclist and this is much needed to finally end the anti social parking in the painted cycling lanes, making it so unsafe for us.	Support	
29/03/2024	I would like to say that I fully support the proposed TRO order for Elm Grove traffic lights at the junction of Grove Rd South/North. I sincerely hope that the implementation of Orca Wands will be given a fair trial and the chance for cyclists to fully test the infrastructure.	Support	
30/03/2024	I support scheme, good luck with it	Support	
31/03/2024	This scheme has been delayed for too long. I give it my full support and trust that it will be introduced soon.	Support	
31/03/2024	I am in full support of the improvements proposed for Elm Grove. I am a cyclists and live very close to Elm Grove (Worsley Road). The disregard for the parking restrictions in Elm Grove has severely curtailed my cycling via this route.	Support	
31/03/24	I just wish to show my support for these proposals as I (and my children) cycle along this stretch multiple times each week, and am supportive of any measures that make this a safer junction for	Support	

	<p>cyclists, as vehicles park in the cycle lane on a daily basis and make it dangerous.</p>		
30/03/2024	<p>I am writing to express my support for the proposed TRO to establish cycle lanes with Orca wands around the junction of Elm Grove and Grove Road South.</p> <p>I believe this will provide a greater degree of protection to cyclists at this junction which can be quite dangerous.</p> <p>Vehicles regularly park within and across the existing cycle lanes near this junction forcing cyclists to navigate around them.</p>	Support	
30/03/2024	<p>I am writing in support of the Elm Grove cycling plan.</p>	Support	
31/03/2024	<p>I fully support the proposal to install a mandatory cycle route at the junction of Elm Grove and Grove Road South</p>	Support	
31/03/2024	<p>Yes, as a cyclist who uses this road almost daily, this is a very welcome addition.</p> <p>Further to my previous email. Please use cities like Utrecht and Amsterdam in NL as inspiration for our city. They are similar to Portsmouth in that they are both flat and densely populated cities. I'd love to see more third spaces utilised, less traffic or at the very least more traffic calming measures.</p>	Support	
01/04/2024	<p>I wanted to add my support for the added cycle lane protection, I don't think I've ever visited elm Grove and not seen the cycle lane completely blocked up with vehicles.</p> <p>I think it's important to ensure there is adequate parking extended in other places, and also cycle parking added that is convenient so that delivery drivers and the public can easily visit these businesses.</p>	Support	
01/04/2024	<p>I wholeheartedly support this schemes and all like it. The city desperately needs safer walking and cycling infrastructure such as this. It will make my regular cycle journeys on this route much nicer for myself and my family.</p> <p>Please acknowledge safe receipt of this feedback.</p>	Support	

02/04/2024	<p>I am writing to confirm my support for this scheme - Elm Grove is an essential E-W corridor and currently quite unpleasant to cycle and walk on. Reducing parking and improving active travel access is a great idea.</p>	Support	
02/04/2024	<p>As a regular cyclist, living in the city, I want to express my full support for the Elm Grove TRO. I'm seeing lots of new "active travel" infrastructure being built which is very encouraging. Keep up the good work!</p>	Support	
01/04/2024	<p>Just read the article from Portsmouth Cycle Forum and as a daily cyclist all I can say is about time.</p>	Support	
01/04/2024	<p>I am writing to express my full support for the implementation of new bike lanes in our area. My wife and I commute along this route to the naval base/gosport ferry and have personally experienced the dangers of sharing the road with people dropping off deliveries etc in the area addressed by these improvements. My wife and I have both been involved in accidents with them, highlighting the urgent need for safer infrastructure. Cycling should be an accessible and safe mode of transportation for all members of our community. However, without proper bike lanes, cyclists are forced to navigate this busy street alongside delivery trucks and other vehicles, putting their lives at risk. By investing in designated bike lanes, we can create a safer environment for cyclists and encourage more people to choose cycling as a sustainable means of transportation.</p>	Support	
31/03/2024	<p>I write to express my support for this TRO please. I frequently use this junction as a cyclist (and occasionally as a motorist). It has a very insecure feeling, in particular because motor vehicles tend to assume that the north/south traffic lights allow only one direction at a time. This often causes traffic turning right (east) from Grove Road South into Elm Grove to cut across other traffic (both motor vehicles and cycles) wishing to travel directly south across the junction from Grove Road North to Grove Road South. I feel that anything that improves safety for all road users at this junction is to be welcomed.</p>	Support	

03/04/24	<p>I am fully in support of this scheme. I often use Elm Groove and the parking in the cycle lane is more common than not. The ASL (thank you) and the advanced release light for bikes just doesn't work if you cant get to the ASL; this TRO should fix that problem.</p>	Support	
04/04/24	<p>I would like to add my support for the TRO, it is about time something was done about the persistent bad parking in this area, and to make the road safer for cyclists. I regularly cycle along the length of Elm Grove/Kings Road, and it is quite dangerous at times.</p>	Support	
04/04/24	<p>We fully support this TRO to protect the frequently obstructed cycle lanes on Elm Grove and Grove Road South. This is long overdue and I hope this time around, this measure will provide a permanent solution.</p>	Support	
04/04/24	<p>TL:DR - I support this proposal</p> <p>I like to cycle to Southsea from St Davids Road but do this less often due to incidents on Elm Grove. I like this proposal as it offers protection to vulnerable road users at this sometimes-nasty junction.</p> <p>A couple of remarks.</p> <p>1) The existing Advanced Stop Area on Grove Road South is too far forward. Buses turning right into Grove Road cannot avoid encroaching on it. I no longer use it as a result of having to take very evasive action a few years ago.</p> <p>2) If there isn't a recommended or legally binding length of cycle lane, could the Eastern section in Elm Grove be made shorter so that the parking spaces don't need to be removed? This would spike the guns / pull the fangs / whatever reduce the objections considerably.</p>	support	
05/04/24	<p>I would like to register my support for the proposed TRO creating bicycle lanes protected by orca wands at the junction of Elm Grove with Victoria Road North and South. As a cyclist who lives locally to this junction I believe this TRO will improve safety for cyclists and encourage more local residents to cycle.</p>	Support	

08/04/24	<p>I write in total support of the Elm Grove TRO (P004-2024) - in this response I will explain why.</p> <p>I ride along Elm Grove often, and for many years have noticed that my journey is hindered by drivers who regularly park in the eastbound cycle lane at the junction with Grove Road.</p> <p>To understand whether I was merely experiencing confirmation bias I started taking photos of the obstructions in March of 2023. I use Elm Grove on around 50% of my commutes (around 150 days per year) and the photos show that on approximately 40% of these journeys I'm not able to use the lane because of vehicles using it as a parking space.</p> <p>When the cycle lane is obstructed riders cannot easily reach the advanced stop zone, or take advantage of the early-release cycle lights (designed to make them safer at the junction) - this clearly reduces the safety of cyclists. The reasoning for the TRO is therefore spot-on.</p> <p>I understand from speaking with traffic enforcement officers that they cannot (or will not) issue tickets on the current infrastructure because of difficulty prosecuting a driver parked in a non-mandatory cycle lane who can claim they are delivering something. Notice however that a small red car (with a Shake and Grill sticker on the side) that can be seen parked in the lane on nine separate occasions! It appears in one photo where the driver is casually rolling a cigarette, and certainly not delivering anything at all - suggesting that the cycle lane is being used as convenience parking for local business owners.</p> <p>I'm just one person using the junction once per commute. The number of cyclists impacted, and the number of <i>potential</i> cyclists who are being discouraged by this combination of poor infrastructure & (a few) selfish drivers is surely significant.</p> <p>This junction is a key part of the east-west cycling network in Portsmouth. The improvements specified in TRO P004-2024 should result in a safer, more conspicuous, and more accessible cycle lane</p>	Support	
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	that cannot be abused; something that is essential for existing cyclists and to promote active travel in the city		
10/04/2024	<p>I am writing to support the above TRO. Furthermore I would encourage a re-phasing of the lights at this junction so that they are more similar to those at the Lawrence to Waverley Road/Albert Road junction.</p> <p>During the November 2020 trial there were cars regularly parked in the segregated cycle space and it appeared that vehicles used for the takeaway businesses would regularly use the space. This became more pronounced when it was clear there would be no enforcement of the segregation. The current cycle lane running from Scoops to Fuegos is often populated by cars and vans, but also scooters/motorcycles. Orca wands are unlikely to be a deterrent so regular and robust enforcement would help prevent forcing people on bicycles into the main body of traffic as they approach the junction.</p> <p>When working at St John's College there were a number of incidents whilst waiting in the Advanced Stop Zone on Grove Road South where I have had close passes from buses turning left into Grove Road South using the ASZ as extra turning room. Advice/education to PSV drivers using this route should be given.</p>	Support	
10/04/2024	<p>I am writing to say I support the proposed changes to Elm Grove and Grove road with regards to improving the safety and experience of cyclists and other vulnerable road users. As a resident who regularly cycles through these junctions and has had several near-misses, anything that improves safety for vulnerable road users is a great idea. Currently the blatant illegal parking near this junction substantially increases risk and there is rarely any enforcement from what I have seen. A few FPN's would help, especially in the proposed new 1 hour bays. It is a shame that there are no staggered lights to let cyclists proceed earlier than motorised traffic, especially across traffic when turning right, as is present in other areas of the city.</p>	Support	
11/04/2024	<p>I am in full support of this action & believe that it is required (just look how the cycle lanes & bays are being abused by cars on google</p>	Support	

	<p>earth) As a cyclist I would feel a lot safer & confident turning onto the roads from the roads concerned in this action. Feel free to contact me should you require any further comment regarding this proposal.</p>		
09/09/2024	<p>I'm prepared to formally withdraw my objection.</p> <p>I noted your previous comments but I'm still strongly of the view that you should extend the orca wands as close as possible to the junction , otherwise the potential benefit will be significantly reduced by those motorists who feel they have the entitlement to park wherever they choose.</p>	Support	