

**REPORT TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORTATION – 2 AUGUST 2005**

REPORT BY: HEAD OF TRAFFIC

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**SUBJECT: THE PORTSMOUTH (CASTLE ROAD AREA) (PROHIBITION OF
WAITING AND PROVISION OF RESIDENTS PARKING PLACES)
(NO. 52) ORDER 2004**

Purpose of the Report

To consider representations received as a response to public consultation on this Order.

Recommended that:-

This Order be made as advertised with the exceptions of:

1. Delete item A.5(a) relating to Sussex Place
2. Delete item A.7 relating to Wilberforce Road
3. Add item B.20 relating to Sussex Place to read the north side an 11m length from its western end
4. Amend item B.16 relating to Wilberforce Road to read from a point 5m north of St Edwards Road to its northern end.

Background

This Order introduces residents parking to the area of Southsea east of Castle Road following a survey of residents seeking their views. A total of 920 forms were issued with 346 being returned (37.6%), of these, 265 (76.6%) wished a scheme to be implemented.

The effect of the Order is as follows:-

In **AUTHORISED PARKING BAYS** residents with a resident's parking permit and their visitors with a temporary parking voucher will be able to park for an unlimited period of the day.

Non-residents can only park for a maximum of 2 hours in an authorised parking bay, no return within 4 hours.

Motorcycles and vehicles displaying blue disabled person's badge will not need to display a permit or voucher and will be exempt from the 2 hour parking limit.

The **AUTHORISED PARKING BAYS** will be in force for 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

PROPOSED PARKING CHARGES

RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMITS

First permit, free to qualifying residents
£25/year for second permit
(maximum of 2 per household)

Permits for goods vehicles will be restricted to those with a gross vehicle weight of less than 3500kgs.

TEMPORARY PARKING VOUCHERS (for visitors to residents)

£1.50 for a one day voucher
£5.00 for a four day voucher
£9.00 for a seven day voucher.

BUSINESS PARKING PERMITS

First permit free to qualifying businesses
£100/year for each subsequent permit
Permits will only be issued to businesses operating within the scheme area.

A) PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME

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| 1. | CASTLE CLOSE | The south side, a 3m length west of its eastern end |
| 2. | LITTLE SOUTHSEA STREET | The east side, an additional 9m north of its junction with Bush Street West |
| 3. | QUEENS CRESCENT | The west side, from a point 3m south of its junction with Sussex Terrace to a point 3m north of that junction |
| 4. | ST EDWARDS ROAD | The north side, an additional 2m west of its junction with Queens Place |
| 5. | SUSSEX PLACE | (a) The north side, an additional 11m up to its western end

(b) The south side, an additional 4m up to its western end

(c) The western end |
| 6. | SUSSEX ROAD | The south side |
| 7. | WILBERFORCE ROAD | (a) The west side, a 9m length south of its northern end

(b) The northern end

(c) The east side, a 5m length south of its northern end |

8. WORSLEY ROAD The south side, a 3m length west of its junction with Pelham Road

B) **PROVISION OF RESIDENTS' PARKING PLACES**

1. BUSH STREET WEST The north side, from a point 3m west of its junction with Little Southsea Street to a point 3m east of its junction with Great Southsea Street

2. CASTLE CLOSE (a) The north side, from its junction with Castle Road to a point 20m east of that junction
(b) The south side, from a point 26m east of its junction with Castle Road to a point 3m west of its eastern end

3. CASTLE ROAD The south-east side, from its junction with Castle Close to a point 9m north of its junction with St Edwards Road

4. CHAPEL STREET The south side, from its junction with Little Southsea Street to a point 3m west of its junction with Great Southsea Street

5. ELM STREET The north side, from its junction with Little Southsea Street to its junction with Great Southsea Street

6. GREAT SOUTHSEA STREET (a) The west side
(i) From its junction with Kings Road to a point 4m north of its junction with Bush Street West
(i) From a point 1m south of its junction with Bush Street West to a point 3m north of its junction with Chapel Street
(ii) From a point 3m south of its junction with Chapel Street to a point 3m north of its junction with Elm Street
(b) The east side
(i) From its junction with Kings Road
(ii) From a point 5m south of its junction with Bush Street East to a point 10m north of its junction with Castle Road

7. LITTLE SOUTHSEA STREET (a) The west side
- (i) From its northern end to a point 90m south of that point
- (ii) From a point 108m south of its northern end to a point 18m north of its southern end
8. PELHAM ROAD (a) The west side, from a point 47m south of its junction with Elm Grove to a point 5m north of its junction with Worsley Road
- (b) The west side, from a point 5m south of its junction with Worsley Road to a point opposite the north side of The Retreat
9. QUEENS CRESCENT (a) The west side, from a point 8m north of its junction with Kent Road to a point 3m south of its junction with Sussex Terrace
- (b) The north-west side, from a point 3m north of its junction with Sussex Terrace to a point 13m west of its junction with Queens Place
- (c) The north side, from a point 12m east of its junction with Queens Place to a point 10m west of its junction with Grove Road South
10. QUEENS GROVE (a) The east side, from a point 24m south of its junction with Queens Crescent to a point 11m north of the projected line of the south side of Queens Way
- (b) The east side, from a point 5m south of the projected line of the south side of Queens Way to a point 39m north of its junction with Kent Road
- (c) The east side, from a point 6m north of its junction with Kent Road to a point 23m north of that point
11. QUEENS PLACE The west side, from a point 43m south of its junction with St Edwards Road to its junction with Queens Crescent
12. THE RETREAT The south side, from a point 5m east of its junction with Pelham Road to a point 5m west of its junction with Grove Road South

13. ST EDWARDS ROAD
- (a) The north side
- (i) From a point 9m east of its junction with Castle Road to a point 5m west of its junction with Wilberforce Road
 - (ii) From a point 5m east of its junction with Wilberforce Road to a point 5m west of its junction with Yarborough Road
 - (iii) From a point 5m east of its junction with Yarborough Road to a point 9m west of the projected line of the west side of Queens Place
- (b) The south side
- (i) From a point 9m east of its junction with Castle Road to a point 9m west of its junction with Garden Lane
 - (ii) From a point 9m east of its junction with Garden Lane to a point 7m west of its junction with Queens Place
14. SUSSEX ROAD (East-west section)
- The north side from a point 16m east of its junction with Sussex Place to its junction with Sussex Terrace
15. SUSSEX ROAD (North-south section)
- The east side from a point 12m north of its junction with Kent Road to a point 50m north of that point
16. WILBERFORCE ROAD
- (a) The west side, from a point 5m north of its junction with St Edwards Road to a point 7m south of its northern end
- (b) The east side, from a point 5m north of its junction with St Edwards Road in a northerly direction for a distance of 89m
17. WOODPATH
- The east side, from a point 72m south of its junction with Elm Grove to a point 2m north of its junction with The Retreat
18. WORSLEY ROAD
- (a) The north side, from a point 5m east of its junction with Yarborough Road to its junction with Pelham Road

- (b) The south side, from a point 5m east of its junction with Yarborough Road to a point 3m west of its junction with Pelham Road
19. YARBOROUGH ROAD
- (a) The west side, from a point 7m south of its junction with Elm Grove to a point 5m north of its junction with St Edwards Road
 - (b) The east side
 - (i) From a point 15m south of its junction with Elm Grove to a point 5m north of its junction with Worsley Road
 - (ii) From a point 5m south of its junction with Worsley Road to a point 5m north of its junction with St Edwards Road

C) **CITY COUNCIL'S REASON FOR MAKING THE ORDER**

The Order is required to introduce a residents' parking scheme to give residents priority over parking, to prevent all day parking by non-residents and regulate existing parking places.

Sussex Place

Letter of Support

1. Mr R Blair, Staunton Estates Ltd 17 Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth and 5, Sussex Place fully supports the scheme and in addition to the usual reasons believes it will improve the views of the Thomas Owen houses in the road.

Letter of Objection

1. Mr S Redshaw 8, Sussex Place in a long letter objects to the reduction in spaces in his road and Sussex Road. The problems it will cause both in cost and inconvenience for visitors and the social and economic impact on Southsea. He further comments on the environmental issue of traffic driving around seeking a parking space and on the impact additional signage will have on "Owen's Southsea".

Head of Traffic's Comments

This scheme is designed to assure residents there is ample parking for the Southsea shopping area in Ashby Place and Clarence Parade and car parks and along the Parades. All signage used in the area will be sympathetic to the conservation area.

Mr Blair requested the additional restrictions to prevent goods vehicles blocking the front of his property, whilst Mr Redshaw is concerned with the loss of places. I therefore recommend that item A.5(a) be deleted, which should assist both correspondents.

Sussex Road

Letters of Objection

1. Mr and Mrs Fitzpatrick 20 Sussex Road
2. Mr and Mrs Ward 33 Sussex Road
3. Mr Carruthers 32 Sussex Road

All point out that this proposal would reduce parking by 50% in an area where it is already difficult to park. In addition, Mr Carruthers suggests the road should be made one-way to ease the problems.

Letters of Support

1. Mrs L Clifford 15 Sussex Road gives full support to the proposals
2. Mr S Baily 17 Sussex Road considers it will improve parking by removing 6th Formers at the High School, shoppers, those with excessive numbers of cars and multi-occupancy properties.
3. Mr J Lane 17 Sussex Road strongly feels the scheme will alleviate some of the parking problems in particular those trying to avoid parking charges and 6th Form students.

Head of Traffic's Comments

This is a particularly difficult problem. Currently, residents park on both sides of the road with two wheels on the pavement. This allows traffic to flow but does cause problems for pedestrians with wheelchairs and for the disabled. The proposal to limit parking to one side only has brought a total of three objections, three support and some suggestions. I therefore recommend that this part of the Order be actioned as we are unable to place legal parking bays on both sides of the road. The only alternative would be to leave this road out of the scheme, which is not acceptable.

Wilberforce Road

Letters of Objection

1. Unreadable 1, Wilberforce Road
2. Unreadable 2b, Wilberforce Road
3. Mr and Mrs Taylor 3, Wilberforce Road
4. Mr S Chen 4, Wilberforce Road
5. Mrs C Wragg 5, Wilberforce Road
6. Unreadable 6a, Wilberforce Road
7. Unreadable 6b, Wilberforce Road
8. V Sheppard 7, Wilberforce Road
9. E Michalzulz 8, Wilberforce Road
10. S Digweed 9, Wilberforce Road
11. A Nelson 10, Wilberforce Road
12. Ms Michell 11, Wilberforce Road
13. Mr and Mrs Cox, 13 Wilberforce Road
14. Dr Bowhill 16, Wilberforce Road
15. Ms E Stewart 18, Wilberforce Road
16. Mr and Mrs McCue 19, Wilberforce Road
17. E Shaw 20, Wilberforce Road
18. Mr J Cregan 23, Wilberforce Road and individual letter

19. Mr P Goenlent 25, Wilberforce Road

All of the above object to the introduction of double yellow lines, in a photocopied letter. They point out that parking in the road is already difficult. They do not object to the scheme itself. Mr F Lovering 17, Wilberforce Road writes separately to make the same point. Mr and Mrs Sayo 15 Wilberforce Road do not consider the residents' scheme and the yellow lines to be of benefit. In their view there is no problem during the day and at night peak demand will not alter due to the number of residents' cars. However, they accept that Wilberforce Road could not opt out if surrounding roads have the permit system.

Mrs J Bowhill 15, Wilberforce Road writes separately and objects to all aspect of the scheme. States there is normally no problem parking in the road. In addition objects to the cost of visitors' permits, the impact on local shops and restaurants and the restriction of 2 permits as there are 4 car drivers in the house.

Head of Traffic's Comments

In view of the strong opposition from residents of the road to the proposal to introduce yellow lines to create a turning head, I recommend deletion of this item.

General Objections

Mr C Law e-mail, no address, does not consider a limit of the two permits per household to be fair, as a family such as his, has three cars and the cost for a third car on scratch cards would amount to £468 per annum.

Mr G Gubby e-mail, no address doesn't think the system is fair.

Pelham Road

Letter of Comment

Mr and Mrs Bull, Pelham Road are concerned at the proposal to remove parking spaces near its junction with Elm Grove due to the limited availability of parking in the road.

Head of Traffic's Comments

The lost spaces have in part been replaced by the removal of redundant disabled bays at the junction. A further order to enable some spaces to be transferred to the opposite side of the road is being progressed.

St Edwards Road

Letters of Support

1. Mr S Piper 28A St Edwards Road supports the proposal but hopes that "street furniture" will be kept to a minimum.
2. Mr C Bates 35 St Edwards Road believes the scheme will bring benefit in particular at the junction of Queens Place/St Edwards Road
3. Mr G Houldsworth by email hopes the scheme will stop the area being used as a long stay car park by non-residents.

Yarborough Road

Letters of Support

1. Ms A Faiz 15 Yarborough Road is the manager of a sheltered housing scheme. A lack of parking inhibits her duties and prevents tradesmen visiting.
2. Mr and Mrs Marti, Mrs Hewitt and Miss May are residents of 15 Yarborough Road and write separately in support. In particular they point out that their visitors find it difficult to park.

Grove Road South

Letters of Support

1. Mr M Lemman 3 Grove Road South is in favour providing his property qualifies for a permit. His garage and vehicular access are via Queens Grove.
2. Miss D Auchre 32 Grove Road South also supports the scheme if she qualifies for a permit. Her property is on the corner of The Retreat and is accessed from it. She objects to the restrictions on the number of permits per property and suggests it should be limited to the number of bedrooms.

Head of Traffic's Comments

In my view Mr Lemman and Mrs Auchre would qualify for a permit.

Castle Road

Letters of Objection

1. Mr B Tottingham 41c Castle Road objects as he considers the survey to be misleading and another form of council tax. His main complaint is that his property is outside the boundary and will not receive a permit.
2. Mr G Goddard, Goddard's Gallery 59/61 Castle Road, considers the scheme will be detrimental to his business and that when he arrives for work there is no problem parking as residents leave for work.
3. Mr M Wilson, Alexander Books, 62 Castle Road, in a detailed letter raises a number of issues. He reiterates the point made above by Mr Goddard and considers that due to the lack of available space the scheme will bring no benefit. He questions the cost of permits and the impact that this will have on his three part-time staff. In addition he is dissatisfied with the information available and his entitlement to permits.
4. Mr T Wood, Ego Hair Ltd 88 Castle Road, asks that the "free" two hour limit be increased to three hours. The reason for this is that the most expensive treatments last between 2 and 3 hours and he is concerned that the 2 hour limit will result in a loss of custom.

Letters of Support

1. Mr and Mrs S Walton 12 Castle Road, considers the scheme will remove a number of parking problems in the area.
2. Dr A Tollast 38 Castle Road supports the scheme as it will remove Isle of Wight commuters.
3. Mr and Mrs Holley, 71 Castle Road write in support and feel residents should have priority.
4. Mr A M Skilling by email writes in favour and asks if Castle Road shopkeepers and residents of 60, 60a and 60c will be entitled to permits.

Head of Traffic Comments

Whilst the residents are in favour, the businesses in the lower part of Castle Road have concerns about both their staff parking and their customers. One issue is the existence of the 20 minute limited waiting area which some traders consider to be too short.

The Parking Manager will as a result of these concerns, be surveying all residents and businesses in this part of the road to seek their views. This will be achieved outside of this order. With regard to staff parking, each business will have the opportunity to obtain business permits. Alternatively, there are pay and display areas nearby if the two hour “free” period is insufficient.

Great Southsea Street

Letter of Comment

Mr D Clarke 55/60 Great Southsea Street informs us the premises is a Day Care Centre operating between 8.30am and 7pm. A mini bus and four staff cars are used to transport service users to various activities. A total of 12 staff are employed at the building. He mentions the need for a disabled parking bay.

Letter of Support

1. Mr and Mrs Croucher 29 Great Southsea Street both write in support of the proposals.
2. W Warkcup 33, Great Southsea Street is in complete agreement and considers parking in the area is extremely difficult partly due to displacement from the KC zone and partly due to students and commercial vehicles.
3. Mrs M Cunningham 35, Great Southsea Street considers the proposal to be “not before time”.

Letters of Comment

General Questions and Answers

1. Mr G Lawler 35 Kings Road asks if he will qualify for a permit.
 - A. He will not qualify for this scheme as his property is on the north side of the road. He will however be included in the north Southsea scheme which is north of Kings Road.

2. Mr D Walker 84 Kings Road asks a similar question regarding the proposals on the south side of Kings Road.
 - A. These properties will qualify.

3. Ms A Burton Pharmacist Manager 24, Elm Grove asks about the parking of her delivery vehicle.
 - A. She will qualify for a free business permit.

4. Mr B S Burden 2 Worsley Road, Mr C W Cheetham 11, Worsley Road and Mr A Penny 13 Worsely Road ask if access to their garages will be maintained by "entrance markings".
 - A. Yes, the garages will still be protected.

5. Mr G Bremer 37 St Edwards Road also questions the situation outside of his garage and objects if the entrance marking is replaced by a parking bay.
 - A. The entrance protection will remain.

6. Mr N Parkin, Leapfrog Nursery 13 Yarborough Road, Southsea enquires about the need for special permits for parents dropping off and picking up children from the nursery. He estimates this takes 10-30 minutes at each end of the day.
 - A. As the scheme allows a free parking period of up to 2 hours, a special permit will not be required.

7. Mr C Old 31, Pelham Road asks a number of questions regarding the availability of permits and when they are required. He also asks whether a return to a "free for all" will occur if the scheme is unsuccessful.
 - A. All information with regard to permits will be circulated to residents once this scheme is approved. About 12 months after its introduction, the scheme will be reviewed by a survey of residents. Should they wish to have it removed, PCC would not object.

8. Mrs E Owen 35, Pelham Road asks similar question to 4 and 7 above and asks if the "free" 2 hour period could be changed especially after 7pm and on Sundays.
 - A. We are unable to change the hours which have been legally advertised following consultation with the residents.

9. Mr A Gregory 36, The Retreat considers the cost of visitor permits to be excessive for a short visit of 3 or 4 hours and suggests a shorter time, cheaper alternative.
 - A. This idea is already under consideration and will be reported on in the Parking Review.

- 10. Tricia Howse by email, no address, asks a number of questions regarding the allocation of permits, cost of same and allocation of space. She requests the scheme should not operate on Sundays.
- A. Again, details of permits will be circulated to residents when the scheme is approved. As the issue regarding the inclusion of Sunday in the scheme this way the option chosen by the majority of residents and it is not possible to change it.

Head of Traffic’s Comments

There are inevitably a number of questions surrounding the cost and availability of permits despite the information circulated as part of the survey.

Should the scheme be approved, more information will be sent out. I should also point out that the cost of visitor scratch cards and residents’ permits are included in the current review of Parking being undertaken by an independent consultant.

The most difficult decision is the one relating to Sussex Road. There is no doubt that the current parking situation would not normally be acceptable. However, removing almost 50% of the parking is in the view of some residents a drastic step.

I recommend the scheme be approved with the changes listed on the front page.

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Head of Traffic

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:-

<i>Title of Document</i>	<i>Location</i>
Survey Forms	Parking Office

Approval to the recommendations

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

Signed:
(Executive Member of the Traffic and Transportation)