

Statement of Reasons

THE HAMPSHIRE (LONG PRIORS, WEST MEON) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2022

Long Priors, West Meon

The proposed Order is required to improve visibility and road safety at the turning head and new access road at the western turning head of Long Priors. A development of approximately 10 dwellings has been constructed. The installation of double yellow lines (DYLs) will further improve the visibility at this junction which will have increased traffic movements when the development is occupied.

SECTION 122 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 when making TROs to consider expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

These proposals will assist in the following, as contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- (a) avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- (c) facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.

It is possible that people with reduced mobility could be disadvantaged by having to walk further to find an available parking place. This can be partially mitigated by the provision of the blue badge scheme and the marking of disabled parking bays for eligible residents in residential area or for general use in high footfall areas.

However, the introduction of waiting restrictions, particularly at junction, can have a positive impact on people with reduced mobility as the removal of parked vehicles can make roads safer to cross and provide improved visibility of oncoming traffic.