

Statement of Reasons

THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS WINCHESTER) (PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (CONTROLLED ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010 (VARIATION NO. 73) ORDER 2022

Dell Road

Following implementation of the X2 Zone in 2020 concerns have been raised regarding the lack of on street parking in St Leonards Road. Dell Road is in Zone X and has a lower demand for on street parking, due to the availability of off street parking. Therefore it is proposed that the permit bays in Dell Road are changed from being Zone X only to Zone X and X2 to help improve parking congestion in St Leonards Road which will in turn improve road safety for vehicles and pedestrians.

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 in Dell Road. This can however be partially mitigated by the provision of the blue badge scheme which allows disabled drivers (both residents and non-residents) to park during a time period when normally only those with resident permits are able to. This effectively means residents with blue badges do not need to purchase a resident permit. This is an extra concession provided by Winchester City Council which is not something offered by all local authority parking schemes. In addition this can be mitigated by the marking of disabled parking bays for eligible residents in the residential area or for general use in high footfall areas.

Further, the extension of Dell Road to zone X2 can have a positive impact on people with reduced mobility as it will help prevent overcrowding in St Leonards Road which will make the road safer for pedestrians to cross and provide improved visibility of oncoming traffic.