



STATEMENT OF REASONS

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

WINCHESTER CITY (OFF STREET) PARKING PLACES ORDER 2026

AMENDMENT

A Notice was advertised on 9th December 2025 publishing the proposal of Winchester City Council, with the consent of Hampshire County Council, to make the above traffic regulation order which is intended to simplify and update the management of all City Council owned or managed car parks in the Winchester District. This includes the Park and Ride sites as well as off street car parks in Alresford, Wickham, Bishops Waltham and Denmead and car parks which are free to park in.

An amendment is now being proposed to this order. The effect of the amendment will be to:

1. Introduce a new Inner Area Resident Car Park Concession Permit. This permit will allow eligible residents to park during the evening (7pm until 8am) and at weekends in specified Winchester City Council car parks.

Those eligible for such permits will be any resident in inner parking zones B, C, M, N, P, Q, R and S, who have a current and live resident parking permit purchased under Hampshire County Council's Winchester permit scheme.

The car parks will be as follows:

All Eligible Inner Zone Residents:

Cattle Market Car Park
Chesil Multi-Storey Car Park
Coach Park
St Peter's
Tower Street Car Park
Worthy Lane Car Park

Additional Car Parks:

Cossack Lane (Zone N Residents Only)
Colebrook Street Car Park (Zone S Residents Only)

2. Include an additional property eligible for a Wickham Square Resident Permit and Visitor Permits as this was omitted in error from the proposed order advertised on 9th December 2025.
3. Amend the wording of Article 28 of the proposed order. This is to make clearer the requirement that customers of The Watercress Line wishing to park for over 3 hours at Alresford Station must display a parking voucher collected from the booking office at Alresford Station, in the relevant position, in their vehicle, after purchasing a parking ticket.
4. Adding the definition of 'Parking Voucher' into the Interpretation of the proposed order.

Sections 122(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 have been considered in the design of this proposal together with the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty under Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.

Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") 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. This requires the Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a proposal including if applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
- The national air strategy.
- The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
- Any other matters appearing to the Council to be applicable.

The existing Off Steet Parking Order is over 20 years old. An updated order will recognise the current legal situation seen in the Council's car parks and will include new terminology and technology. It will allow the current 5 orders and 13 variations to be consolidated into one order, making it a more simplified document for all to view.

The introduction of the new Inner Area Resident Car Park Concession Permit is considered necessary because, since on-street parking provisions were returned to Hampshire County Council in October 2023, residents in the Inner Zones have found difficulty parking their vehicle near to their residence. This new permit will allow them to park overnight and at weekends in specified car parks.

Public Sector Equality Duty

An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out with regard to the original proposals in April 2025 at which time no issues with the replacement of the Off Street order were identified. The proposed order reflected the current operational situation in all the Council's car parks across the district. Upon review of this assessment, in light of the proposed amendment to the order, it is concluded that no new issues have been identified.