

# **Proposed Alterations to Waiting Restrictions – Town Hall Service Roads**

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A report by the Borough Council's Head of Customers and Communities to the Tunbridge Wells Joint Transportation Board on 19 October 2015

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. To improve parking facilities for contractors working in and around the civic complex, alterations are proposed to waiting restrictions.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. The civic complex is surrounded by a network of privately owned and maintained roads. These are, however; generally open to the public hence the need for some form of control on parking.
3. Currently, parking is a mixture of time limited waiting bays and disabled parking bays together with permit bays for members and the mayoral car.
4. The present restrictions reflect the fact that the Town Hall was the main reception point for most callers. Since the advent of the Gateway, the number of casual visitors to the Town Hall has substantially reduced.
5. Contractors working in the civic complex have typically parked their vehicles either in time limited bays or used parking dispensations to stop on double yellow lines. This is clearly not an ideal situation.

## **CURRENT PROPOSALS**

6. To ensure that contractors can park and have easy access, it is proposed to remove 3 disabled bays from Monson Way and have 1 at the far end of that road near the Town Hall staff entrance.
7. The remainder of that bay would be restricted to permit holders only during the working week (Mon – Fri 7am – 6pm) with 30 minute waiting on Saturdays between 8am and 6pm and no restriction on Sundays. Permits would be issued as necessary at the Town Hall reception.
8. To achieve this change, a revised Traffic Regulation Order has been advertised with the consultation period ending on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.
9. If more than 5 objections were to be received during the consultation period, this Board would need to consider them and make a recommendation.
10. This report is, therefore, provided for information and a possible recommended course of action should sufficient level of objection be received. A verbal update will be provided.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

11. That members' views are sought as necessary.

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