

**EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**(SHEET: FARNHAM ROAD, LONG ROAD, RESERVOIR LANE**  
**AND SCHOOL LANE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND**  
**(DISABLED BADGE HOLDERS ONLY PARKING) ORDER 2019**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR**  
**PROPOSING TO MAKE THIS ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that East Hampshire District Council pursuant to an arrangement entered into under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000, with the Council of the County of Hampshire, propose to make a permanent Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to introduce a prohibition of waiting on lengths of Farnham Road, Long Road, Reservoir Lane and School Lane, a 'waiting limited to 2 hours, return prohibited within 1 hour, Monday to Friday, 8.00am and 6.00pm,' on a length of School Lane, a restriction of waiting 'between 8.00am and 9.00am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday (Except Public and Bank Holidays),' on lengths of Long Road and School Lane and a "Disabled Badge Holders Only Parking" on a length of School Lane, Sheet.

Reports from various sources including Sheet School management team, local Councillors, residents, refuse collection agencies and other stakeholders have identified potentially dangerous and obstructive parking issues occurring on School Lane and Long Road, Sheet. Whilst the complaints relate to a variety of issues, with sometimes conflicting suggestions of the appropriate solution, it is necessary to propose changes to parking restrictions in order to mitigate these access difficulties.

It is recognised that Sheet Primary School covers an increasingly wide catchment area with the consequence that many vehicles converge on the location at the start and end of the school day. Whilst acknowledging the need for space for vehicles to park whilst pupils are transferred, it is nevertheless imperative to ensure that this is controlled to mitigate against the risk of injury to road users and to maintain safe unobstructed access for traffic on the surrounding road network.

**School Lane, (east of the level crossing)**

This is a narrow road measuring less than 4 metres in width in some places and reports received have highlighted that drivers, especially those of large vehicles, have considerable difficulty gaining access to properties in School Lane. This includes deliveries, collection of household waste and recyclable waste from residential properties and Sheet School and operation of Public Service Vehicles on business connected with the School.

The anecdotal evidence indicates that the access difficulties were compounded when vehicle parking moved from the south side of School Lane to the northern kerb-side, thereby reducing the available width for passing traffic with the result that recycling waste collection lorries were unable to get through. The waste contractor (Veolia) had briefly surmounted the access problem by reversing down the road from the other side of the level crossing but Health and Safety considerations have, understandably, caused this practice to be reviewed. At the last check, the school apparently has not had recyclable waste collected for several months.

Results from surveys confirm that parking along School Lane, at present, generally follows a 'chicane' pattern whereby vehicles at the eastern end park on the south side of the road and those at the western end park on the north side. Whilst this arrangement is adequate for the passage of cars and other small vehicles it does not facilitate access for larger vehicles.

The majority of properties in this section of road do not have the facility for off-road parking accessible from School Lane. However, numbers 1 -11 School Lane have recently had dedicated off-street parking spaces provided to the rear of the properties by benefit of planning conditions relating to the new Maltings development off Farnham Road. This broadly equates to the length of road where the proposed restrictions below will displace the current parking availability to the opposite side of the road.

To assist access along the road it is proposed that 'No Waiting at any time' be implemented along the north side of School Lane from its junction with Farnham Road to the lay-by outside Sheet Primary School. Further 'No waiting at any time' restrictions are proposed in the vicinity of the junction with Farnham Road and opposite Sheet Primary School. Unrestricted parking will be available along the south side of the road opposite residential properties 1 – 18 School Lane with the exception of a short section of 'No waiting at any time' on the inside of the bend to aid visibility and to allow vehicles to pull in so that opposing traffic may pass.

The lay-by outside the school has an existing Disabled Bay marked and it is proposed to include this in the order and for the remainder of the lay-by it is proposed to implement 'Limited Waiting of 2 hours, return prohibited within 1 hour, Monday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm'.

#### **Long Road / School Lane, (west of the level crossing)**

Reports indicate that parking on Long Road, mainly in connection with the dropping off / picking up of school children, is sometimes dangerously obstructive. Observations and surveys confirm that Long Road is a popular, and generally appropriate, place for school parking. However, parking in the vicinity of the junction with School Lane and in the vicinity of the bend under the A3 bridge was observed to create hazardous reduced visibility for other vehicles compelled into the path of oncoming traffic.

Following investigation and remaining mindful of the need to maintain parking capacity, it is proposed that 'No waiting at any time' be implemented under the A3 bridge and adjacent bend; also at the junctions with School Lane and Reservoir Lane. Additionally, to maintain access for traffic it is proposed to implement 'No Waiting Monday to Friday (except Public and Bank Holidays) 8.00am - 9.00am and 2.30pm -4.00pm' on the west side of the road between the A3 bridge and the School Lane junction.

This Order is proposed so as to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, and to facilitate the passage of traffic.

Drawing No's. 2018PE01 and 2018PE02 show the lengths of roads which are the subject of the proposed Order.

East Hampshire District Council  
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