

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2013. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2013

Present: Cllr Edward Giles – Cabinet Member for Procurement, Fire, Highways and Transport

Jonathan Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	Objections To The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Cowes) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2012
Decision reference	04/13
Notice of Decision Published	Wednesday, 6 February 2013
Decision taken	Option b) - THAT the advertised changes to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Cowes) Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2012 be agreed
Reason for decision	<p>To create a safer road network for all road users and ensure the safe and expedient passage of all vehicles</p> <p>To aid in the development and delivery of a Highway's Private Finance Initiative (PFI) which will not only improve the condition of the Island's highway network but also have wider benefits for the public realm, local economy and wider community</p>
Additional reasons	<p>To contribute to the delivery of the Isle of Wight's current sustainable community strategy (Eco Island) particularly priorities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create wealth and reduce our carbon footprint at the same time, • Improve health, emotional wellbeing and life expectancy across the Island.
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option a) - Not to approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Cowes) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2012.</p> <p>Option c) - To approve the advertised changes to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Cowes) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2012 with amendment</p>
Representations Received	<p>Representations were received from the Ward Member for Cowes Medina who requested clarification around parking spaces in Newport Road and the retention of more parking spaces between Stephenson Road and Bellevue Road with restrictions only in place between 8 am and 6 pm.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by advising that, following</p>

	<p>consultation with highways officers, what was proposed was the absolute minimum required to address the road safety risks in the area.</p> <p>Newport Road was one of the two main routes into Cowes and had high traffic flows which included buses operating every 14 minutes from early morning to late at night.</p> <p>The width of the carriageway was such that opposing flows of traffic were unable to pass parked cars resulting in them regularly mounting the pavement and thus creating a risk to pedestrians.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions were essential to address the inherent risks and would be needed 24 hours a day.</p> <p>Steps had been taken to explore every alternative that would reduce the impact on local residents and the net loss of on-street parking spaces was minimal.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member also stated that the proposals were supported by Cowes Town Council and that they should therefore be implemented.</p>
Declarations of interest	None declared
Additional advice received	None received