

HOUND ROAD, NETLEY – PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Waiting restrictions are to be implemented on an experimental basis at the southern end of Hound Road, between its junction with Hound Close and the turning head / entrance to Royal Victoria Country Park (RVCP). The intention behind the Order is to gauge whether the restrictions in the Order ease parking congestion, improve access and address road safety concerns in this area and whether, once the impact of the restrictions has been assessed, the Order should be made permanent

There has been a long standing issue of visitors to the RVCP opting to park in Hound Road, to avoid parking charges within the park. This causes obstruction to private accesses and congestion issues for residents living at the southern end of Hound Road.

Parking on the railway bridge and its approaches is a pressing concern for road safety and is particularly evident when events are being held within the park. Double parking over the bridge impedes vehicular access and restricts visibility of both oncoming traffic and vehicles exiting the side road junction of The Sidings and Hound Close respectively. Pedestrians have to walk in the carriageway as there are no footways over the railway bridge, which is a further road safety concern and is exacerbated when vehicles are parked on the bridge. Hound Road is also the dedicated emergency access route to RVCP when events are being held within the park.

Residents have raised concern that the introduction of waiting restrictions at the southern end of Hound Road will displace parking north of the railway bridge and into the side roads of Hound Close and Hound Road Gardens. Therefore, implementing the restrictions as an Experimental Order will allow the impact of the restrictions on road safety and traffic movements to be assessed alongside any displaced parking and amendments to be made where necessary.

Consideration will be given after a trial period as to whether or not the provisions of this Experimental Order should be made permanent.

The proposal is shown on drawing no E.TM.01.M.033.005D