



HART DISTRICT COUNCIL

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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HART DISTRICT COUNCIL'S PROCEDURE FOR PRIORITISING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES

Hart District Council operates a traffic management agency on behalf of Hampshire County Council. Under the terms of this agency the District Council deals with the majority of changes to waiting restrictions within the district. Other traffic management issues are dealt with by Hampshire County Council.

Alterations to waiting restrictions may be reported to the Council by a number of routes; general public, parish or county council, members and other Council departments.

Any requests for changes should be referred to the highways team at Hart District Council, telephone 01252 622122, email: infrastructure@hart.gov.uk

Any requests received will be assessed in accordance with this procedure.

Assessment of each request is made against the key objectives of:

- Improving Road Safety
- Reducing Congestion
- Improving Accessibility
- Improving Air Quality

These key objectives form the basis of the Local Transport Plan.

This formal approach is needed to ensure a fairer, comparative method of assessment, reducing subjectivity.

Generally priority is given to introducing measures to resolve, or substantially reduce, traffic related problems in areas where such problems are significant.

Measures that simply transfer problems from one location to another will not normally be progressed.

The issue of Road Safety is paramount when investigating a scheme. Other issues including traffic speed and congestion, particularly around schools, are other important factors.

Where parking is the main issue then the reasons as to why that parking is taking place should also be borne in mind, e.g. schools, commuter or shopping.

The criteria for rating are as follows:

- Improving Road Safety - *casualty reduction* - the number of recorded injury accidents at the location in the last three years.
- Reducing Congestion - reducing the adverse impact of traffic, encouraging walking, cycling and the greater use of public transport.
- Improving Accessibility - access for emergency vehicles, refuse collection and access to individual properties. (Combined with Reducing Congestion these two items aid the Improvement in Air Quality)

- Improve Economic Vitality – by managing traffic appropriately (e.g. limiting parking to short stay) local businesses can benefit from a higher turnover of customers. This may also be a solution to or consequence of Improving Accessibility

Assessment in these criteria are rated high/medium/low/neutral/negative as to whether any measures have a positive or negative impact on the area.

In those areas where traffic speed is an issue the sites will be included within the programme for the installation of the Council's Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs).

Once assessed one of three actions are taken:

1. On the basis of this assessment the problem is recorded on our database but no further action at this time.
2. On the basis of this assessment further investigations be carried out to see if there are practical proposals that we can seek funding for.
3. On the basis of this assessment the matter is included in the list of proposals for inclusion in our works programme.

A copy of the District Council's traffic management programme is published on the Hart District Council website.