

## **Statement of Reasons**

### **THE WINCHESTER CITY (BARFIELD CLOSE AND ST CATHERINE'S VIEW) (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2003 (VARIATION NO.5) ORDER 2021**

The Council are proposing to introduce a multi-storey Park and Ride car park at the former Vaultex site situated off Barfield Close, Winchester. This car park will be known as Barfield Park & Ride Phase 2.

Sections 122(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 have been considered in the design of this proposal together with the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty under Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010.

#### **Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

The Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") when making TROs to consider expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. This requires the Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a proposal including if applicable:

- The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
- The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
- The national air strategy.
- The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
- Any other matters appearing to the Council to be applicable.

The car park will provide suitable and adequate off street parking facilities, including disabled parking, parent parking and electric vehicle charging facilities. The additional Park and Ride facility will reduce traffic on the road network, congestion, pollution and delays.

The site, being within walking and cycling distance, will improve access to the city centre. It will also support the nearby Winchester Sport and Leisure Park as it can provide additional parking spaces during high volumes of use such as sporting competitions.

Providing an additional Park and Ride to the east of Winchester city centre is a direct recommendation and action of the Council's Climate Neutrality Action Plan and supports the Council's Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

The site will be served by the Council's existing Park and Ride buses which already access the road the car park will be situated on due to the location of the adjacent Barfield Park and Ride.

#### **Public Sector Equality Duty**

The car park has been designed to be fully accessible and will include disabled parking bays provided to full accessible standards and parent parking. These will be located on the ground floor and will be clearly marked.

Lighting will be provided throughout to HCC standards. The car park will also be covered by CCTV. Park and Ride buses are fully accessible.