

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

13 AUGUST 2012

The purpose of this Report is to provide further information about the Designated Loading Bays Order No: 12012 that appeared in the Central Cark dated 20 July 2012.

No. DETAIL

I) INTRODUCTION

- a) The Loading Bay is to provide a suitable and safe area to load and unload whilst maximising on-street parking facilities and combines loading/unload only from 7am to 10am followed by limited waiting time parking of 30 minutes with no return within 30 minutes from 10am to 7pm.
- b) Questions have been asked concerning why this is being done in isolation from the other works approved by the Isle of Wight Council to accommodate the Tesco development and why the original provision for loading/unloading only has been changed to include parking.
- c) There has also been doubt about the view of the development taken by Ventnor Town Council's Plans Committee on the original application in 2007.
- d) These matters have been discussed with the Isle of Wight Council's Group Manager: Network Management and Improvement, Kevin Burton.
- e) The original plan for the High Street changes is attached to this report, together with the amended version that is now being adopted.

2) ORIGINAL APPLICATION

- a) The original application P/01514/07 was on the Agenda of the Plans Committee meeting of 16 July 2007 when Councillor Susan Scoccia agreed to make arrangements for Highways Officers to attend another meeting on 23 July 2007.
- b) Kevin Burton attended that meeting when it was resolved:

P/01515/07 CAC/13798F

Consideration of these applications had been deferred at the last meeting of the Committee in order that the proposal particularly relating to the forming of a loading and unloading bay in the High Street and the Implications of such arrangements could be discussed with an officer of the Highways Department.

Mr. K.Burton of the Highways Department attended the meeting and outlined the proposals and provided further detailed information. Members raised many questions and expressed their concern on the detrimental effect the proposals would have on traffic flow and safety both of pedestrians and vehicles.

To maintain the existing Ingress and exit from the car park and to facilitate the use of the bus stop and designated taxi rank it was felt that It would be necessary to move both of these facilities to a point further eastward in High Street; there should be a limitation on the size of vehicles allowed to use the unloading/loading bays and the times of use should be limited; there was a need to consider the effect on the use of the junction of Spring Hill and High Street and the present turning radius; the positioning of the pedestrian crossing needed further consideration and the flow of traffic in Market Street should be reconsidered.

The Committee considered that the proposals submitted by the applicants did not take account of these factors and any scheme of this nature should represent the requirements of the Highway Authority recognising local conditions.

Mr. Burton explained that the Planning Department were advised by their own Highway Engineers and he would report back on the Issues.

The Plans Committee meeting of 24 September revisited the matter in response to a letter from Mr H Rees on behalf of local businesses; it reaffirmed its July decision.

3) CHANGE

- a) The change in the arrangements for the loading bay are the result of the application by the Highways Service of approaches they have recently used elsewhere on the Island and intend to continue with as it increases the amount of on-street parking rather than leaving the space empty for most of the day.
- b) Kevin Burton stated that the this will be part of the delivery of the whole of the High Street changes identified in the Planning approval.



