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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in Rowlands Castle

Rowlands Castle Parish Council (RCPC) notes the public consultation on the above opened on 6 July. At its Meeting on 16 July 2018, RCPC considered the detail of the proposed TROs and resolved to respond as follows.

General Comments - RCPC acknowledged that East Hants District is reported to have the highest car ownership per capita in the country. Any parking restrictions are likely to have a 'knock on' effect on nearby areas and therefore should only be imposed for recognised safety reasons.

Uplands Road, including Broadcroft – RCPC supports 'No Waiting at any time' either side of the junction with Bowes Hill to improve safety. It opposes all other 'No Waiting' restrictions (both 'at any time' and between '2pm to 2pm') as they will really disadvantage residents without off-street parking, they are unnecessary for the bus to transit, the future of the bus service is uncertain at present and residents do not consider commuter parking an issue. RCPC urges EHDC to liaise with HCC regarding the future of the bus service (including any timetable changes) before considering any restrictions supposedly to facilitate access for buses.

RCPC urges that sufficient flexibility be maintained to enable Uplands Road to be used, as now, on a sparing basis by train passengers unable to park at the nearby Rowlands Castle station. Local opinion is firmly of the view that the station car park is full by 7am on most normal weekdays so there is a need for a local alternative, especially as the railway line figures prominently in the justification for some local residential development.

Links Lane – Northbound: RCPC opposes any restrictions between the Parish Hall and the entrance to the Golf Club car park, except for sections opposite driveways on lower Links Lane. It acknowledges there was a past issue involving cars parked for prolonged periods on this section but hopes this was a 'one-off' occurrence and would not like to see restrictions imposed solely for this reason when they may adversely affect Hall users.

RCPC supports 'No waiting at any time' from the entrance onwards, around the corner and beyond. *Eastbound*: It also supports 'No waiting at any time' from beyond the corner round to the junction with The Fairway but opposes any restrictions further on outside the terrace of cottages as they will really disadvantage those residents with no off-street-parking. It is recognised there may be sightline issues, however parked cars can also act as a traffic calming measure.

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Redhill Road – Eastbound: RCPC supports 'No Waiting at any time' from the proposed start position but only to a mid-point between Hillbrow Close and Oaklands Avenue ie a slight reduction in the proposed length of the TRO so as not to unnecessarily reduce availability for residents with no off-street parking. Southbound: RCPC would strongly recommend replicating the 'No Waiting' restrictions on this side in parallel with those supported for eastbound traffic to safeguard visibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed TROs and if you have any queries regarding RCPC's response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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