

FARNHAM TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
TRAFFIC REGULATON ORDER FOR REVOCATION OF ONE-WAY
STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Farnham Infrastructure Programme is a partnership between Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and Farnham Town Council. It aims to reduce carbon emissions, improve the connections between the town's communities, support economic vitality and encourage growth, and improve life in Farnham with cleaner air, healthier lifestyles, and less dominance of traffic on communities.

Farnham town centre is currently dominated by roads and traffic and has poor air quality, which negatively impacts the ability to travel easily, safely, and enjoyably around the town on foot and by bus or cycle, resulting in a less pleasant environment and a diminished sense of place. The Farnham Town Centre Improvement Scheme aims to address this by providing wider and repaved pavements, with the removal of unnecessary street clutter, creating loading bays to facilitate deliveries to businesses without blocking traffic lanes, and providing space for new planting, cycle parking and public seating to encourage people to visit and spend more time in the town centre. The scheme also aims to improve safety for users of the town centre including new and improved pedestrian crossings and advanced stop lines for cyclists.

This document outlines the Traffic Regulation Order changes proposed as part of the town centre proposals and is accompanied by plans which may be viewed online at: - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/policies-plans-consultations/roads-and-transport-consultations>.

The proposed revocations of one-way traffic are shown on the following drawings:

- Farnham Infrastructure Programme – Scheme Layout
- Farnham Infrastructure Programme – Revocation of One-Way on Downing Street
- Farnham Infrastructure Programme – Revocation of One-Way on The Borough

The decision to proceed to advertise the proposed changes to the road layout in Farnham town centre has been agreed by Surrey County Council's Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, in consultation with Surrey Police and the County Councillor for Farnham Central.

The below proposals will be advertised in the Farnham Herald.

DOWNING STREET

The existing one-way westbound carriageway on Downing Street between the junction with Lower Church Lane and the junction with Union Road and Longbridge will be converted to two-way. Vehicles travelling eastbound will either be able to turn left onto Victoria Road or continue south onto Longbridge. The northern footway at the junction of Downing Street with Union Road and Longbridge will be widened, and the existing traffic islands removed to accommodate the change in traffic direction along with planting, cycle parking and two new pedestrian signal-controlled crossings (Pedex crossings). Union Road will remain one-way westbound and Longbridge will remain two-way.

This change is to provide a shorter access route for vehicles leaving Farnham to the south from Waggon Yard carpark without having to travel around the gyratory system in the town centre. This will reduce traffic flows on Downing Street, the busy section of The Borough that

suffers from poor air quality, South Street and Union Road, thereby facilitating the proposed footway widening/carriageway narrowing on Downing Street and The Borough.

THE BOROUGH

The existing one-way eastbound carriageway on The Borough between the junction with Castle Street and the junction with Downing Street and West Street will be converted to two-way, with an approximate 3m wide westbound carriageway and an approximate 6m wide eastbound carriageway, which includes a bus stop. This will allow eastbound vehicles to safely bypass buses when stopped at the kerb. The Borough east of Castle Street will be retained as one-way eastbound but reduced to a single lane.

This change is to provide a shorter access route for vehicles coming from the north of Farnham that are heading for West Street and the Lower Hart and Upper Hart car parks. It will also reduce traffic flows on the busy section of The Borough between Castle Street and the Royal Deer junction that suffers from poor air quality, thereby facilitating the proposed footway widening/carriageway narrowing on The Borough.