

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING IN SURREY HEATH 14 MARCH 2013

KEY ISSUE:

To approve arrangements for progressing Traffic Regulation Orders for proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in the Surrey Heath borough.

SUMMARY:

Officers have completed a review of on-street parking in Surrey Heath and identified changes in restrictions which would benefit road safety and reduce instances of obstruction and localised congestion.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to agree:

- (i) That the proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Surrey Heath, as described in this report and shown in detail on drawings presented at this committee meeting as Annex A, are agreed.
- (ii) That the Local Committee allocates funding as detailed in paragraph 6.1 of this report, to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments.
- (iii) That the intention of the County Council to make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Surrey Heath as shown on the drawings in Annex A, are advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the Order is made.

(iv) That the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager will consider and try to resolve any objections and that a decision on any remaining unresolved objections will be made by the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the relevant County Councillor.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Team (Parking Team) carry out periodic reviews of on-street parking restrictions across Surrey.
- 1.2 A list comprising over 75 requests for parking restrictions from residents, councillors, emergency services and council engineers over the last year were collated and used as the basis for this parking review. There was a 21% decrease in the number of requests submitted since the last review and a 42% decrease since the parking team carried out the first parking review back in 2010.
- 1.3 Each feasible request was assessed, based on several factors including road safety, localised congestion, effect on emergency services and bus operators and levels of support e.g. supported by county member, local borough/district council, high resident demand etc.

2 **REVIEW OF RESTRICTIONS**

2.1 The review was carried out in two stages: -

Stage one being an initial "desktop" exercise, which involved eradicating requests for refreshment of existing restrictions only and requests for restrictions which were either clearly not practical or feasible.

Stage two involved site visits to all remaining locations, which were assessed using the criteria outlined above.

- 2.2 Following stage two of the review, some suggestions and requests were not progressed due to there being insufficient evidence to suggest there was a parking problem which warranted restrictions, or where no feasible or practical solution was found.
- 2.3 The locations where officers consider new or amended restrictions may be of benefit are listed below.

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Relevant drawing numbers in brackets)

CAMBERLEY EAST

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St George's Road (1322)

Convert the limited waiting bay closest to the High Street junction to a disabled badge holders only bay. Local disability groups requested that more disabled bays be introduced around the High Street. There is currently already a large provision of disabled parking bays in the High Street, although these can often be full. It is therefore proposed to increase this provision to meet with current demand.

Portesbery Road (1322)

Convert the shared use parking bays located outside numbers 26 to 38 to 'permit holders only' parking bays to help residents with limited or no off street parking find somewhere to park. The bays chosen are by properties that require on street parking more than other properties in the street due to having less off street parking.

London Road Service Road (1321)

Convert part of the limited waiting bay outside numbers 125 to 139 to 'permit holders only'. This will make it easier for residents who live in nearby flats located above shops etc to find somewhere to park.

Middle Gordon Road (1326)

Convert the existing shared use parking bay outside number 58 to a disabled parking bay. Number 56 offers residential care for people with learning difficulties and often has visitors who are blue badge holders.

CAMBERLEY WEST

Appley Drive (1325)

Convert all single yellow lines to double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking occurring outside of the Controlled Parking Zone hours. Currently, in the evenings, residents of nearby flats and visitors to the area park in Appley Drive and make traffic flow difficult. There is a care home located at the end of Appley Drive that can require visits from ambulances and it is crucial that the road is kept clear at all times. The double yellow lines will also improve access and sight lines for the two staggered entrances in Appley Drive to Wellington Close and Appley Court, and the main junction with The Avenue.

Alexandra Avenue (1332)

By the entrance to Oakfields, introduce double yellow lines to improve access and sight lines on the entrance.

Frimley Road (1340)

By the entrance to the private slip road section of Frimley Road that leads to Whins Drive and Crondall Court, introduce double yellow lines to prevent parking and maintain access and sight lines for vehicles accessing this road. There is a pub located nearby and its visitors have been known to park in the vicinity of this access causing obstructions.

Frimley Road j/w Watchetts Drive (1343)

Extend the existing double yellow lines into Watchetts Drive to maintain road safety and sight lines on the junction.

Field Lane j/w Alphington Avenue (1362)

Introduce double yellow lines on the junction to maintain road safety and sight lines.

Sheridan Road j/w Trafford Road, Coombe Close and Shamrock Close (1373)

Introduce double yellow lines on these junctions to maintain sight lines and road safety. In addition, opposite the junction with Trafford Road, introduce double yellow lines on the bend to maintain road safety and sight lines.

HEATHERSIDE AND PARKSIDE

Farm Road j/w Meadway (1372)

Introduce double yellow lines on the junction to maintain road safety and sight lines.

Blythwood Drive j/w Badgerwood Drive (1367)

Introduce double yellow lines to maintain sight lines and road safety on the junction. The lines will continue on one side of Blythwood Drive up to number 27 to prevent parking opposite the junction to the cul-de-sac.

Badgerwood Drive (1367)

Introduce double yellow lines on the bend by numbers 16 and 37 to maintain sight lines and road safety. The lines will continue on one side up to number 26 to prevent parking on both sides of the road between the two bends.

High Beeches (1367,1345)

Extend the single yellow line on the south side southwards up to number 27 to maintain two-way traffic flow where the restrictions on both sides are currently staggered but end too close together. In addition, and to compensate for this extension, extend the single yellow line on the north side southwards up to number 20 to also maintain two way traffic flow. Finally,

extend the single yellow line by Denton Way southwards up to number 3 High Beeches to prevent parking opposite the junction with Badgerwood Drive.

Badgerwood Drive j/w High Beeches (1345)

Opposite numbers 2 to 12 Badgerwood Drive extend the double yellow lines at both ends to leave a two car gap in the center to improve traffic flow between the bend and the junction with High Beeches.

Greenleas (1365)

Introduce a single yellow line to cover the entire cul-de-sac (excluding the junction which is already covered by double yellow lines). This will help keep the road clear for residents using their driveways and for vehicles using the turning area at the end of the road.

Blythwood Drive j/w Wilders Close (1365)

Introduce double yellow lines on both sides of the bend and junction to maintain sight lines and road safety.

Bayfield Avenue j/w Overdale Rise (1365)

Introduce double yellow lines on the junction to maintain road safety and sight lines.

BISLEY, CHOBHAM AND WEST END

South Road, Bisley (1374)

On the bend outside numbers 51 to 54 introduce double yellow lines to maintain road safety and sight lines on this section of road. In addition, introduce double yellow lines on the corners by **Mainstone Road** to maintain access and sight lines.

Bowling Green Road, Chobham (1375)

On the north side of the bend between Oakhurst and Windsor Court Road introduce double yellow lines to maintain access and sight lines for all traffic including buses that use this road.

Chertsey Road Service Road, Chobham (1312)

Introduce limited waiting bays on the south side of the service road to allow a turnover of visitors to the shops by preventing long term parking. The north side will remain unrestricted. In addition, introduce double yellow lines by the uncontrolled dropped crossing point at the Barnmead end of the service road, extending into Barnmead to maintain access and sight lines.

WINDLESHAM

A30 London Road, Bagshot (No Drawing)

South of the junctions with Park Street and Park View there are two bus stops (northbound and southbound) with bus stop clearways that are no longer required by any bus service. It is therefore proposed to revoke these bus stop markings.

Other Locations Assessed

The following list provides the roads where we received one or more requests that were assessed and considered not appropriate to introduce permanent parking controls at this time. This is because of various reasons and there are a number of roads on this list that will be re-visited as part of the next review. Requests can relate to a specific part of the road rather than the road in general, so even though a road is listed it does not necessarily mean that all parking situations in that road have been assessed. While every effort has been made to ensure this list is as accurate as possible, there may have been locations that do not appear in this list due to the fact that it was considered along with a nearby road during the assessment. If further clarification is sought please contact Surrey County Council's Parking Team.

Street Name	Town	Street Name	Town
Park Road	Camberley	The Hatches	Frimley Green
Yorktown Way	Camberley	Milden Gardens	Frimley Green
Cromwell Road	Camberley	Gresham Way	Frimley Green
Cumberland Road	Camberley	Cross Lane	Frimley Green
Greenhill Road	Camberley	Sturt Road	Frimley Green
Harcourt Road	Camberley	Mytchett Road	Mytchett
Upper Chobham Road	Camberley	Coleford Bridge Road	Mytchett
Georgian close	Camberley	Mytchett Place Road	Mytchett
Collingwood Rise	Camberley	Haining Gardens	Mytchett
Portesbery Road	Camberley	Windsor Court Road	Chobham
Heatherley Road	Camberley	Shaftesbury Road	Bisley
The Avenue	Camberley	Hawthorn Way	Bisley
Upper College Ride	Camberley	Gardenia Drive	West End
Chapel Road	Camberley	Guildford Road	Lightwater
Southern Road	Camberley	Green Lane	Bagshot
Victoria Avenue	Camberley	Cedar Close	Bagshot
Walker Ridge	Camberley	Arthur Close	Bagshot
Grove Cross Road	Frimley	Jenkins Hill	Bagshot
The Close	Frimley	Station Road	Bagshot
Gilbert Road	Frimley	Updown Hill	Windlesham
Old Bisley Road	Frimley	Hatton Hill	Windlesham
Denton Way	Frimley		

4 STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Subject to approval and budget provision being made available for 2013/14, it is anticipated that the formal advertising process involving

notices in local newspapers and at proposed locations, will take place in Spring/Summer 2013.

- 4.2 Plans illustrating the amended restrictions will also be placed on deposit in local libraries and the Surrey Heath Borough Council offices during this time. This will provide the opportunity for any interested parties to lodge objections, if they do not agree with the proposals.
- 4.3 The Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager will consider and try to resolve any objections. If there are unresolved objections, they will be dealt with, in accordance with the county council's constitution, by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the relevant County Councillor.
- 4.4 Subject to approval, notices will then appear in local newspapers confirming that the County Council has made the Traffic Regulation order.
- 4.5 Finally, the new and amended parking restriction road markings and associated time plates will be installed on the ground in Summer 2013.

5 **OBJECTIONS**

- 5.1 Once the amendment order is advertised, people have 28 days to lodge views and objections.
- 5.2 Objections can relate to the introduction of a new restriction. In cases where there is a coherent argument for not introducing a proposed restriction, it may be omitted, and the traffic order can proceed to be made for the other restrictions without the need to re-advertise.
- 5.3 If restrictions are to be added to those initially advertised, regulations require that these new restrictions must be advertised afresh with the relevant time delay and costs being incurred. For this reason no additional restrictions can be added through the objection process.

6 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The cost of carrying out borough/district parking reviews (officer time) is met by the Parking Team. However, implementation costs are met from Local Committee budgets. The estimated cost of advertising and introducing the restrictions described in this report is £15,000.

7 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications for this report.
 8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS
- 8.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the restrictions.

9 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex A. They will make a positive impact towards:-
 - Road safety
 - Access for emergency vehicles
 - Access for refuse vehicles
 - Easing traffic congestion
 - Better regulated parking

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

10.1 Subject to approval of the committee and budgetary provision being made available, the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and the restrictions implemented.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

There are none.