



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

### PARKING SCHEMES UPDATE

21 JANUARY 2008

#### KEY ISSUE

To update the Committee on progress with the parking schemes and to make Members aware of the changes that will be brought about by the introduction of the Traffic Management Act (2004).

To make Committee aware of existing resource issues and the possibility of requiring a consultancy to progress a controlled parking scheme in Walton-on-Thames.

#### SUMMARY

This report outlines the various parking schemes that are being progressed by East Surrey Highways.

Furthermore it highlights the fact that changes to existing Legal Orders are necessitated by the introduction of the new Traffic Management Act.

Additionally it informs Committee of a possible need to employ a consultancy to undertake the design and consultation associated with progressing a controlled parking scheme within Walton-on-Thames.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

**The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree to:**

- (i) Note the information contained in the report.

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The introduction of the Traffic Management Act (2004) has necessitated certain changes to our existing Orders and legal documentation. The process of Decriminalized Parking Enforcement (DPE) has become Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) and as such Parking Attendants are now Civil Enforcement Officers. All such changes do not require existing Orders to be re-advertised though it does put an additional strain on our Legal Team, as they are committed to making all necessary amendments by April 2008. All new Orders will be processed in accordance with the new Traffic Management Act.
- 1.2 Responses from the Walton-on-Thames Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation have been analyzed and the details discussed with Local Members. These details are posted on our website and have also formed the basis of a Press Release. Due to a lack of appropriate resources within East Surrey Highways it is possible that a consultancy would need to be employed to progress this work. However a similar project within Mole Valley has been estimated at £120,000 for design and consultation only. Implementation costs would be additional.
- 1.3 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Amendment Order to the Elmbridge DPE Order is being finalized. This will require some additional consultation with Members. Plans detailing the amendments have been produced though the written schedules for the formal advert are outstanding. Once these have been done they will be passed to the Traffic Orders Team for advertising. It is likely that these will be advertised in April as the Legal Clerks are committed to implementing changes brought about by the new Traffic Management Act as explained above.
- 1.4 A letter drop followed by the first public exhibition/consultation for a CPZ within Thames Ditton was undertaken in December, with a second planned for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. There was a mixed reception at the exhibition though officers will have a better idea of overall opinion when responses are analyzed at the beginning of February. A letter drop and public exhibition specifically for roads surrounding the proposed CPZ will be arranged for early February with a view to taking a report to a future Committee.
- 1.5 Officers are currently finalising the consultation documents for an extension to the existing CPZ in Weybridge. A letter drop will be arranged for the beginning of February 2008.
- 1.6 The controlled parking zone (CPZ) for Esher has been formally advertised and no objections received. As crossing-related works were also planned within Esher over the Christmas period it was agreed by the Task Group to delay the implementation of the CPZ. An Order has been raised with the constructor and it is anticipated that work will start shortly.

## **2 OPTIONS**

- 2.1 None.

## **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 Appropriate consultations with the DPE Operational Task Group and local divisional members will be carried out prior to any proposed changes to waiting restrictions being formally advertised.

## **4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The implementation of the Esher CPZ and consultations in Thames Ditton and Weybridge will be funded from the 2007/08 LTP Capital Budget.
- 4.2 It is possible that a sum of £120,000 would be required to commission a consultancy to undertake the design and consultation for a controlled parking scheme in Walton-on-Thames. This may need to be taken into account when setting the LTP allocation for 2008/09.

## **5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Not Applicable.

## **6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Not Applicable.

## **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Due to a lack of appropriate resources within East Surrey Highways it is likely that external support would be required to progress a controlled parking scheme for Walton-on-Thames.

## **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

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