



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(ELMBRIDGE)**

**LETTER OF REPRESENTATION – WOLSEY ROAD, EAST
MOLESEY**

27 JULY 2009

KEY ISSUE

To update members on the investigations carried out and conclusions, following the letter of representation to the March meeting of this Committee.

SUMMARY

This report updates members following the letter of representation received at the March meeting, accompanied by a verbal representation by the lead petitioner, requesting the introduction of residents and controlled parking along Wolsey Road.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the content of this report.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members are reminded that a letter of representation was submitted to the March 2009 meeting of the Local Committee, requesting the introduction of parking controls along Wolsey Road. The main desire of the residents is to prevent long term parking by users of Hampton Court railway station.
- 1.2 The letter of representation included a request for a restriction prohibiting waiting at any time at the junction of Wolsey Road and Church Road.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 As well as the problem of commuter parking filling the road with parked cars from early in the morning to late in the evening, residents also experience problems entering and leaving their driveways because cars are parked too close to, and sometimes partially in front of, the dropped kerbs. This is exacerbated by the considerable camber on this road.
- 2.2 At the end of Wolsey Road, there is a local shopping centre, and more free space in Wolsey Road would allow increased parking for users of the shops and restaurants.
- 2.3 In addition the continuous presence of a large number of vehicles throughout the day makes it very difficult for Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey County Council to carry out their statutory duties with regard to keeping the road clean and well-maintained. The petition is supported by a letter from Elmbridge Borough Council's Environmental Services confirming the difficulties in carrying out street cleaning.
- 2.4 The purpose of a prohibition on waiting at any time at the junction of Wolsey Road and Church Road is to improve the lines of sight for drivers using this junction, which is a particular problem at the beginning and end of the school day when there are often cars parked on the corner.
- 2.5 An initial look at the site has confirmed the situation as expressed in the petition and the location has been added to a list of sites for further assessment.
- 2.6 Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Group undertake site assessments on a phased basis with a view to making a number of changes in any one area at the same time. If their assessment results include a proposal to introduce a parking scheme in Wolsey Road, this will be initially considered by the Decriminalised Parking Task Group, and then, subject to this group's approval, included

in a report which will be submitted to the Local Committee at a future meeting.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 If the Local Committee approved the proposal to progress the scheme, consultation with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders would take place in order to determine the most appropriate solution. As part of the statutory process of making a traffic regulation order, Surrey Police and other emergency services would also be consulted.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If the scheme were to be progressed, it would need to be funded along with any other amendments which resulted from a review of the list of sites for further assessment, from the Local Transport Plan allocation, which is the subject of another report to this meeting of the Local Committee.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The proposals for parking controls in Wolsey Road have been added to a list of sites in Elmbridge which will be assessed further by Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Group.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 The results of this assessment will be reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

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