



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW

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KEY ISSUE

To seek authority to make a new Traffic Regulation Order to make the temporary traffic management measures in place during the Hampton Court Flower Show enforceable by the police and the civil enforcement officers.

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to advertise the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to impose waiting restrictions and certain prescribed routes on certain roads and lengths of roads in the Borough of Elmbridge during the period when the Hampton Court Flower Show is taking place.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree:

- (i) That approval be given to advertise the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to impose the various traffic measures as described in Annex A; and
- (ii) If no objections are received the Traffic Regulation Order be made.
- (iii) If there are any unresolved objections they will be considered in accordance with the County Council's constitution.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Hampton Court Flower Show is a major public event attracting over 155,000 visitors each year. Traffic Management has been organised in previous years by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBR) in order to deal with the number of visitors visiting by car and bus. The Flower Show takes place in the first full week of July every year (6-11 July 2010).
- 1.2 A 'joint' Traffic Management Order was made in 1998 by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to impose certain restrictions during the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. However, an agreement under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 would have been required to cover the restrictions within the County of Surrey. Unfortunately, no trace of such an agreement can be found by either Surrey County Council (SCC) or the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.
- 1.3 The 1998 Order also makes reference to the Metropolitan Police whereas all of Surrey became the responsibility of the Surrey Police in 2000.
- 1.4 In 2006 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (now Civil Parking Enforcement) was introduced in the Borough of Elmbridge. Unfortunately the 1998 Order made by LBR was not amended to take this into account, leaving enforcement of the waiting restrictions with the police. The effect of this and the point mentioned in paragraph 1.2 above is to render the 1998 order unenforceable in Surrey.
- 1.5 Various meetings have been held between officers of SCC, LBR, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)(who are responsible for organising the Flower Show) and it has been agreed that two new orders need to be made to deal with the problems described above. Additionally, since 1998 some changes have been made to the various traffic management measures.
- 1.6 It has come to light that an order is in place for a rural clearway on Hampton Court Bridge and Hampton Court Way. However this has been in place since 1967 and has never been signed and has therefore not been enforceable. The police have now agreed that this order can be revoked.

2 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The details of the proposals are given in Annex A to this Report.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 RHS has agreed to cover the costs of making the order and for any extra enforcement required.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications arising from this report

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the restrictions

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 If the Committee agrees to the recommendations, the proposed temporary traffic management will be implemented each year during the Hampton Court Flower Show

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 As per paragraph 1 and Annex A.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 Subject to approval of the Committee, the Traffic Regulation Order will be made and the restrictions implemented during the Hampton Court Flower Show.

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