



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

EMBRIDGE PARKING REVIEW AND SCHEMES 2010

1 MARCH 2010

KEY ISSUE

To consider the implementation of new waiting and loading restrictions and amendments to existing restrictions at various locations across the borough, to address safety issues and parking difficulties.

SUMMARY

This report outlines the locations that the County's Parking Strategy and Implementation Group (PSIG), recommend should be progressed for further stakeholder engagement and formal advertisement with a view to introducing new or amending existing parking controls (as outlined in Annex A).

In addition to the locations across the borough, recommendations are also enclosed of the proposals for the Thames Ditton parking scheme (as detailed in Annex B), and Windmill Lane Area parking scheme (detailed in Annex C).

Annexes A, B and C will be circulated separately to this report and will also be available on the Surrey County Council website prior to the Local Committee meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree:

- (i) Further consultation and stakeholder engagement to be conducted at locations at which there will be a substantial change in the parking controls.
- (ii) That in accordance with the recommendations in Annexes A, B and C that the necessary legal procedure be undertaken, including advertising the proposals in the local press - and that new traffic regulation orders are to be made, and amendments are made where necessary to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The list of new suggestions was closed when last parking review commenced, and the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group has since been maintaining a database of the new parking requests.
- 1.2 New parking requests and suggestions are considered on a phased basis in each borough with all the new suggestions being considered over a period of two to three months. The parking review within the borough commenced in December 2009, and since then all of the locations on the database have been assessed and recommendations made on how to proceed (as outlined in Annex A).
- 1.3 Following the decision of the Local Committee in December 2008, it was resolved that the Windmill Lane area parking scheme should be progressed in the 2009/10 financial year. The Windmill Lane area has been assessed and recommendations on how to proceed are included in Annex B.
- 1.4 In 2007, the community of Thames Ditton was consulted on proposals for a Controlled Parking Zone. PSIG has conducted review of this project and new proposals have been developed. Officer recommendations on how to proceed are included in Annex C.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Annexes A, B & C outline the Officer recommendations on how to proceed with each location within the borough, following the parking requests made.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Agree the recommendations as outlined in Annexes, A, B & C and proceed with the stakeholder engagement exercises, and the statutory process for introducing parking controls.

- 3.2 Amend the recommendations in Annexes A, B & C and proceed with the stakeholder engagement exercises, and the statutory process for introducing parking controls.
- 3.3 The parking controls could remain unaltered, however, this will not resolve any of the current parking difficulties.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Since September 2009, meetings have taken place with some of the County Councillors, with resident association representatives and other stakeholders to discuss various elements of the proposals. The Parking Task Group has also been consulted and has helped develop the proposals contained in the Annexes to this report.
- 4.2 Further consultation will be necessary with residents and other stakeholders most affected by the new proposals. In addition to the requirements of the statutory process, street notices will be displayed at the locations where there are proposals.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 At this time the budgets for the next financial year have not been finalised.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications within this report.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the locations requiring parking controls as identified in Annexes A, B and C, be progressed so that the current parking difficulties highlighted within the borough can be resolved. The main reasons are as follows:-

- to improve road safety
- to assist with access for emergency vehicles
- to aid access for refuse vehicles
- to ease congestion and improve the environment for residents
- to improve parking facilities for the disabled

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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- 9.1 Following further consultation, further amendments will be made to the proposals in close consultation with the Parking Task Group.
- 9.2 If the Parking Task Group directs or if additional restrictions are required a report will be brought back to the Local Committee for consideration prior to making the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 9.3 The proposals will be advertised in accordance with the statutory process and a new Traffic Regulation Order will be made and amendments made to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee Report 'Petition Windmill Lane, Long Ditton', 8 December 2008