



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Elmbridge)

ON STREET PARKING AMENDMENTS

27th February 2012

KEY ISSUE

To consider two minor amendments to the parking controls in Elmbridge and to update members on progress in other areas.

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.

This report also contains recommendations for other amendments relating to parking controls and traffic regulations orders in Elmbridge.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) the residents of Ash Island should be removed from eligibility for permits in the East Molesey controlled parking zone (CPZ) and included in eligibility for permits in the Area G permit scheme (in Hurst Road, Riverbank and Feltham Avenue)

- (ii) changes to the TRO should be advertised to bring the area G business permits in line with the East Molesey CPZ ones, as described in paragraphs 1.5 and 1.6
- (iii) changes to the visitor permit allocations should be advertised, as described in paragraph 1.7 and 1.8
- (iv) an amendment to the previously agreed proposals for French Gardens in Cobham should be advertised, as described in paragraph 1.9
- (v) eligibility for permits in the Cedar Road/Spencer Road CPZ in Cobham being extended to residents in premises in the High Street, Cobham should be advertised
- (vi) the additional changes that have already been advertised and are described in paragraph 1.12 are noted
- (vii) bus stop clearways are installed in Walton Road, West Molesey (outside and opposite the Royal Mail sorting office), and in New Road, West Molesey (outside number 14 and opposite number 8).

1 INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

2010 Parking Review

- 1.1 In 2010 this committee agreed to a number of changes to parking controls across Elmbridge, including the removal of parts of River Bank and Hurst Road and the whole of Feltham Avenue from the East Molesey controlled parking zone (CPZ). These roads were instead included in their own permit scheme, known as area G. This change was introduced following a consultation exercise in which residents in these roads expressed a clear desire to have very different and longer operational hours than their counterparts in rest of the CPZ.
- 1.2 Unfortunately, owing to a technicality when amending the traffic regulation order (TRO), the residents of Ash Island remained eligible for permits in the remaining CPZ and were not eligible for permits in the new area G. The only access to land from the island is via a footbridge, which joins the mainland by Molesey lock, near the western junction of River Bank and Feltham Avenue. It therefore makes more sense for the residents of Ash Island to be able to park in area G rather than in the CPZ.
- 1.3 Therefore with the consent of the chairman and vice chairman of the committee and the relevant county councillor, on 9 February we advertised our intention to amend the appropriate TROs to allow for this change to take place. We have allowed the statutory 21 days for any objections to be raised, taking us up to 1 March.

- 1.4 We are therefore now seeking the approval of the committee for any objections to be resolved and/or considered in line with the county council's constitution by the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team manager, in consultation with the chairman and vice chairman of the committee and the relevant county councillor, and thereafter for the appropriate changes to the TROs to be made.

2011 Parking Review

- 1.5 On 28 November 2011 this committee agreed in principle to further amendments to parking controls across Elmbridge, subject to the completion of the formal legal process. These included changes to the business permits in the East Molesey CPZ, namely to restrict the issue of permits to vehicles essential for business use, to limit their waiting time, to increase the cost to £500 per annum and to limit their use to the bays in Bridge Street, Creek Road and Hampton Court Parade only.
- 1.6 There are however some business permits which have been issued to premises in the new area G and these were not originally covered by the changes described in the previous paragraph. This is an unintentional anomaly and so we are seeking the approval of the committee to make the same changes to the business permits in area G.
- 1.7 The committee also agreed on 28 November 2011 to introduce new permit allocation limits, in all the permit schemes in Elmbridge, in line with the parking strategy in the Surrey Transport Plan. Although this was intended to apply to visitors' permits as well as residents' permits, the change for visitors' permits was not detailed in the report. For clarity, we are therefore asking the committee to approve the raising of the maximum number of visitors permits available per household per year from 30 to 120.
- 1.8 Although this increase should meet the needs of residents, there may be extraordinary circumstances, where a resident may need additional visitors permits, above the 120 limit. We would therefore like the committee to agree that more than 120 visitors permits can be issued to a household in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the local parking manager, in consultation with the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team manager, and with the written consent of the chairman of this committee.
- 1.9 Included in the proposals agreed on 28 November 2011 was the introduction of some new double yellow lines to prohibit waiting at any time on the bend in French Gardens in Cobham. However following discussions with the county councillor for this division, who had been indisposed at the time of the November meeting, we would like the committee to approve an amended version of that proposal with the restriction extending on the east side from the end of the road up to and

including the frontage of number 7, and on the west side along the entire frontages of numbers 18-21, as shown in the drawings in Annex A.

- 1.10 As a result of the changes to the parking in the High Street in Cobham, described in paragraph 1.13, the committee is asked to approve extending eligibility to apply for permits in the Spencer Road/Cedar Road CPZ to those living in residential premises on the High Street.

Additional advertised changes

- 1.11 Also on 28 November 2011, this committee considered a report on options around the introduction of on street parking charges in Elmbridge. The committee agreed not to introduce any charges, but also agreed that some amendments to the parking controls that had been advertised alongside the charging proposals should still proceed.
- 1.12 The committee agreed that these changes should be decided by the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team manager, in consultation with the chairman and vice chairman of this committee and the relevant county councillors. This has taken place and it has been agreed that the following should go ahead:
- Limited waiting parking bays should be introduced in the High Street and Church Street, Cobham, the disabled bays in front of Holly Parade in the High Street should be moved to outside number 22, and additional restrictions on waiting should be introduced in the High Street, Church Street and Mill Road as shown in the drawings in Annex B.
 - Additional resident permit holder parking bays should be introduced in Hillcrest as shown in the drawing in Annex C.
 - In the slip roads alongside Esher High Street sections of single yellow lines, on which it would be inappropriate to park at any time, should be changed to double yellow lines, as shown in the drawing in Annex D.
 - The hours of operation in the East Molesey CPZ should be changed to Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, and the bays in Creek Road, Bridge Road and Hampton Court parade should have the same operational hours and should change from being for permit holders only to being for permit holders or for a 3 hour maximum stay with no return within 2 hours.

Bus stop clearways

- 1.13 Although the introduction of bus stop clearways does not require an amendment to a traffic regulation order, the local committee is asked to approve their introduction, as people who park on an operational bus stop clearway may be issued with a penalty charge notice.

- 1.14 The county council's Passenger Transport Team has asked the committee to agree that bus stop clearways are introduced at the following locations: Walton Road, West Molesey (outside and opposite the Royal Mail sorting office), and in New Road, West Molesey (outside number 14 and opposite number 8).

2 CONSULTATIONS

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with county councillors and resident association representatives and other stakeholders to discuss various elements of the proposals. All the proposed new TRO amendments, as described in paragraphs 1.5 to 1.10 will be subject to statutory consultation and public advertisement, in line with the requirements of the statutory process.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 At this time the budgets for the next financial year have not been finalised. The costs of making the necessary changes in respect of the residents of Ash Island and the already advertised changes can be met from existing funding. The bus stop clearways are funded by the Passenger Transport Group.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

6 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The recommendations in the report should be agreed. The main reasons are as follows:
- Improve amenity for residents
 - Standardise regulations for business and visitor permits

7 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 7.1 The changes in respect of the residents of Ash Island are introduced, subject to the appropriate conclusion of the statutory process.

- 7.2 The agreed new amendments to the existing parking controls are advertised in accordance with the statutory process.
- 7.3 The additional (already advertised) changes are introduced.
- 7.4 The bus stop clearways are introduced.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee report: 2011 Parking Review – 28 November 2011
Local Committee report: On Street Parking Charges Update - 28 November 2011