

ANNEXE 8

Surrey Heath

Camberley is the main town in Surrey Heath and has a high retail offer and the majority of on street charges are therefore proposed in this area.

The Chairman of the Local Committee informed the Task group that the proposals had not yet been discussed with the Local committee, which was met with some surprise. However, one of the reported concerns is the poor extent of enforcement locally, with restrictions often ignored and hence CPZs ineffective, which of course is a matter for Surrey Heath Borough Council.

It was reported that whilst there would be some who would always be inclined to reject the proposals, it was considered likely that the Local Committee would support the introduction of on street charging as it would encourage greater use of the car parks, which are currently under used and also encourage 'churn' around the town centre - although the shopkeepers would initially be unlikely to be convinced. A free period is not considered necessary, and the tariffs are generally set at a higher level than the off street car parks, particularly in the High Street which is very convenient for the town centre.

Some adjustments are recommended to the tariff level in roads further from the town centre to take account of school traffic, free parking in the leisure centre and as longer term parking for local workers or shoppers.

Members were surprised that Frimley had not been included, particularly on the Portsmouth Rd and in Frimley town centre.

Many residents in streets surrounding Frimley Park Hospital and Siemens Offices are pressing for resident parking schemes and the TG felt that the introduction of on street charging without catering for residents in the area would lead to many problems. It is recommended that a residents parking scheme for this area be progressed separately through the Local Committee, but should be addressed with some urgency. There are few shops in Frimley High Street, a supermarket with free parking and the nearby Burrell Road Car Park (off High St) has 2 hours free parking, where it is then 40p per hour thereafter, so on street charging was not seen as viable.

Although Chobham is on a main road it is not considered that on-street charging is appropriate at the moment, due to the limited demand given the few shops and currently few parking restrictions.

On-street charging would require a large amount of additional restrictions to control any displacement and hence lead to 'urbanisation'.

Bagshot is a relatively small shopping area with a nearby supermarket; 2 hours free parking available in public car park, where after it is then 40p per hour. However, the Task group felt that parking charges could be included to help improve enforcement efficiency and churn with a medium tariff and a free 30-minute period.

Again, any displacement issues should be tackled during the review period.