



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
EPSOM & EWELL**

**REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS
IN THE BOROUGH OF
EPSOM & EWELL**

31st OCTOBER 2005

KEY ISSUE

To consider proposals to undertake a review of yellow line Waiting Restrictions throughout the Borough of Epsom and Ewell.

SUMMARY

To note the proposed method of undertaking the review of yellow line Waiting Restrictions throughout the Borough of Epsom and Ewell and to agree to the appointment of a Members Working Group consisting of all five County Members in addition to Borough Council Member representation as agreed at the meeting, to consider and agree any additions or amendments.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- i. That a Members Working Group consisting of all five County Members in addition to Borough Council Member representation as agreed at the meeting, be asked to consider the results of the parking surveys and the outstanding list of requests for additional Waiting Restrictions and to agree which locations might meet the approved parking objectives as set out in the County Council's Manual of Policies and Standards.
- ii. That, following the agreement of the Members Working Group, a further report be considered by the Local Committee to agree the process of advertising the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders for Public comment.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) commenced in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell on 4 April 2005. This transferred the enforcement of yellow line Waiting Restrictions from Surrey Police to Surrey County Council.
- 1.2 Surrey County Council entered into an agreement with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council for the Borough to undertake on street parking enforcement on their behalf, using the Borough's Parking Attendants. Initially warning notices were issued with DPE enforcement starting on 3 May 2005.
- 1.3 At the meeting of the Local Committee held on 12 May 2003 and in anticipation of the introduction of DPE in Epsom and Ewell, Members agreed to implement a moratorium on the introduction of new or the amendment of existing Waiting Restrictions until the effect of DPE on driver behaviour could be studied.
- 1.4 There is an obvious expectation that with more efficient enforcement, there is a likelihood that parking will migrate. It has therefore always been envisaged that a review of Waiting Restrictions should take place about 6 months after the commencement of DPE.
- 1.5 Surrey County Council's Transportation Select Committee considered a report on the progress of DPE at their meeting held on 6 October 2005. A copy of the report to the Transportation Select Committee is attached at Annexe 1.

2. DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS.

- 2.1 Since the commencement of the moratorium and following the start of enforcement under DPE, there have been many requests from both residents and Members to consider the provision of additional Waiting Restrictions at particular locations. A detailed list of these requests has been kept up to date.
- 2.2 In addition to considering this list, there is a need to undertake a separate parking survey to establish the extent of the parking migration and whether this is adversely affecting other Highway users.
- 2.3 The introduction of any new Waiting Restrictions, or amendments to existing Waiting Restrictions can only be agreed when one or more of the objectives set out in the On Street Parking Policy included in the Manual of Policies and Standards (MAPS) have been met. A copy of these objectives is attached at Annexe 2.
- 2.4 Consideration can also be given to amending existing Waiting Restrictions to alter limits or to change the time of the restriction, for example to include evenings and to introduce Sunday restrictions.
- 2.5 Requests have been received to consider additional restrictions throughout the Borough. It is therefore proposed that a Members Working Group is formed, consisting of all five County Members in addition to Borough Council Member representation as agreed at the meeting. This Members Working Group will be asked to consider the results of the parking surveys and the outstanding list of requests and agree which locations might meet the parking objectives. The availability of finite resources to undertake enforcement will also need to be considered.
- 2.6 The opportunity can also be taken to review the justification for any particular existing yellow line Waiting Restrictions and amend the Traffic Regulation Order to remove the yellow line where considered unnecessary.
- 2.7 The aim of this Waiting Restriction review is to correct historical anomalies and to produce a consistent and realistic system of on street parking control, taking into account the growth in vehicular traffic and new usage patterns including the school run. The review will also meet the parking objectives as set out in MAPS and comply with the overall parking strategy.
- 2.8 Following consideration by the Members Working Group, a further report will be prepared for the Local Committee seeking agreement to advertising the necessary Traffic Regulation Order for Public comment.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All costs associated with the Waiting Restriction review will be met from existing budgets.

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Although a list of outstanding requests received from both residents and Members has been kept up to date, there is a need to undertake further parking surveys to establish the extent of parking migration.
- 4.2 There is a need for a Members Working Group to consider the results of the parking surveys and the outstanding list of requests and to consider if the objectives set out in the parking policy are met.
- 4.3 A further report will then be prepared for consideration by the Local Committee seeking agreement to advertising the necessary Traffic Regulation Order for Public comment.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:
