



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

**PHASE 4 WAITING RESTRICTION
PROPOSALS**

02 MARCH 2009

KEY ISSUE:

To seek members approval to progress the fourth phase of waiting restriction amendments at various locations around the Borough since the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in 2006 and to approve Terms of Reference for the Parking Task Group.

SUMMARY:

Since the Introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in May 2005, new waiting restrictions in Epsom and Ewell have been introduced in 3 tranches, the last of which (Phase 3) is likely to be implemented during March 2009.

This report details the locations and general proposals for the Phase 4 waiting restriction review to be progressed in 2009/10 and seeks approval to carry out statutory consultation of the proposals.

Advice has been received that any Task Group of the Local Committee should be given terms of reference, which are approved on an annual basis. This report also seeks approval of terms of reference for the Parking Task Group during 2009/10.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to agree :

- a) That the proposed waiting restrictions listed in ANNEXE 1 are finalised by the Parking Task Group and advertised in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- b) The terms of reference for the Parking Task Group in ANNEXE 2.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Initially, following the introduction of DPE in Epsom and Ewell waiting restrictions were prioritised into Phases 1, 2 and 3. Phases 1 and 2 have been implemented with Phase 3 to be completed by April 2009. Reports on this subject have been presented to this Committee on 23rd January 2006, 31st July 2006, 12 February 2007 and 15 September 2008.
- 1.2 Changes to the highway network, the built environment and society mean that parking behaviour changes and consequently it is necessary for a Highway Authority to carry out regular reviews of waiting and parking restrictions on the highway network. In Epsom and Ewell as with most other Borough's and Districts in Surrey this is now done annually.
- 1.3 A Task Group has been formed to help carry out this process. This consists of all the Surrey County Councillors, The Chairman of the Epsom and Ewell Environment Committee and the Local Highway Manager.
- 1.4 Local Committee's have been advised to give their Task Groups terms of reference. This report also seeks Members' approval to the terms of reference for the Parking Task Group for 2009/10. These are contained in ANNEXE 2.
- 1.5 The Task Group met on the 13 October 2008 and agreed a number of waiting restriction proposals for Phase 4 at various locations around the Borough that should be investigated by the County's Parking Team. This has now been carried out and the recommendation of the Parking Team for each location is contained in ANNEXE 1

2.0 ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

- 2.1 The proposals for new or revised parking restrictions in each location have been investigated and the outline recommendations of the Parking Team are contained in ANNEXE 1.
- 2.2 Due to the number of locations and the statutory consultation process it is unlikely that any of the restrictions will be implemented before 2010.

3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Some of the locations in ANNEXE 1 need further investigation. Following this informal consultation with Councillors, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, residents and businesses will be carried out before starting the statutory consultation process in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act.
- 3.2 The Parking Task Group will meet at various stages to discuss the proposals before and after they are formally advertised. A report will be brought to the Local Committee at a later date detailing the results of the consultation and seeking approval of the proposals for implementation.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of developing and implementing the proposals detailed on the attached plans could be £60,000. This would need to be met from the 2009/10 Devolved LTP budget or Local Allocation and agreed at a later date by the Local Committee.
- 4.2 Epsom and Ewell Borough Council carry out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions for Surrey County Council. The County Council ultimately has to pay for on street enforcement so any new restrictions should be carefully considered to make sure they do not place a burden on the existing enforcement costs. For example small areas of isolated restriction are unlikely to receive high levels of enforcement.

5.0 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Well planned and managed parking restrictions can help reduce congestion, change travel behaviour and help businesses by improving accessibility for their customers.

6.0 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Well managed on street parking arrangements can help improve the street scene and contribute towards making Surrey's roads safer for all users.

7.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 As part of these proposals it will be possible to improve accessibility to some locations for blue badge holders by introducing disabled bays and for vulnerable road users and pedestrians by reducing obstructive footway parking and parking at junctions.

8. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 New and amended and waiting restrictions are necessary to ensure parking is controlled and regulated on the roads in Epsom and Ewell in order to improve road safety, reduce congestion, improve accessibility and help local businesses.

9. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The waiting restrictions outlined in ANNEXE 1 should be progressed during 2009/10 subject to budget approval and further consultation for the reasons described above.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 Drawings will be prepared showing the proposed waiting restrictions outlined in ANNEXE 1. These will be reviewed by the Parking Task Group prior to formal advertisement of the restrictions in the 2009/10 financial year. A report requesting approval to implement the proposals will be brought to the Local Committee at a later date.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Previous committee papers.
