

WESTCOTT WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW

MOLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE
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KEY ISSUE:

This report details minor anomalies that exist in the waiting restrictions in Westcott with recommendations for resolving these discrepancies. The report also includes suggestions for additional waiting restrictions at two locations for safety reasons.

SUMMARY:

The existing waiting restrictions in Westcott have recently been reviewed by consultants and several anomalies have been found where lengths of waiting restriction marked on site do not have the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. In addition, two other locations are considered to be in need of waiting restrictions to prevent congestion and improve road safety. This report details these discrepancies and additions and makes recommendations for amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order where appropriate.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) that approval be given to publish proposals to amend the Surrey County Council (various Roads in Westcott) (Revocation) and Prohibition of Waiting) (Consolidation) Order 1990 for Furlong Road, St John's Road, Broomfield Park, Logmore Lane and Guildford Road, Westcott all as detailed in the report and that, subject to funding the Order be advertised and that, if no objections are maintained, the Order be made.**

1. INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The waiting restrictions in Westcott have not been reviewed for over 10 years and during this time, discrepancies in the extent of the road marking have taken place.
- 1.2. A recent survey, carried out by consultants, has revealed several instances where the waiting restrictions' road markings on site have either been extended beyond or fall short of the dimensions detailed in the Traffic Regulation Order. It is necessary to remedy this situation so that the whole scheme can be properly enforced.
- 1.3. Where the road markings have been extended, it is in the interest of road safety and for reasonable traffic flow that these remain and become legally incorporated into the Traffic Regulations Order.
- 1.4. Representations have been received in respect of two junctions with the A25, Guildford Road where vehicles park in the side roads and cause congestion, block sightlines and generally create hazardous conditions. These sites need to be addressed to improve safety for emerging drivers.

2. ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 2.1. The waiting restrictions have been extended at three locations, and are too short at another location. These anomalies are shown on the plans attached to this report as **ANNEXE 1**.
- 2.2. The locations of the suggested new proposals are in Broomfield Park and Westcott Heath. These are also shown in **ANNEXE 1**.
- 2.3. The existing double yellow lines on the south-east side of Furlong Road have been extended north-eastwards by 20 metres. If these marking are not retained parked vehicles will again be able to cause congestion and obstruction at this point of a narrow road and it is therefore considered advisable to retain these markings and amend the Traffic Regulation Order accordingly.
- 2.4. The existing Traffic Regulation Order includes a length of 4.6 metres of 'waiting at any time' restriction in St John's Avenue at the junction with Furlong Road. This has been extended on site to 15 metres in order to prevent vehicles parking close to the junction, and causing obstruction and congestion. It is considered sensible to retain these markings and to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to make them legal.

- 2.5 A length of single yellow line waiting restriction is included in the existing Traffic Regulations Order in respect of Nos 2 to 6 Guildford Road. This has been extended on site by 16 metres south-westwards to discourage parking at this location on this busy road. It is also considered prudent to retain this marking and to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include it.
- 2.6 A length of double yellow line of approximately 5 metres is missing on the west side of Furlong Road at its junction with the A25. It is considered appropriate that this is extended in order to help ensure the junction is kept clear.
- 2.7 The access markings in Broomfield Park extend southwards from the junction with A25 Guildford Road but stop before the right-angled bend near the junction. Cars parked in this area create problems by reducing available road widths and blocking sightlines. It is recommended that an existing section of unauthorised double yellow lines be retained and be extended to a point 30 metres from Guildford Road (measured along the centre line of Broomfield Park).
- 2.8 The Logmore Lane junction with A25 Guildford Road is divided into two arms either side of a small grass island. Vehicles frequently park in this area creating access problems especially for larger delivery vehicles. Sightlines are also impaired. To overcome this difficulty it is recommended that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) be provided on both sides of both arms of Logmore Lane extending to a point 46 metres from Guildford Road, as measured along the south-east side of Logmore Lane.

3. CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 A draft copy of this report has been circulated to local Elected Members and Surrey Police for comment. Any comments received will be reported verbally to this meeting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is estimated that the cost of these adjustments will be approximately £5,000, which includes the making of the Traffic Regulation Order. This sum can be met from the Local Transport Plan allocation. At this Committee in April 2003 a sum of £20,000 was assigned to the Dorking Implementation area for parking issues.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no environmental implications

6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no equalities implications

8. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

A number of discrepancies in the lengths of waiting restrictions in Westcott must be corrected by amending the Traffic Regulation Order. Additional waiting restrictions are also suggested in Broomfield Park and Logmore Lane to ensure clear sight lines and no obstruction. It is recommended that all these proposals be published and included in the existing Traffic Regulation Order.

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