

ASHTEAD WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW – STAGE 2

Local Committee for Mole Valley 23 February 2005

KEY ISSUE:

Amendments to Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places in Ashtead were published in January 2004 and installed on site on 30th July 2004. A Working Group has monitored these new measures and now recommends further restrictions to deal with outstanding problems.

SUMMARY:

The Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places in Ashtead were reviewed by a Working Group and proposals for amendments were published in January 2004. The revised restrictions came into force on 30th July 2004 and have since been monitored by the Working Group.

The Working Group met again on 11th January 2005 to confirm previously agreed adjustments to the scheme and to consider further requests for restrictions from the public.

This report sets out the detail of the suggested further amendments together with recommendations from the Working Group for the way forward.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) that proposals to amend the "Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Ashtead) (Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions and Free-on street Parking Places) (No2) Order 2004" as detailed in **Annexe 1** to this report be published and if no objections are maintained the Order be made.
- (ii) that authorisation is given to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Local Members to consider and resolve any objections to the proposals.

1.0 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the meeting of this Committee on 25th July 2001, members agreed to set up a Working Group to review all of the Waiting Restrictions and Free-on Street Parking Places in Ashtead.
- 1.2 The Working Group, made up of Local Elected Members and representatives of local interests, met in 2001 and 2002. A number of proposals designed to improve road safety and improve the local amenities were agreed.
- 1.3 These proposals agreed by the Working Group were published on 15th January 2004 and a number of objections were received, together with general comments and requests for further measures.
- 1.4 A meeting of this committee on the 17th March 2004 received a report detailing all of the objections and comments, and agreed that the Traffic Regulation Order be made with minor amendments, all as recommended by the Working Group.
- 1.5 The Traffic Regulation Order bringing the amended restrictions into effect was finalised on 30th July 2004. This Order was consolidated on 11th August 2004 when D.P.E became effective for this area.

2.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 The Working Group was reconvened on 11th January 2005 in order to review previous requests for further measures, and to also consider the effectiveness of the amended Waiting Restrictions and Free On-Street Parking places implemented on 30th July 2004. The Group also considered the requests received from the public since July 2004.
- 2.2 Proposals, for further amendments, to both Waiting Restrictions and Free-On-Street Parking Places have now been agreed by the Working Group and their recommendations are detailed in a schedule attached to this report as **ANNEXE 1**. These proposals are also shown on plans attached to this report as **ANNEXE 2**.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

3.1 Local District and County Members; representative from Ashtead Residents Association and Local Traders; Surrey Police and other emergency organisations have all been consulted, having formed part of the Working Group.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 It is estimated that the cost of these revisions will be approximately £30,000, which includes the making of the Traffic Regulation Order. This sum can be met from the Local Transport Plan allocation, set aside for parking management.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant environmental implications.

6.0 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no significant crime and disorder implications.

7.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no significant equalities implications.

CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed additional Waiting Restrictions are necessary, in most cases, to ensure that roads are not obstructed and congested by parked vehicles or made unsafe for other vehicles and pedestrians. In addition, the proposals make sure that vehicles are not left in positions that obstruct drivers' sight lines.

The proposed additional Free-On-Street parking places are provided for the convenience of visitors to the Doctors Surgery and local shops and times are adjusted in certain roads to encourage passing trade.

The Working Group concluded that the scheme, if amended as per their Recommendations in **ANNEXE 1**, would strike a good balance between need and safety and it is suggested the scheme moves forward for advertising. This is, at this time, expected to take place summer 2005.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Previous Committee Reports