



ASHTEAD WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW – STAGE 2

Local Committee for Mole Valley

15 DECEMBER 2005

KEY ISSUE:

Proposals for further amending the Traffic Regulation Order for Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places in Ashted were published on 27th October 2005. Objections to these proposals need to be resolved before the scheme can proceed and Members are asked to consider these objections.

SUMMARY:

A review of all the Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places in Ashted was carried out in 2001/2 and a Working Group put forward a number of recommendations for changes. These amendments were published on 15th June 2004 and the Traffic Regulation Order was finalised on 30th July 2004.

The new restrictions have been carefully monitored and a further review by the Working Group took place in January 2005. This resulted in further proposals and adjustments.

The new proposals have been published and Members are now asked to formally consider the objections received.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) The Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Ashted) (consolidation of Waiting Restrictions and Free on-street Parking Places) (No 2) Order be amended and the Order be made as per the recommendations of the Ashted Working Group as shown in the schedule (to be tabled at this meeting as **Annexe 2**).

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 on-street parking places in the Ashtead area.
- 1.2 The Working Group, which consists of local elected members, together with representatives from local interests and the Police met in 2001 and 2002. A number of proposals designed to improve the local amenities were agreed.
- 1.3 These proposals were published on 15th January 2004 and the Working Group was reconvened on 27th February 2004 in order to consider objections and comments. The scheme was amended and the subsequent Traffic Regulation Order was made on 30th July 2004.
- 1.4 The new restrictions have been carefully monitored since July 2004 and a further review by the Working Group took place in January 2005 when requests for modifications and additions were given careful consideration. Following on from this, recommendations were made to this committee at the meeting held on 23rd February 2005.
- 1.5 In addition to the requests and suggestions received, a petition from the doctors at St Stephen's House Surgery containing 730 signatures was received. This was reported to this Committee in December 2003. The petition requested the provision of short term parking places, on street, in the vicinity of the surgery. Currently the morning and evening peak hour restrictions prevent on-street parking during the surgery hours.

2.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 The proposals for amendments to the Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places were published on 27th October 2005.
- 2.2 The Working Group has been reconvened following the receipt of objections and comments. The detail of these objections and the recommendations of the Working Group are to be tabled at this meeting (set out in a schedule, **Annexe 2**). Also to be tabled at this meeting will be a set of updated plans (**Annexe 1**) which sets out the new proposals.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Local District and County Members, representatives from Ashted Residents Association and Local Traders, as well as representatives from the Police have been involved in the consideration of objections.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is estimated that the cost of these revisions will be approximately £20,000, which includes the making of the Traffic Regulation Order. This sum can be met from the Local Transport Plan allocation. Part of the costs would be attributed to the 2005/6 financial year with the majority of the expenditure taking place during 2006/7. An allocation of £50,000 in total was awarded to parking management for the District at this Committee on 20th July 2005.

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 amended and additional Waiting Restrictions as published, are necessary, in most cases, to ensure that roads are not obstructed and congested by parked vehicles. In addition the scheme makes sure that vehicles are not left in positions that obstruct drivers sight lines.

Where additional short term, on-street parking places are to be provided or permitted parking duration times extended, passing trade/shopping will be encouraged, and parking facilities for patients in the vicinity of the St Stephens House Surgery improved.

The Working Group have met in order to give full consideration to all the objections and comments received and their conclusions will be tabled at this meeting and set out as **Annexe 2** to this report.

It is intended that the scheme should strike a good balance between need and safety.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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