



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Mole Valley)**

LEATHERHEAD WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW

24 JUNE 2009

KEY ISSUE

To consider formally advertising new or amended waiting and parking restrictions for various roads within the Leatherhead area.

SUMMARY

The Leatherhead Waiting Restrictions Members Task Group has met on three occasions and given consideration to the parking issues, especially within residential areas, within Leatherhead town centre.

Proposed options have been formulated and those within mainly residential areas were included within individual leaflets delivered to the affected roads and residents were invited to comment.

The task group considered comments received from residents and some of the options have been changed.

Local Committee is now asked to agree to the formal legal advertising of the proposals.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The intention of the County Council to make an Order under Sections 1,32,45 and 46 and Part III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Leatherhead as shown on the drawings in annex 1 be advertised and that if no objections be maintained, the Orders be made.
- (ii) That if any unresolved objections are maintained that they be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Committee at its meeting on 12 March 2008 considered a report which detailed the investigations into a number of roads within the Leatherhead area. Locally elected Members together with Officers from the Local Mole Valley Team decided on the roads to be investigated and formulated the proposals.
- 1.2 Residents were consulted on the proposals in December 2007 and those comments formed part of the report, in March 2008 however Committee agreed that residents should have been given more time to formulate their views.
- 1.3 The Committee requested that further investigation and consultation be undertaken and that a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 In August 2008 the County Council, after recognising there was a need to devote specialist resources to parking problems around the County, formed a new centralised Parking and Implementation Group.
- 2.2 This Group collated all ongoing parking problems and identified Leatherhead as one of the priority areas
- 2.3 In October 2008 the Members Task Group consisting of Councillors Tim Hall, David Sharland, Rosemary Dickson, Bridget Lewis-Carr, Bob Hedgeland and Penny Hedgeland met supported by Officers from the newly formed Parking Group. The Group considered all the roads identified with parking problems and agreed to investigate the following roads further.

- Bypass Road,
- St. Johns Road,
- Epsom Road,
- Minchin Close,
- Randalls Road,
- Cleeve Road,
- Kingston Avenue,
- Leach Grove,
- Windfield,
- Linden Road,
- High Street,
- Dilston Road,
- Albany Park Road,
- Garland Road,
- Waverley Place,
- Leret Way,
- Poplar Avenue,
- Poplar Road,
- Kingscroft Road,
- Oaks Close,

- Oak Road,
- Park Rise,
- Kingston Road

- 2.4 It was further agreed that once proposals had been drafted these would form the basis of a leaflet / questionnaire survey among residents of the affected residential roads. It would not be the intention of producing leaflets for the more major routes. It was recognised that at the end of the day any proposals would, subject to this Committee's agreement, be the subject of the formal legal advertising.
- 2.5 The Task Group agreed that a representative of the Task Group and officers undertook site visits to firm up the details of the changes and the proposals as shown on the drawings in annex 1 were formulated. Following on from this draft publicity leaflets were prepared.
- 2.6 It was known in advance that a number of residents were in favour of controlled parking Zone schemes with provisions for residents parking and that trying to implement such a scheme previously had failed due to lack of support from the public. One of the central cul-de-sac roads, Minchin Close, seemed to be an ideal site for a trial of this type of scheme within Leatherhead. If successful, this could be used as a basis for extending the scheme or implementation of similar smaller ones within the area.
- 2.7 Full consideration was given to all the roads listed in paragraph 2.3 above and the details are shown in Annex 2.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Subsequent to site visits the Task Group agreed the suggested proposals for all the remaining roads and the final list of those roads that should be subject to a leaflet / consultation exercise. This information is shown in Annex 3.
- 3.2 The Task Group met again in February 2009 and agreed the format and layout of the leaflets and the proposals that had been drafted

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The leaflets were distributed to the affected roads (Kingscroft Road, Kingston Avenue, Minchin Close, Oaks Close, Park Rise, Popular Road, Randalls Road, St Johns Road & Windfield) and residents were given 4 weeks to respond.
- 4.2 Overall 530 leaflets were delivered and 362 responses, including 4 petitions, received. This is an overall response rate of 68.3%, which is high for this type of consultation.
- 4.3 The individual comments and response rates for individual roads are shown in annex 4

- 4.4 When the comments were analysed, the residents of the following roads were in favour (% wise) of the proposals with, as expected, Minchin Close being 100%.

Kingston Avenue	82% in favour	proceed with small extension to restrictions
Minchin Close	100% in favour	
Park Rise	66% in favour	proceed with small extension to restrictions
Poplar Road	66% in favour	proceed with small extension to restrictions

- 4.5 The following residents did not favour the proposals.

Kingscroft Road	75% against	abandon scheme
Oaks Close	53% against	scheme to be reduced to take account of comments
Randalls Road	76% against	hours of restrictions changed from unrestricted hours to 8 – 10 am & 4-6 pm to accord with wishes of petition
St Johns Road	86% against	abandon scheme
Windfield	54% against	scheme to be reduced to take account of comments

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of advertising the proposals would be approximately £5000
- 5.2 The estimated works cost of implementing the restrictions on site would be approximately £28,000.
- 5.3 The total estimated cost of the proposal including the feasibility and detailed design will be £50,000.
- 5.4 If the proposal for Minchin Close CPZ is agreed it will be necessary to include within the advertised proposals the details for resident permits. It is proposed that residents without off street parking may apply for a permit at the annual cost of £50 (details shown in annex 2) Visitor permits would be £1 per visit up to a maximum of 30 per year per household. This is the normal cost throughout the County and covers the Borough administration costs.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications arising from this report

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the restrictions

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is expected that the implementation of the proposals will both increase the safe passage of vehicles and also ease the parking situation within the mainly residential areas. Full details are supplied in Annex 4

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

9.1 If the recommendation contained within this report is approved by this Committee the proposals will be formally advertised in the local press and comments will be invited.

9.2 If no objections are maintained the Traffic Regulations Orders will be introduced and the necessary marking and signing implemented on site.

9.3 If there are unresolved objections these will be the subject of a further report for this committee for decision.

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