



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Mole Valley)

MOLE VALLEY WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW

06 December 2011

KEY ISSUE

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

SUMMARY

Members were asked to consider a number of sites to be included as part of the 2011/2012 parking review.

The number of sites has been based on the funds available to carry out a review. Hence only, what are considered to be the highest priority sites, have been considered as part of this review.

Members have subsequently been in contact with or have met with an Engineer from the Parking Team and the proposed options have been formulated.

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

This report details locations and general proposals for the 2011/2012 parking / waiting restriction review and seeks approval to carry out statutory consultation on the proposals.

Annex 1 contains a statement of reasons for the proposals.

Annex 2 contains drawings detailing the suggested proposals

Annex 3 contains information on types of controlled / 'resident' permit zones.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) The recommendations detailed in Annex 2;
- (ii) That the County Council's intention to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 be advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order be made;
- (iii) That if objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group Manager is authorised to try and resolve them.
- (iv) That if objections cannot be resolved, they are reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee for consideration and decision.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 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 Mole Valley as with most other boroughs and districts this is now done annually.
- 1.2 Existing and proposed permit areas should be brought into line with the Surrey County Council parking strategy. There should still be a limit on the number of permits issued if there is adequate off street parking available to the residents of a particular household, in order to ensure that the use of off street parking is maximised, but there should no longer be a maximum per household, for example if a household has three vehicles and only two off street parking places, they should only be allocated one permit. However a maximum number of permits can be imposed if the conditions require it.
Visitors permits should be available to residents on the basis of an initial allocation of 30 per annum, with subsequent allocations of up to a maximum of 120 per household in any one year.
The current charge for permits is set at a minimum of £50 per year for the first vehicle and £75 per year for any subsequent vehicles. Visitors permits are set at £2 per day per permit.
- 1.3 All permits are number plate specific and cannot therefore be sold on or used inappropriately.

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 collates all requests for changes to parking controls within Mole Valley
- 2.3 The proposals for new parking controls in each location have been investigated and the outline recommendations of the Parking Team are contained in annex 2.
- 2.4 Further information relating to Controlled Parking Zones and Residents Permit Zones is outlined in Annex 3.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions will require a traffic regulation order to be advertised. As part of this process, public notices will be displayed in the local press and on street. There will be a period when comments can be submitted in response to the proposals and/or objections made to the making of the order.
- 3.2 As part of the advertising process, those areas that have been selected for the implementation of a residents permit scheme will be letter dropped with the full details of the proposals.
- 3.3 The individual comments will then be collated and the results taken back to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant member as part of an objection report.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 LTP Capital of £4.6k has been allocated to the Leatherhead area, Committee revenue of 9.2k has been allocated to the rest of Mole Valley and there is £7.9k available for Gravel Hill, Leatherhead.
- 4.2 Any additional costs incurred would be met by Surrey County Council's parking strategy and implementation team's budget.
- 4.3 Mole Valley District 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 an undue burden on the existing enforcement costs.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 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.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 SCC will carry out an informal consultation with residents within the proposed permit zones to establish if these zones are actually required. The outcome of this informal consultation will determine whether or not those particular zones should be progressed. This decision should be made in conjunction with chairman and vice chairman of the committee, local councillor and the parking team.
- 8.2 A Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and public notices detailing the proposed changes will be displayed in the local press and on site.
- 8.3 Subject to any objections to the proposals being resolved, a traffic regulation order will then be made and the appropriate signs and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced.

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