



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**PETITION REPORT
STAGBURY AVENUE, CHIPSTEAD**

3RD DECEMBER 2007

KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition prepared by Mr David Lawrence and signed by 49 residents of Stagbury Avenue.

SUMMARY

A petition was received on 11th October 2007 with a covering letter signed by Mr Lawrence.

The petition asks that parking restrictions be implemented similar to those which are now in place in Lackford Road, Chipstead.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to note that:

- (i) The parking restrictions in Stagbury Avenue will be implemented as advertised.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Stagbury Avenue was included in the Northern Villages review undertaken in 2006. A curfew parking restriction was proposed with a restriction from 10am – 11am on the northwest side of the road and 11am – 12noon on the southeast side. This was intended to deter commuter parking which was expected to increase when a similar restriction was implemented in Lackford Road.
- 1.2 A consultation had been carried out in Stagbury Avenue because it was seen that if parking restrictions were implemented in Lackford Road the displaced parking would almost certainly move into Stagbury Avenue. As this area would not be reviewed again for several years it was decided that it would be in the best interest of the residents of Stagbury Avenue if parking restrictions were implemented at this time.
- 1.3 32 letters were delivered to houses in Stagbury Avenue, 23 replies were received. Of these replies, 21 were in favour of the staggered one-hour parking restriction although 6 of these also requested residents parking permits.
- 1.4 At the Local Committee on 24th July 2006 various options were considered;
 - (i) Do nothing, however this had the implication that commuter parking would be displaced into Stagbury Avenue and residents would encounter similar difficulties to the residents of Lackford Road.
 - (ii) Do nothing at present and possibly implement a Residents Parking Zone in the future if this was viable.
 - (iii) Include the staggered 1-hour parking restriction in the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) but not to implement the order immediately. This would however involve additional costs as an additional 'have made' notice would need to be advertised.
- 1.5 At the meeting the residents outlined their views during the Public Open Session and requested that parking restrictions were not implemented.
- 1.6 The Local Committee resolved option (iii) above, that the parking restriction was included in the TRO but not implemented immediately, but could be implemented within 18 months should a problem arise.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 As officers anticipated, following the implementation of curfew parking restrictions in Lackford Road in July 2007 commuter parking has moved into Stagbury Avenue.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The available options for the proposals were explored in the report of 24th July 2006 and a decision was taken to include the staggered 1-hour restrictions in Stagbury Avenue in the Northern Villages TRO but not to implement the restrictions immediately.
- 3.2 The Local Committee can either:
- (i) Implement the parking restriction in Stagbury Avenue, as requested by the petitioners; or
 - (ii) Not implement the waiting restriction in Stagbury Avenue; however, this would not relieve the problems stated within the petition.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 All statutory consultations have been completed.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY

- 5.1 In normal circumstances we would not amend more than one Traffic Regulation Order a year as agreed at the Local Committee on 5th December 2005, due to the cost of advertising the orders. However, in this instance having agreed to defer the implementation of the waiting restrictions it will now be necessary to fund this from the Reigate DPE (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement) funding which has been allocated for this year.
- 5.2 The scope of the scheme scores well against the strategic aims of the County's Local Transport Plan by reducing **Congestion**; improving **Accessibility**; enhancing **Safety** and care of the **Environment**. Thus the scheme may be regarded as providing value for money.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no perceived crime and disorder implications

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Due to the increase in commuter parking in Stagbury Avenue, the proposed amendment to the DPE Traffic Regulation Order is recommended to be progressed.

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9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The recommendations that follow have been reached because the intended scheme seeks to address the concerns of the petitioners, forms part of the County's programme of improvements.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The proposed parking restrictions would be implemented this financial year.

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