



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
REIGATE & BANSTEAD**

**PROPOSED BUS STOP CLEARWAY
A23 LONDON ROAD, REDHILL**

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KEY ISSUE

To consider the introduction of a bus stop clearway at the northbound bus stop in London Road, Redhill north of Ringwood Avenue where parking currently prevents buses from pulling in to the kerb to allow passengers to safely board and alight the bus.

SUMMARY

On street parking on the A23 London Road, Redhill frequently prevents buses from pulling in to the kerb at the northbound bus stop north of Ringwood Avenue. Passengers are boarding and alighting from the bus in the carriageway and the bus cannot deploy its wheelchair ramp. It is proposed to introduce a 24-hour bus stop clearway at this bus stop to prohibit stopping.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) A 24 hour bus stop clearway be implemented as shown in Annex A

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The A23 London Road, Redhill is served by bus route 405 which links Redhill to Croydon. Route 405 operates throughout the week with 4 buses an hour during the day and 2 buses an hour during the evening and on Sundays.
- 1.2 The local County Council Member for Redhill and a Borough Councillor for Redhill West has brought to the County's attention the need for a bus stop clearway at the northbound bus stop north of Ringwood Avenue. The location of the bus stop is shown in **Annex A**. Parking in the vicinity of the bus stop frequently results in the bus being unable to pull up to the kerb and passengers have to get on and off the bus in the carriageway. Buses cannot deploy their ramp to enable wheelchair user access in such circumstances.
- 1.3 Demand for on-street parking in this section of London Road is high due to the proximity of East Surrey College. Redevelopment of the college site is currently taking place and this has generated extra demand for on-street parking by the building contractors working on site. Properties along this section of London Road all have off-street parking facilities.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The provision of a bus stop clearway would prevent stopping in the area of the bus cage marked on in yellow on the carriageway, with the times of operation indicated on a plate fixed to the bus stop pole. Bus stop clearways no longer require a Traffic Regulation Order but the restrictions are enforceable by the Borough's parking attendants.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 It is proposed to introduce a bus stop clearway at the northbound bus stop north of Ringwood Avenue as shown in **Annex A**. It is proposed that the bus stop clearway applies 24 hours a day throughout the week to ensure the bus stop is accessible to buses during their hours of operation. A 24 hour clearway restriction, like double yellow line waiting restrictions, tends to higher levels of compliance by drivers.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 There is no requirement to carry out formal consultation in relation to bus stop clearways. The views of the Police and the Passenger Transport Group have been sought (to follow).
- 4.2 If the Local Committee agree to proceed with a bus stop clearway in London Road, it is proposed that the bus operator and residents directly affected be informed of the Committee's decision.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is estimated that the works costs for the bus stop clearway would be £150 plus contractor's set up costs. The set up costs would be minimised if the work could be carried out at the same time as other lining works in the area, such as the implementation of the Redhill Parking Review proposals agreed by Local Committee on 25 January 2010. The cost of the works could be sought from a revenue budget.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Provision to allow buses to pull in to the kerb at the bus stop enables buses to deploy their wheelchair ramps and also improves accessibility for other mobility impaired passengers.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The use of bus stop clearways restrictions prevent drivers stopping at bus stops, thereby allowing buses to pull in to the kerb so passengers can board and alight the bus from the kerb. It is recommended that a bus stop clearway be introduced at the northbound bus stop in London Road north of Ringwood Avenue, to be operational at any time.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 To allow buses to pull in at the bus stop next to the kerb to improve access to the bus for passengers, especially those in wheelchairs or with impaired mobility.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 If the Local Committee approves the recommendation, the signs and road markings could be included as part of the implementation of the Redhill Parking Review proposals.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None

ANNEX A

