



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

**PETITION REPORT**

**QUALITY STREET, MERSTHAM –  
RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME**

**28 FEBRUARY 2011**

**KEY ISSUE**

To consider a petition requesting the implementation of a residents parking scheme in Quality Street and Mill Lane, Merstham.

**SUMMARY**

A petition has been received, signed by 43 residents, with the following heading:

“We, the undersigned, hereby petition Surrey County Council to implement a residents parking scheme in Quality Street and Mill Lane, Merstham. The scheme will benefit residents of Quality Street, Mill Lane and Orchard Cottages.

The street contains a selection of some of the oldest houses in the county, which were constructed long before motor vehicles. As such, most residents do not have off road parking facilities and have no option but to park their vehicles on the street. However, Quality Street is close to Merstham railway station, which has limited parking facilities and for which drivers have to pay a fee. Many drivers, therefore, opt to park their cars in Quality Street where parking is free. On most mornings there are no parking spaces available in the street after 7.30am. Often cars are left in the street for several days at a time. The construction of many new homes in Quality Street and Mill Lane will exacerbate the parking problems, since these have limited parking available within the developments.

We accept that people visiting local business premises should be able to park in the street for up to 2 hours per day.

Therefore, we ask that you introduce a residents parking scheme in Quality Street, Mill Lane and the immediate vicinity with provision of parking permits for visitors to the residents and also limited restricted hours parking to serve the local businesses.

This measure will preserve the heritage of the area and also make life easier for the residents.

**Response from the Parking Strategy and Implementation Manager**

“The proposal for a residents parking scheme in Quality Street was not made in time to be included in the last Reigate and Banstead parking review which covered Banstead and the Southern Villages. This review was approved by the Local Committee last year and will be formally advertised along with the on-street parking charge proposals in late February/March this year.

The County Council is proposing to introduce on-street parking charges on the A23 in the vicinity of the M25 overbridge in Merstham. If this goes ahead in 2011/12, the Parking Team will, in 2012/13, review its impact on surrounding roads with local councillors and decide whether a residents parking scheme should be introduced in Quality Street.”