



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE

ON-STREET PARKING REVIEW 2006

22 SEPTEMBER 2006

KEY ISSUES

Since September 2005, 46 suggestions for changes to the parking and waiting restrictions in Runnymede have been received from residents of Runnymede.

SUMMARY

Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) was launched in Runnymede in November 2004. It was agreed by the DPE Joint Member Working Group in September 2005, and ratified by Committee, that the parking and waiting restrictions throughout Runnymede should be reviewed annually by the DPE Joint Member Working Group, whose recommendations should be submitted to Committee.

Since the last review in September 2005 46 suggestions for changes to the parking and waiting restrictions have been received. Of the 46 suggested changes, 13 are recommended to proceed and 33 are recommended to be declined.

All the suggested changes are detailed in **Annex 1**.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER

All

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to approve:

- a) **that the intention of the County Council to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as detailed in Annex 1 to this report, be advertised and that, if no objections are maintained, the Order be made;**
- b) **that the Local Transportation Manager be authorised, following consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member, to consider and if possible resolve any objections received;**
- c) **that the DPE Joint Member Working Group should review any further suggested changes to the parking and waiting restrictions within Runnymede annually.**

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Since Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) was launched in Runnymede in November 2004, there have been numerous suggestions for changes to the parking and waiting restrictions in Runnymede. In September 2005 the DPE Joint Member Working Group reviewed 83 suggested changes, in each case making recommendations to Committee to proceed with the suggested change or not.
- 1.2 This year there are 46 new suggestions for changes, which are considered each in turn in Annex 1. They have each been considered in the light of Surrey County Council's LTP aims, and policy in relation to the management of on-street parking.
- 1.3 Most of the suggested changes represent a conflict of interest between 3 opposing aims:
- The need to ensure the safety of all road users
 - The desire to provide unobstructed passage for people who wish to drive
 - The desire to provide sufficient parking spaces to meet the demand.
- 1.4 Surrey County Council recognises this conflict in its LTP and policy relating to the management of on-street parking. The consideration of the 46 suggested changes has involved the application of the on-street parking management policy, and identifying the most appropriate solution in each case.
- 1.5 This year 13 suggestions are recommended to proceed – of these 9 are minor adjustments, for example the addition of existing school zigzags to the consolidation order, or the reallocation of a loading bay for parking. The remaining 4 suggestions are substantive changes to prevent obstructive parking.
- 1.6 It is commonplace for residents living in areas with a high density of on-street parking to complain that it is difficult to find a parking space. This is a symptom of the level of car ownership in Surrey: it is not possible to supply sufficient road space to meet the demand for parking.
- 1.7 It should be noted that the design of any parking management scheme is a compromise between the often conflicting needs of different road users, in an environment where road space is severely limited. The right to park on the Highway should not be assumed.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 The suggestions and recommendations detailed in Annex 1 have been submitted to Runnymede Borough Council for comment.
- 2.2 Comments were also invited from Surrey Police.
- 2.3 The suggested changes, together with their recommendations for proceeding or declining were presented to the DPE Joint Member Working Group in August 2006: Cllr Dicks and Cllr Mrs Jones of SCC; Cllr Furey and Cllr Haas of RBC.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The costs associated with implementing the 13 changes recommended to proceed are as follows:
- to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order: **£1,000**
 - to undertake physical works to change the restrictions on site: **£1,000**
 - officer time: **£1,500**

- 3.2 The total cost is estimated to be **£3,500** – this provision has already been made within the 2006/2007 forward programme.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 A total of 13 suggested changes to the parking and waiting restrictions in Runnymede are recommended to proceed. Most of these have been raised by members of the public. Although not all the suggested changes will be carried forward to implementation, all have been given due consideration. It is proposed that where practicable, the individuals who made the suggestions are informed of the decision to proceed or decline.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the DPE Joint Member Working Group continue to consider any further suggested changes on an annual basis.

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