



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES IN EGHAM AND ENGLEFIELD GREEN

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KEY ISSUE

To note the results of the parking surveys in Englefield Green and Egham Hythe.

SUMMARY

In October 2008, the Local Committee agreed funding for a feasibility study to introduce controlled parking zones in Egham and Englefield Green. Following discussions between officers and members it was decided to explore the introduction of these zones on a phased basis. Parking studies were carried out in the first two areas in November 2009, the results of which are discussed in this report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- (i) note the results of the parking surveys;
- (ii) agree that officers carry out public consultations in the two locations (the upper end of Chertsey Lane/ The Hythe/ Farmers Road and Cumberland Street/ Hythe Road) where resident permit schemes are recommended to be introduced;
- (iii) note that a further report on the outcome of the consultations and the plans for implementation will be brought to the local committee meeting in July.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In October 2008 the local committee agreed to fund a feasibility study into the introduction of controlled parking zones (CPZs) in Egham and Englefield Green. Following discussions between members and officers it was decided to subdivide the region into smaller areas and look to introduce parking schemes on a phased basis, starting where parking problems were perceived to be the most serious.
- 1.2 The first areas chosen were the central part of Englefield Green and the part of Egham Hythe closest to Staines Bridge and in November 2009, Surrey County Council's Parking Team commissioned Jacobs, a consultancy firm, to carry out surveys into the parking patterns in these areas. The detailed results of these surveys are included in the reports written by Jacob's that form the annexes to this report.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The roads surveyed in the Egham Hythe area were divided into 3 subsections. The North area consisting of Boleyn Close, Chertsey Lane; Coopers Close, Farmers Road, The Fernery and The Hythe; the South area consisting of Bowes Road, Cornwall Way, Farm Close, Goring Road, Meadow Gardens, St. Paul's Road, Thorpe Road and Wapshott Road; and the West area consisting of Cumberland Street, Hythe Road and Railway Terrace.
- 2.2 In the North area, it is recommended that the restrictions suggested in the report are introduced, with the exception of the suggestion for the echelon parking in front of the Swan Hotel in The Hythe. In summary, this would mean introducing a no waiting at any time restriction near junctions and on other lengths of road where it would be beneficial for safety reasons; introducing limited waiting bays at the lower end of Chertsey Lane, and introducing shared use resident permit/ limited waiting bays in part of the upper end of Chertsey Lane, The Hythe and Farmers Road. With regard to the echelon parking in front of the Swan Hotel, it is recommended that these should also become limited waiting bays, but with a four hour waiting limit, as opposed to the two hour limit in the other bays in this area.
- 2.3 In the West area, it is recommended that the restrictions suggested in the report are introduced. In summary this would mean introducing a resident permit scheme in Cumberland Street and Hythe Road, with a no waiting at any time restriction at the junction of these two roads and at the junction of Hythe Road and Railway Terrace.
- 2.4 In the South area, it is recommended that the suggestion in the report is followed and that no new restrictions are introduced at this time, apart from no waiting at any time restrictions at the junctions of Bowes Road with Wapshott Road, and at the junction of Bowes Road with Chertsey Lane.

- 2.5 The roads surveyed in the Englefield Green area consisted of Albert Road, Alexandra Road, Armstrong Road, Barnway, Englehurst, Harvest Road, Parsonage Road, South Road, St. Jude's Road, Victoria Street and Willow Walk. In this area it was found that little had changed in terms of the volume of vehicles since a similar survey was carried out in 2005, and as there is spare parking capacity in all the roads in the area, it is recommended that no resident permit scheme is introduced at this time.
- 2.6 In this area it is recommended that the restrictions suggested in the report are introduced, with the exception of additional limited waiting bays in St. Jude's Road and Victoria Street. In summary this would mean introducing a no waiting at any time restriction at the junctions of South Road with Alexandra Road and Greenacre Court and at the southern end of St. Jude's Road north of its junction with Egham Hill (A30); a one hour waiting restriction on the west side of the northern section of Harvest Road to deter all day parking on one side of this narrow road and finally a no waiting at any time restriction on the sharp bend on Willow Walk. With regard to the suggested additional limited waiting bays, it is not thought that these are necessary at this time, given the available parking capacity.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 At this time the budgets for the next financial year have not been finalised; but any additional consultation on the possible resident permit schemes would be met from existing budgets within the Parking Team. Appropriate funding would need to be allocated for any implementation.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 There are grounds for the introduction of resident permit parking schemes in the area nearest to Staines Bridge, where visitors to Staines town centre and users of Staines railway station cause parking problems for residents. Consultation should be carried out with the residents in these areas.

6.2 In the other areas surveyed, there does not appear to be any need for the introduction of resident permit schemes at this time, but some lesser new restrictions would be appropriate in some roads.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The parking controls identified in this report would:-

- improve road safety
- help residents park near their homes where this is an acute problem
- assist with access for emergency vehicles
- aid access for refuse vehicles
- ease congestion and improve the environment for residents

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