



**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
SPELTHORNE**

**A244 UPPER HALLIFORD ROAD
(SERVICE ROAD) SUNBURY**

**PARKING OF HEAVY GOODS
VEHICLES**

11 JULY 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To consider the implementation of measures to deter the parking of HGVs on the service road in Upper Halliford Road.

SUMMARY:

This report outlines a proposal intended to deter HGVs being parked and improve the local environment for residents.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) **A Waiting Restriction Order is imposed on the above area banning the parking of vehicles exceeding 7.5 T except for loading and unloading as part of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement Agreement with Spelthorne Borough Council, subject to consultation**

agreement with Surrey Police and Spelthorne Borough Council.

- (ii) The Local Allocation is used to fund this scheme at an estimated cost of £2500.**

1 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 22 July 2004 the Local Transportation Service (LTS)- Spelthorne received a petition from Mr Carr of 239 Upper Halliford Road, Sunbury. The petition contained 80 signatures from residents of Upper Halliford Road and Birch Grove, requesting the provision of waiting restrictions and restrictions for heavy goods vehicles along Upper Halliford Road service road.
- 1.2 The petitioners strongly objected to lorries parking in the residential area and recommended that a commercial vehicle parking ban be imposed on the service road. They also requested that double yellow lines “at any time” waiting restrictions be introduced to the eastern kerb line at the junction with Upper Halliford Road and at the junction with Birch Grove.
- 1.3 This location was added to the 2004 assessment list for proposed waiting restrictions. Overnight parking by heavy goods vehicles is prohibited under the terms of their Operator’s Licence and offending vehicles were reported to the Traffic Commissioner for their information, and any action that they deemed necessary.
- 1.4 After the Traffic Commissioner wrote to the owners of the offending vehicles, for a while no further calls were received by Spelthorne LTS regarding the problem. However, in early 2005, Spelthorne LTS started to again receive complaints from local residents about heavy goods vehicles parking in the service road overnight and generally causing a nuisance. At the end of April 2005, the main complainant, Mr Carr, who also organised the petition, was asked by Spelthorne LTS to carry out a photographic survey of HGV’s. On the 13 June 2005 this survey was collected by Spelthorne LTS and evaluated.

2 ANALYSIS and COMMENTARY

- 2.1 The survey carried out by Mr Carr produced enough photographic evidence to show that the HGV overnight parking problem still existed, even after the Traffic Commissioners actions.
- 2.2 After discussing this issue with local residents and writing to the Traffic Commissioner, it is considered action should be taken to deter the practise. However, the double yellow lines on the two junctions, which were requested under the petition, are not required due the large width of the junction and the fact that parking space will be increased with HGV’s no longer being allowed to use the service road.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Surrey Police will be informed of the proposals and will be made aware that Spelthorne Borough Council will enforce the restriction.
- 3.2 Spelthorne Borough Council have been consulted and do not object in principal to the proposals.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals can be funded from the current Local Allocation at an estimated cost of £2500.

5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no implications.

6 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 HGV drivers are illegally parking overnight within the Upper Halliford Road Service Road that additionally may lead to other anti social behaviour.

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no implications.

8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The most efficient way to resolve this ongoing problem appears to be imposing a restriction on the vehicles parking on the road with adequate enforcement to ensure compliance. This should improve the local environment and amenities for local residents.

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