



**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
SPELTHORNE**

**B378 CHURCH ROAD, ASHFORD
AND D3314 THAMESIDE, LALEHAM
WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

10 OCTOBER 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To agree progression of changes to existing waiting restrictions in Church Road, Ashford and Thameside, Laleham.

SUMMARY:

This report explains the reasons for proposing changes to the existing waiting restrictions.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) subject to consultation, the County Council advertise their intent to change the waiting restrictions as detailed in paragraph 2.1.

- (ii) subject to any objections being received as part of the advertisement of the proposals, the County Council introduce the new restrictions.

1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Since April this year there have been two changes to on and off street parking management, which have had a bearing on some of the existing restrictions within the Borough.
- 1.2 The first was the introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement and the second was Spelthorne Borough Council's recently introduced charges in the Ashford multi-storey and Laleham Park car parks. The latter being in force May to September.
- 1.3 These changes have highlighted two locations where the existing waiting restrictions require alteration to allow effective enforcement and holistic parking management.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The following are proposed;
 - a. Church Road, Ashford – To alter the existing limited waiting restrictions which are currently 2 hours permitted parking with no return within 4 hours, with a lesser time limit such as 45 minutes, no return within two hours. This will assist with the enforcement of the parking restrictions in the area by reducing the time required to monitor and enforce, thus improving the availability of short term parking. This should also lead drivers to use the multi storey for longer term parking.
 - b. Thameside, Laleham – To replace the existing “seasonal” restriction which only operates May to September and prohibits parking between the hours of 8am and 8pm, with an all year restriction using the same hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Sunday inclusive. The current restriction is no longer providing the level of protection it should, as the park and the river have become popular all year round, not just during the summer months. Parking is provided within Laleham Park all year round and during peak times it is extended to increase capacity.
- 2.2 In both cases there are sound parking management principles behind the changes to the existing restrictions. No longer should the on and off street parking provision be seen as separate eternities, but as one, providing different levels of parking and protection for all parts of the community. For information the DPE Task Group in November will be starting to prepare a draft Joint Parking Strategy, which will provide the basis for a joined up parking service.

3. CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Informal consultations will be required, prior to the formal advertisement of the proposed waiting restrictions. The consultation will involve the local community (directly affected by the proposals), the emergency services and locally elected County Council and Borough Council members.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Subject to the results of the informal consultation, funding will be required for the processing of the traffic regulation orders and the appropriate signing and road markings. It is anticipated that this funding will be shared by the County and Borough Council's in partnership. The County Council's funding could be taken from its 2005/06 Local Allocation, subject to the agreement of the Local Committee.

5. ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Good parking management will provide different levels of parking and protection for all parts of the community, by making the best use of the parking provision available. This should in turn assist in both the economic development and sustainability of Spelthorne.

6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION & REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 As a result of changes made by both the County and Borough Council's to on and off street parking provision, it is has been necessary to propose modifications to some waiting restrictions. These changes will hopefully allow better enforcement and management of the parking available within each local area.

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