



## **SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE**

### **Decriminalised Parking Enforcement**

**12 December 2005**

#### **KEY ISSUE AND SUMMARY:**

Update on current situation regarding decriminalised parking enforcement.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to note that

- (i) Enforcement is now fully operational
- (ii) Amendments/Additions to the waiting restrictions are now under discussion

## **1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Since April 2005 SCC in partnership with Spethorne Borough Council have been responsible for the enforcement of waiting restrictions in the Spelthorne district.
- 1.2 Remarking of the yellow lines in accordance with the Traffic Orders in place together with renewing of the appropriate signs began in 2004.
- 1.3 When renewal of lines and markings are complete SBC will take over maintenance responsibilities.
- 1.4 A major error occurred in the Staines area where loading restrictions were applied liberally without an Order in place.
- 1.5 By late September most waiting restrictions had been renewed on the ground with the appropriate signage. The exception was the Sunbury area that was not completed until November.
- 1.6 The School Keep Clear Orders are due to be advertised in December
- 1.7 Initial operational difficulties meant full enforcement was delayed for three months from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- 1.8 Enforcement is of marked waiting restrictions including School Keep Clear markings. Obstruction and parking on the footway/verge is not enforceable by SBC Parking attendants.
- 1.9 Up to the beginning of October (the latest figures available) 1100 Penalty Charge Notices had been issued and there has been a collection rate of 87%.
- 1.10 There are the equivalent of two full time Parking Attendants enforcing on street parking restrictions. Their operational times vary but can be any time between 06:00 and 18:00.
- 1.11 Up to 13 October 2005 there were 42 requests for amendments or additions to the current waiting restrictions. Of these, 7 were requests for controlled parking zones.
- 1.12 The introduction of CPZs within the Spelthorne District will follow at a later date.

## **2. CURRENT SITUATION**

- 2.1 A Working Group has been set up comprising SCC and SBC Members and Officers to discuss DPE issues.
- 2.2 The first meeting was held on 28 November 2005 to review requests for alterations to waiting restrictions.
- 2.3 A priority list was agreed for implementation as funds allow.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: Assessment List**