



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE SPELTHORNE

PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT SCHEMES IN GEORGE STREET, LAMMAS CLOSE AND MOORMEDE ESTATE

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KEY ISSUE

To seek approval of the changes made to the proposed schemes since they were first presented to Committee on 16 March 2009 and to advertise the proposals by public notice.

SUMMARY

On 16 March 2009, the Committee agreed that controlled parking zones in George Street, Lammas Close and on the Moormede Estate should be advertised by public notice and then implemented subject to any objections being resolved. However before the zones were advertised, feedback was received from residents requesting changes to the proposals. These requests have been accommodated and Committee approval is now needed to progress the amended proposals.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to agree that:

- (i) the proposed residents permit schemes for George Street, Lammas Close and the Moormede Estate are formally advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended);
- (ii) subject to no objection being received in response to the advertisement, the schemes are implemented;

- (iii) if any objections are received, which cannot be resolved by the Parking Projects Manager, they are referred back to the Local Committee for decision;
- (iv) the permit criteria, eligibility, allocation and charges are agreed as set out in this report.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 16 March 2009, the committee agreed to advertise residents permit parking schemes in George Street, Lammas Close and on the Moormede Estate. Following this meeting an informal consultation exercise was carried out and feedback from residents led to changes being made to the original proposals.
- 1.2 The report from 16 March 2009 also referred to the criteria for eligibility for residents and visitors permits, but there was no detail for this included on the report and the committee made no decisions on these matters.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 In George Street the changes are the addition of more parking spaces for residents and the new proposal can be seen in Annex 1. (The original proposal from March 2009 is included for reference in Annex 4.)
- 2.2 In Lammas Close the change is to the days of operation for the scheme, (from Monday to Friday to Monday to Sunday) and the new proposal can be seen in Annex 2. (The original proposal from March 2009 is included for reference in Annex 5.)
- 2.3 On the Moormede Estate, the changes are the addition of more parking spaces and the relocation of some of the bays and the new proposal can be seen in Annex 3. (The original proposal from March 2009 is included for reference in Annex 6.)
- 2.4 The report in March referred to the original consultation document with regards to the criteria for permit eligibility. For residents permits this consisted of a sliding scale of permit cost depending on the number of permits issued, but with no upper limit on the number available to any one household.
- 2.5 The normal policy for the criteria and eligibility for resident permit schemes in Surrey is that resident permits are only available to people living in the scheme area for vehicles registered to them at the relevant address. The allocation of resident permits is that any one household can apply for a maximum of 2 permits if there is no off street parking available, they can apply for 1 permit if they have one off street parking

space, and they are not eligible for any on street permit if they have 2 or more off street parking spaces. The recommendation is that resident permits should be allocated on this basis in all three schemes.

- 2.6 Eligibility for visitors permits is the same as for resident permits and the normal allocation is for a maximum of 30 per annum per household. However the policy allows for an initial allocation of 30 followed by further allocations of no more than 20 at a time. This should of course be at the discretion of the issuing authority in order to control the number that are issued. The recommendation is that visitors permits should be allocated on this basis (30 initially, then up to 20 a time) in all three schemes.
- 2.7 The charge for permits should be set at a level that will cover the administration costs for the permit scheme and therefore ensure that there is no negative impact on the parking account, which is currently running at a deficit in Spelthorne. The recommendation is that each resident permits should cost £50 per year and each visitors permits £1.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The financial implications are the same as reported on 16 March 2009, except that the estimated annual income, if each household were to purchase one permit, rises to £20,450 from £9,000.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Controlling parking can help with accessibility.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Inconsiderate parking is a major cause of concern for residents and the police, which these proposals would help to address.

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 If the committee agrees to the recommendations, the proposed resident permit schemes will be formally advertised. This would enable the schemes to be implemented.
- 6.2 The recommendation is that the committee approves the advertisement of the revised plans and the criteria for the permits

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The schemes can be implemented to the benefit of residents.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 Subject to approval of the committee, the schemes will be formally advertised and, subject to the satisfactory resolution of any objections, the traffic regulation order will be made and the schemes implemented.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Committee Report – ‘Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (Residents Permits) George Street, Moormede Estate And Lammas Close’ 16 March 2009
Committee Report – ‘Controlled parking zone for Staines – outcome of public consultation’ 30 June 2008.