

## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE SPELTHORNE

## 4<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT WAITING RESTRICTIONS – AMENDMENTS

# 23 JUNE 2010

## **KEY ISSUE**

To consider possible changes to waiting restrictions in Spelthorne.

## SUMMARY

A number of changes were made to the waiting restrictions across Spelthorne and the lines and signs to indicate the restrictions were installed on the road during April and May. In some locations there have been strong requests to remove or alter these new lines. In one location double yellow lines that should have been included with the above restrictions were omitted.

# OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) That the amendments recommended in paragraphs 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.11 of this report are advertised.
- (ii) That the County Council advertises amendments to existing traffic regulation orders as necessary for the amended parking controls to be implemented.
- (iii) The revised parking controls are implemented.

# 1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A prioritised list of requests for amendments to waiting restrictions was reported to the meetings of the Local Committee for Spelthorne in February 2006, March 2007, March 2008 and June 2008.
- 1.2 The proposed restrictions, as agreed by the committee at the meetings mentioned above were formally advertised during December 2008 and January 2009. A notice was published in the local press and was also available at all libraries and Spelthorne Borough Council offices, with a full set of drawings. The same information was also published on the Surrey County Council website with the option for drawings to be sent on request.
- 1.3 A door-to-door survey was carried out in April 2009 at the 15 locations where the most significant amendments were being proposed. This did not cover all sites.
- 1.4 The local committee considered objections to the formal advertisement and comments from the door-to-door surveys at its meeting on 9 September 2009 and approved the implementation of the majority of the proposals.
- 1.5 The appropriate signs and road markings were installed in April and May 2010. The traffic regulation order was due to be made in May and so complete the legal process to introduce the new restrictions. However the making of the order has been delayed depending on the outcome of this meeting. If the committee agrees the recommendations in this report, the changes to the previously advertised proposals will have to be advertised and any objections considered and resolved before the order can finally be made.

## 2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 There was low level of publicity about the proposals time and it is apparent some residents first became aware of the changes when the county council's contractor installed the yellow lines.
- 2.1 In a limited number of locations, this has led to considerable disquiet amongst residents and other local interested parties. The county council's parking team has been asked to reconsider these locations to see whether there are any possible changes that could be made that would alleviate local concerns while not unduly affecting any necessary parking controls.
- 2.2 These locations are Vicarage Road and Stainash Crescent in Staines and School Road in Ashford
- 2.3 In Vicarage Road, a prohibition on waiting at any time (i.e. double yellow lines) was introduced along the west side of the road as shown in the

drawing labelled Appendix A, in order to improve access or larger vehicles, in particular refuse collection lorries.

- 2.4 In Stainash Crescent, a prohibition on waiting at any time was introduced on the internal junction and on the inside of the sharp bend in the northwestern corner, as shown in the drawing labelled Appendix B, also in order to improve access or larger vehicles, in particular refuse collection lorries.
- 2.5 In School Road a prohibition on waiting at any time was introduced at the junction with Glenfield Road and a prohibition on waiting from 9am to 5pm on Monday to Friday was introduced between the at any time restriction and the school keep clear marking on School Road as shown on the drawing labelled Appendix C. This was to improve the sightlines for drivers pulling out of Glenfield Road.
- 2.6 There have been requests to alter the new controls in Vicarage Road from the vicar of the church and the landlord of the nearby pub. In the other two locations similar requests have come from local residents.
- 2.7 In Vicarage Road the problem was mainly for refuse lorries, and so it is recommended to advertise changing the control to a prohibition on waiting from 7am to 5pm on Monday to Friday.
- 2.8 In Stainash Crescent, although the main problem was for refuse lorries, access was also a problem for lorries servicing the shops on Stainash Parade. It is therefore recommended to advertise changing the control by reducing the length of the double yellow lines from 10 metres from the corners to 5 metres. This should still allow passage of larger vehicles while reducing the amount of kerb space that had been made unavailable to residents for parking.
- 2.9 School Road is a location where a door-to-door survey was carried out and the residents of the two houses (numbers 24 and 26) on the corners of Glenfield Road and School Road were in favour of the restrictions. However the residents of the two houses between the corner house and the school (numbers 20 and 22) did not take part in the survey and were unaware of the proposals until the lines were marked on the road. It is therefore recommended to advertise changing the control to take out the stretch of single yellow line.
- 2.10 There is one other location the junction of Broomfield and Staines Road East and Sunbury – where proposals to introduce double yellow lines at the junction for safety reasons were not progressed as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment on account of other proposals for the Benwell Meadow Estate being abandoned. As all the proposals were included on the same drawing, when presented to the committee, they were all abandoned together, whereas the proposals for the interior of the estate should have been abandoned, but the double yellow lines at the entrance to the estate from Staines Road East should have been retained for road safety reasons.

2.11 It is therefore recommended to introduce a prohibition on waiting at any time on both sides of Broomfield for 10 metres from its junction with Staines Road East and on the southern side of Staines Road East for 10 metres in either direction from its junction with Broomfield.

#### **3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The estimated cost of advertising these amendments and making the appropriate changes to the road markings and signs is £5,000. This will be funded from the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group's budget.

## 4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications.

## 5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

## 6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The committee is recommended to agree that the amendments in this report are advertised, that any objections are resolved in line with the county council's constitution, and that the amended order is then made.

# 7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The process of introducing changes to the parking controls in Spelthorne, known as the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment, can be completed.

#### 8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8.1 The amendments will be advertised, after which the traffic regulation order will be made, and the necessary changes made to lines and signs.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Committee Report – '4 <sup>th</sup> amendment to waiting restrictions – consideration of objections' 9 September 2009 Committee Report – 'Controlled parking zone for Staines – outcome of public consultation' 30 June www.surreycc.gov.uk/Spelthorne

#### 2008

Committee Report – 'Review of requests for amendments to waiting restrictions' 17 March 2008 Committee Report – 'Review of requests for amendments to waiting restrictions' 12 March 2007 Committee Report – 'Review of requests for amendments to waiting restrictions' 20 February 2006