

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

Annual review of monitoring of applications for Goods Vehicle Operators Licences 8TH October 2012

KEY ISSUE

This annual monitoring report to Local Committees is to inform members of applications for Goods Vehicle Operators Licences (VOLs) for the period April 2011 to the end of March 2012.

SUMMARY

There were 160 applications for Goods Vehicle Operators Licences in Surrey in the period April 2011 to the end of March 2012. Surrey County Council objected to a total of 47 of these applications across all 11 districts. The County Council was able to reach agreement on conditions in respect of the majority of these applications; the remainder were withdrawn by the applicants. As from 1st January 2010, all County Councillors are consulted on applications within their divisions and it has therefore not been necessary to itemise all applications in this Committee Report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to note:

- (i) The continued operation of the system for notifying and consulting Members of applications in their Divisions.
- (ii) The contents of this Annual Information Report.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 This is the second annual report to Local Committees in respect of the monitoring of applications for Goods Vehicle Operators Licences. The

majority of applications relate to sites that are known to the County Council and of those, the vast majority are existing industrial/business premises.

ANALYSIS

- 1.2 In the year 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, there were 160 applications for new or varied goods vehicle operators licences (VOLs) in Surrey. Of these, the County Council objected to 47. By way of comparison, in the preceding year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011, there were 130 applications and the County Council objected to 30.
- 1.3 The applications can be broken down as follows:

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	Elmbridge	13 applications	3 objections
	Epsom & Ewell	7 applications	1 objection
	Guildford	18 applications	9 objections
	Mole Valley	14 applications	1 objection
	Reigate & Banstead	7 applications	1 objection
	Runnymede	18 applications	5 objections
	Spelthorne	28 applications	3 objections
	Surrey Heath	9 applications	1 objection
	Tandridge	20 applications	6 objections
	Waverley	15 applications	7 objections
	Woking	11 applications	10 objections
		160 applications	47 objections

- 1.4 All of the applications to which the County Council has objected have either resulted in the withdrawal of the application or the imposition of conditions. Conditions are reached in agreement between the applicant and the County Council.
- 1.5 The County Council has attended one public inquiry during the monitoring in Eastbourne, the closest office of the Traffic Commissioner, on 23 September 2011. This was in respect of an objection in the previous monitoring period (April 2010 to March 2011). The application was granted by the Traffic Commissioner with conditions despite evidence from the County Council that its granting could compromise highway safety and the safety of public footpath users. Recent experience suggests that the Traffic Commissioner does not share the County Council's concern for highway safety and therefore every effort is made to agree conditions to mitigate the impact, rather than incurring the expense of a public inquiry in Eastbourne.
- 1.6 The County Council has objected to three applications in Hounslow that, although not in Surrey, have a direct environmental impact on Surrey residents. These were granted with conditions preventing the vehicles from exiting the site via roads in Surrey, ensuring all of the impact was in Hounslow.

1.7 The applications to which the County Council objected over the period April 2011 to the end of March 2012 are appended to this report in Annex A.

CONSULTATIONS

1.8 Every County Council Member is consulted on VOL applications within their Division. County Councillor Will Forster is consulted on all applications at Martlands Industrial Estate as all vehicles accessing the site have to pass through his division, which neighbours the site. County Councillor Carol Coleman is consulted on all applications on Challenge Road and Shield Road, Ashford despite them being in Hounslow as she has received numerous complaints from local residents about the impact. In addition, the Chairman of the Elmbridge Local Committee is notified of all applications in Elmbridge, at his request. No other Local Committee Chairmen have requested this.

2 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 There is no full-time dedicated Officer to this work area. It is managed by the Transport Development Planning Manager East with support from other colleagues within Transport Development Planning (TDP) and Legal Services when required. A reduction in the overall number of officers within the previous 6 months has further reduced the time available for this area of work. It is managed alongside other workloads, which take priority due to the statutory requirements of TDP's role in the consideration of applications for planning permission. There is no specific budget for this work area.

3 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

5 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The requirement to consult County Councillors on operators licence applications in their Divisions continues to work well. Members have provided officers with useful background information about some sites and drawn their attention to problems at others. Members have also taken the opportunity to express support for applications and given their backing to local businesses. It is therefore recommended that this continue. Letters of objection can be copied to Members on request.

- 5.2 Local Committees are asked to note:
- The continued provisions for consulting members.
- The contents of this Annual Information Report.

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Annexe A

'O'Licence Objections 2011/2012

Elmbridge

C & M Recycling Skip Hire Ltd – 2 vehicles Weylands Treatment Works, Molesey Road, Walton on Thames. KT12 3PB

Transdem Services Limited – 4 vehicles Weylands Treatment Works, Molesey Road, Walton on Thames. KT12 3PB

A P Riggs Scaffolding – 1 vehicle Weylands Treatment Works, Molesey Road, Walton on Thames. KT12 3PB

Epsom & Ewell

Maxwell George Rose t/a Alfa Materials – 1 vehicle 133 Reigate Road, Epsom . KT17 3DE

Guildford

2020 Recycling Ltd – 4 vehicles Chapel Farm, Guildford Road, Normandy, Guildford. GU3 2AU

Specialised Pigs Ltd – 5 vehicles Lydling Farm, Puttenham Lane, Shackleford GU8 6AP

Sanitrux Ltd – 2 vehicles Whipley Manor Farm, Aldershot Road, Worplesdon, Guildford. GU3 2BE

Ian Michael Ashcroft t/a Guildford Scaffold Services School Lane Caravan & Storage Park, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3RB

Alan Pidgley – 2 vehicles Newmarsh Farm, Horsley Road, Cobham KT11 3JX

Comfort International Limited – 2 vehicles Chinthurst Farm , Chinthurst Lane, Bramley GU5 0DR

Peter William Bovingdon – 1 vehicle Hillview, Sunray Farm, Shere Road, West Clandon GU4 8SH

Wickes Ltd – 3 vehicles Wickes, Woodbridge Road, Guildford GU1 1EH

Tommy Thomas Mobey t/a 1st Class Paving Services – 2 vehicles 4 Acre Stables, Aldershot Road, Guildford GU3 3HF

Mole Valley Southern Tubes Scaffolding – 1 vehicle Evergreen Farm, Partridge Lane, Newdigate RH5 5BW

Reigate and Banstead

Margaret Hird – 1 vehicle 24-26 Reigate Road, Hookwood, Horley RH6 0HJ

Runnymede

Taylor Alison Golf Limited – 1 vehicle & 1 trailer Great Grove Farm, Murray Road, Ottershaw KT16 0HT

Hallbro's Transport Limited – amended conditions Steven's Yard, Fordwater Road, Chertsey KT16 8HB

ROL Plant Hire Limited – 1 vehicle Croft Farm, Rosemary Lane, Egham TW20 8PT

Rowly Brooks t/a RBC – 3 vehicles Great Grove Farm, Murray Road, Ottershaw KT16 0HT

Ealsons Coaches – 2 vehicles Chilsey Green Farm, Pyrcroft Road, Chertsey KT16 9ER

Spelthorne

UCH Logistics Ltd – 24 vehicles & 10 trailers The Yard, Skylink House, Stanwell Moor Road, Staines TW19 6AB

Charles Morris Fertilisers Ltd – 24 vehicles & 2 trailers Oakleaf Farm, Horton Road, Staines TW19 6AF

Bulkfreight (Midlands) Ltd – 20 vehicles & 20 trailers Shepperton Quarry Depot, Littleton Lane, Shepperton TW17 0NF

Surrey Heath

Neil Macfarlane t/a Local Charity Skips – 2 vehicles The Timber Yard, Lucas Green Road, West End, Woking GU24 9YB

Tandridge

SJT Trackforce – 1 vehicle 68 Heath Road, Caterham CR3 5RQ

Ontime Rescue & Recovery Ltd – 6 vehicles & 2 trailers Greenmeads Depot, Daysey's Hill, Outwood RH1 5QY

MKP Transport Services – amended conditions Eulyn Farm, Croydon Barn Lane, South Godstone RH9 8JP

Crawford Plant Hire Ltd – 2 vehicles

Jesmore Farm, St Piers Lane, Lingfield RH7 6PN Sanderstead Removals Ltd – 9 vehicles & 2 trailers Quarry Logistics Complex, Quarry Mills, Quarry Road, Godstone RH9 5HS

Berryrange Ltd – 1 vehicle 43 Lusted Hall Lane, Tatsfield TN16 2NP

Waverley

Warren Machine Tools (Guildford) Ltd t/a Warco – 3 vehicles & 1 trailer Warco House, Fisher Lane, Chiddingfold

Motor Headhunter Ltd – 1 vehicle 46 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, GU6 8TB

Redemtech (UK) Ltd – 5 vehicles & 3 trailers 132 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, GU6 8TB

Farnborough Tool Hire – 2 vehicles Station Yard, Summers Road, Godalming GU7 3BB

Classic Security (UK) Ltd – 2 vehicles Unit 16, Alfold Business Park, Loxwood Road, Alfold GU6 8HP

Surrey Hills Removals t/a Manns Removals – 4 vehicles 97 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh GU6 8TB

Travis Perkins – 4 vehicles 6 Coxbridge Business Park, Alton Road, Farnham

Woking

Taylor Alison Golf Limited – 1 vehicle & 1 trailer The Clockhouse, St Johns Lye, Woking GU21 7SQ

Churchfield Contractors Ltd – 2 vehicles 40 Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ

Inkerman Hire Services Ltd – 3 vehicles Unit 31, Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ

Moran Construction (UK) Ltd – 1 vehicle & 1 trailer Unit 6, Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 9YB

Enterprise Managed Services Ltd – 16 vehicles Unit 9, Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ GGH Transport Ltd – 2 vehicles & 2 trailers Parley Brook Farm, Littlewick Road, Woking GU21 4XR

Marshall & Macintosh Removals & Storage – 5 vehicles Unit 23A, Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ

Inkerman Hire Services Ltd – 3 vehicles (duplicate) Unit 31, Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ

Keith Alan Martin – 2 vehicles & 2 trailers 41 Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ

K A Martin Transport – 2 vehicles & 2 trailers Unit 22a, Martlands Industrial Estate, Smarts Heath Lane, Woking GU22 0RQ