

Item 23

**UPDATE ON FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL PARKING
CONSULTATION**

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

19th October 2006

KEY ISSUE:

To update members on the current situation with regard to proposals to implement parking restrictions on residential roads surrounding Frimley Park Hospital.

SUMMARY:

The Local Transportation Service carried out a consultation exercise in March 2006 to ascertain views of residents around Frimley Park Hospital on the issue of parking. The responses would help the Transportation Service develop proposals that would best address the needs of each individual road.

Responses have now been received and proposals are currently being worked up to a standard that further consultation could take place. Delays in the scheme development have however occurred, initially due to the implementation of 'Decriminalised Parking Enforcement' and the final option for the Toshiba Roundabout scheme to be decided upon, but more recently due to a higher response rate than originally anticipated to the consultation and other continuing priorities experienced by the Local Transportation Service.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Surrey Heath Local Committee are asked to note this report.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. From April a change in legislation, known as 'Decriminalised Parking Enforcement' (DPE), has meant that the powers for enforcement of on street waiting and parking restrictions in Surrey Heath, have been passed from

Surrey Police to Surrey County Council. Surrey Heath Borough Council now patrol the restrictions on behalf of Surrey County Council. This will cover parking in designated parking places and all yellow line restrictions. Obstruction offences will continue to be the responsibility of Surrey Police.

2. Parking difficulties in and around Frimley and Frimley Park Hospital has been a cause for concern by residents for some time. However, it was necessary to delay a review of parking in the area due to DPE and until after the outcome of the proposals for the Frimley Road/Portsmouth Road roundabout (known locally as the Toshiba roundabout). As a scheme option has been approved the review of parking can be progressed.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. Surrey Heath Local Transportation Service distributed consultation letters on the 6th March 2006 with all responses received by the 24th March 2006. The aim was to obtain the views of residents in the vicinity of Frimley village centre and around Frimley Park Hospital, on issues of parking. The feedback would enable the transportation service to develop proposals for the area, which would be subject to further consultation. Proposals will seek to address, as far as is practical but within current policy, the issues raised and data that the Transportation Service collected. This may not necessarily eradicate every problem, but will seek to manage parking demand in and around Frimley more appropriately. It is unlikely that parking will be prohibited completely from any road but the aim would be to seek this in a controlled way.
4. In total more than 1,500 letters were distributed and over 500 responses received. Given that the scale of the response was more than originally anticipated there has been a delay in the analysis of the scripts.
5. During the course of the questionnaire analysis Surrey County Council has experienced much restructuring as part of the 'Business Delivery Review.' This unfortunately meant that the Surrey Heath Transportation Service lost members of staff and also had to relocate to Quadrant Court in Woking. This has led to a period of instability and increased workloads.
6. The feed back from this consultation is currently being processed, but due to continuing priorities that Surrey County Council Transportation Office must deal with, including day to day problems that cannot always account for, we do not expect to be able to consult on a draft proposal until the latter part of the year. As soon as a proposed scheme is available for comment, local residents and businesses will be notified. This will probably take the form of plans displayed initially at public libraries and more local venues, so that further comments can be made on a proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The £30,000 that was set aside from the 2006/07 devolved LTP Budget for the implementation of the parking restrictions, (legal advertising and on site signing and lining) is still in place.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. Surrey has embraced the concept of sustainable development, which is the foundation of Surrey's Local Transport Plan and is committed to the vision of making Surrey a better place. Funding from the integrated transport budget will be expended on projects and schemes in line with this vision whilst fulfilling its key commitments.

CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9. The Surrey Heath Crime and Disorder strategy seeks to continually improve the safety of the community. Measures to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian facilities will assist this strategy.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10. Throughout the scheme development process the Local Transportation Service will assess the opportunities and constraints of pedestrian mobility impairment with the aim of achieving the best possible outcomes whilst having regard for budget and practicality. A trained officer also assesses relevant schemes and consults with the local disabled access group (DASH) regarding any potential difficulties.

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