



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Surrey Heath)

Atrium Traffic Orders: Update

16th October 2008

KEY ISSUE

The Atrium scheme requires various new and amended traffic orders, and other statutory notices, to support the new infrastructure being constructed, and to accommodate the new road layout.

SUMMARY

A number of traffic orders and statutory notices were described to Committee in July 2006. This report describes the progress that has been made to date with these traffic orders and statutory notices, including those that relate to the pedestrianisation of Park Street.

At the time of writing this report there has been one objection to proposed new waiting restrictions in Southern Road. Any further objections will be reported to Committee verbally.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath):

- i. Agrees to overrule the objection to the new waiting restrictions in Southern Road, and to make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in September 2008;
- ii. Note the current position with regard to Traffic Regulation Orders for the Atrium development.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Atrium is a mixed-use development, consisting of retail and leisure facilities on a site between Park Street and Southern Road, Camberley. Surrey County Council (SCC) has an agreement with the developer under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980, for the developer to provide approximately £4M investment in Highway and Transportation improvements in Camberley town centre.
2. The Atrium development will result in substantial change to the layout of a number of roads in Camberley town centre. As a result the existing parking and waiting restrictions are no longer valid, and must be replaced with a suitable scheme of parking and waiting restrictions to fit the new layout in each case. These changes necessitate amendments to the traffic orders that define the Camberley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).
3. Some changes require specific traffic orders to regulate specific traffic movements. For example banned and prescribed movements at junctions. For example where areas of highway are no longer accessible for vehicles.
4. The proposed new Toucan (pedestrian and cycle) and a Puffin (pedestrian only) Crossings require statutory notices to be advertised before commissioning.
5. Traffic calming is proposed for a number of roads. A statutory notice is required before these schemes can be constructed.

PROGRESS SINCE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 2008

Park Street

6. Since the previous Committee meeting of July 2008, SCC has advertised amendments to the Park Street Pedestrian Zone that were approved by Committee at that meeting. These include a number of additional provisions to aid the enforcement of the pedestrian zone, and also a provision to enable The Mall to give access for deliveries at certain times. There were no objections to this proposed amendment, and therefore the necessary Traffic Regulation Order will be made in due course.
7. SCC is continuing to work with various stakeholders to bring the rising bollard in Park Street into operation. There are a number of technical issues to resolve. It is hoped that the bollard will be operational by the end of November.

Southern Road

8. SCC has also advertised a number of amendments to parking and waiting restrictions in Camberley Town Centre. New waiting restrictions were needed to match the new road layout. A number of existing parking and waiting restrictions are invalid, as they do not match the new road layout.
9. Included in the proposed new waiting restrictions was a no-waiting-at-any-time (double yellow line) restriction throughout Southern Road. There is considerable history to this proposal, the detail of which was reported to Committee in March 2008:
 - The original design for Southern Road was to provide a number of parking bays that could have been used for residents' parking.
 - Then in September 2007, the occupiers or landlords of all households of Southern Road wrote to request all parking to be removed from Southern Road. At the time there were 37 addresses in Southern Road, although not all were occupied.

- SCC convened a public meeting in December 2007 to explain the likely consequences of this request.
- Then in December 2007 SCC consulted residents on three options: one of which was a no-waiting-at-any-time restriction, and the other two that would have provided residents' parking.
- As reported in detail to Committee in March 2008, 71% of respondents voted for the no-waiting-at-any restriction. The results are summarised in Table 1 below.

Response	Number	Proportion
Total delivered	37	
Total respondents	14	38%
Result		
a) No waiting at any time (double yellow lines)	10	71%
b) Residents parking within existing CPZ	3	21%
c) Residents parking in new tailor made CPZ	1	7%

Table 1 – Southern Road parking consultation results

10. In September 2008, SCC advertised the necessary legal notice to introduce a no-waiting-at-any-time restriction throughout Southern Road, the effect of which would be to remove all on-street parking from Southern Road. When the legal notice of the proposed new no-waiting-at-any-time restriction in Southern Road was advertised, SCC hand-delivered a letter and copy of the notice to all households in Southern Road. There are now 68 addresses in Southern Road, but SCC does not know how many are currently occupied.
 11. Surrey County Council has received one objection to the proposed no-waiting-at-any-time restriction in Southern Road. The content of the objection is reproduced in Annex A. In September 2007 a letter was received from the same household requesting the removal of all parking from Southern Road – the content of this letter is also reproduced in Annex A. This household did not respond to the consultation in December 2007, unless it did so anonymously.
 12. In September 2007 occupiers or landlords of all the then households wrote to request all parking be removed from Southern Road. All current households in Southern Road had opportunity to object to the proposed new waiting restriction in September 2008. As only one objection has been received, it is recommended that Committee overrule the objection and that SCC make the order as proposed. In doing so SCC would satisfy the wishes of the majority of the residents.
 13. Committee should note that all properties in Southern Road (new and old) have off-street parking. Committee should also note that disabled drivers holding a blue badge would be able to park on the no-waiting-at-any-time restriction in Southern Road, according to the provisions of the blue badge scheme.
- Pembroke Broadway Bus Lane**
14. It was originally proposed to introduce a new bus lane in Pembroke Broadway, between Albert Road and the exit from Main Square Car Park. Following consultation with the bus operators it has been decided to abandon this proposal. The bus lane would only have been approximately 50m long.

Progress Summary

15. All the traffic orders and statutory notices relating to the Atrium are listed in Table 2 below.

	Location and purpose of traffic order / statutory notice	Status
1	<p>London Road at its junction with Lower Charles Street</p> <p>(a) Revoke banned-right-turn restriction from Lower Charles Street onto London Road; multi-lane prescribed route; restrict U-turns at the new signal junction.</p>	Order made 19 th September 2008.
2	<p>Southern Road, Lower Charles Street and Charles Street</p> <p>(a) Prohibition of driving orders where vehicular access has been blocked at Southern Road's junctions with Southwell Park Road and Lower Charles Street.</p> <p>(b) Amendments to the Camberley CPZ to reflect the new road layout of Southern Road, Lower Charles Street and Charles Street.</p> <p>(c) Traffic calming notice for the road table outside the main entrance to the Atrium; statutory notice for Zebra Crossing at southern end of this road table.</p> <p>(d) New taxi rank order to be agreed and made by the SHBC Licensing Officer.</p>	<p>Order made 2nd July 2008.</p> <p>Advertised in September 2008, one objection received, due to be made October 2008.</p> <p>Statutory notices advertised in July and August 2008; construction in November 2008.</p> <p>To be advertised by SHBC in due course.</p>
3	<p>Southwell Park Road</p> <p>(a) Notice to install a Toucan Crossing between Park Street and Firwood Drive.</p> <p>(b) Amendments to the Camberley CPZ to reflect the new road layout of Southwell Park Road</p>	<p>Advertised in September and October 2007; crossing commissioned January 2008.</p> <p>Advertised in September 2008, due to be made October 2008.</p>
4	<p>Pembroke Broadway</p> <p>(a) Notice to install a Puffin Crossing near to the railway station car park entrance.</p> <p>(b) Prohibition of driving orders for the closure and modification of gaps in the central reservation.</p> <p>(c) Amendments to the Camberley CPZ to reflect new road layout, including closure of gaps in central reservation.</p>	<p>Advertised in February and March 2008; crossing due to be commissioned November 2008.</p> <p>Order made 2nd July 2008.</p> <p>Advertised in September 2008, due to be made October 2008.</p>

	(d) New bus lane in the nearside lane of the eastbound carriageway between Albert Road and High Street.	Abandoned following consultation with bus operators.
5	London Road at its junction with Park Street (a) Order to restrict 'U-turns' at the revised signal junction.	Order made 19 th September 2008.
6	Park Street, St Mary's Road, Princess Way and Service Areas 3 & 5 (a) Various orders to pedestrianised Park Street, St Mary's Road and Service Areas 3 & 5, and to make changes to the parking and waiting restrictions bordering the new pedestrian zone. (b) Amendments to the pedestrian zone to as detailed in this report.	Orders made 18 th June 2008. Advertised September 2008, no objections received, order due to be made October 2008.
7	Southwell Park Road and Grand Avenue (a) Traffic calming notice for road tables on both roads	Consultation completed December 2007; statutory notice to be advertised in November 2008.
8	High Street (a) Traffic Calming Notice for a road table at the junction with St Georges Road	Consultation completed in August 2007; statutory notice advertised in September and October 2007; road table to be constructed in July 2008.
9	Firwood Drive (a) A traffic order to accommodate the Car Club, which is being promoted as part of the Atrium's 'green' travel plan.	Consultation completed October 2007; traffic order to be advertised in November 2008.
10	CPZ Review a) To review the entire Camberley CPZ, to examine whether it is still fit for purpose given the impact of the Atrium; to review the impact of the CPZ on the Surrey Heath Parking Management Plan; to review the area currently covered by the CPZ, with a view to possible expansion.	To follow substantial completion of the Atrium scheme.

Table 2 – Atrium related traffic orders and statutory notices

CONSULTATION

16. There is no further consultation required to complete the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders and Statutory Notices, other than the formal consultation that forms part of the respective legal processes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. SCC's agreement with the developer under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 provides that all SCC's costs incurred with the drafting, advertising, and implementation of traffic orders and statutory notices are fully funded by the developer.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

18. The traffic orders and statutory notices described above support the package of improvements being provided in Camberley town centre by the developer of the Atrium. This package of improvements has been designed to promote sustainable transport in and around Camberley, for example with public transport improvements, and pedestrian and cycle improvements.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

19. None.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

20. In general the traffic orders and statutory notices described above apply equally to all members of the community. The only exception to this is the provision for disabled blue badge holders to park in accordance with the provisions of the Blue Badge scheme.

CONCLUSION & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

21. The majority of the traffic orders and statutory notices for the Atrium development have now been made, or are about to be made. The outstanding items are the statutory notice for the Southwell Park traffic calming, and the traffic order for the Car Club.
22. It is recommended to overrule the objection to the proposed new no-waiting-at-any-time restriction in Southern Road, to satisfy the wishes of the majority of the residents.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

23. In respect of Southern Road, Surrey County Council will inform the objector of Committee's decision, and if applicable proceed to make the Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the changes to parking and waiting restrictions in Camberley Town Centre.
24. SCC will continue to progress the other necessary traffic orders and statutory notices to support the Atrium development.

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