



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

Annual Review of On-Street Parking in Surrey Heath

15 July 2010

KEY ISSUE

To approve arrangements for progressing Traffic Regulation Orders for proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in the Surrey Heath borough.

SUMMARY

Officers have completed a review of on-street parking in Surrey Heath, and identified changes in restrictions which would benefit road safety and reduce instances of obstructions and localised congestion.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to agree:

- (i) That the proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Surrey Heath as described in this report and shown in detail on drawings presented at this committee meeting as annex A (drawings 01-20), and the proposed price change for business permits as set out on page 6 of the report are agreed.
- (ii) The Local Committee allocates funding as detailed in paragraph 7 of this report to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments.
- (iii) That the intention of the County Council to make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Surrey

Heath as shown on the drawings in annex A be advertised and that if no objections be maintained, the Orders be made.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Team (Parking Team) carry out annual reviews of on-street parking restrictions across Surrey.
- 1.2 An assessment list comprising over 130 requests for parking restrictions from residents, councillors and SCC engineers over the last year were collated and used as the basis for the annual Surrey Heath parking review.
- 1.3 Each feasible request was assessed based on several factors including road safety, localised congestion, effect on emergency services and bus operators and levels of support e.g. supported by county member, local borough/district council, high resident demand etc.
- 1.4 A review of the Camberley Controlled Parking Zone has been carried out separately to this review, by a consultant of Surrey County Council. All proposals within this CPZ are included in Item 22 the 'Camberley Controlled Parking Zone Review 15 July 2010' committee report.

2 REVIEW OF RESTRICTIONS

- 2.1 The review was carried out in two stages: -

Stage one being an initial "desktop" exercise, which involved eradicating requests for refreshment of existing restrictions only and requests for restrictions which were either clearly not practical or feasible.

Stage two involved site visits to all remaining locations, which were assessed using the criteria explained above.

- 2.2 Following stage two of the review, some suggestions and requests were not progressed due to there being insufficient evidence to suggest there was parking problem which warranted restrictions, or where no feasible or practical solution was found.
- 2.3 The locations where officers consider new or amended restrictions maybe of benefit are listed below. These were discussed with the Surrey Heath Parking Task Group on 28 June 2010.

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

CAMBERLEY

Drawing No. SH0710-01 King's Ride

Introduce double yellow lines to maintain sight lines and road safety. A dip in the road makes parking here particularly hazardous for those exiting Old Green Lane, who are unable to see approaching vehicles.

Drawing No. SH0710-02 A30 London Road (Service Road by no.593)

Revoke existing double yellow lines due to a planned reconstruction of this area to a footway.

BAGSHOT

Drawing No. SH0710-03 High Street

Increase the parking time allowed on the parking bay outside numbers 51-61 to 2 hours. This will allow visitors and shoppers to park on the High Street for longer than the current 30 minute limit.

Note: This is not likely to affect revenue for the nearby Bagshot Car Park as it currently allows 2 hours free parking.

Drawing No. SH0710-04 Church Road

Upgrade existing single yellow line restriction to double yellow lines with a partial reduction outside properties 50 and 52, to maintain traffic flow and road safety along Church Road at all times.

FRIMLEY

Drawing No. SH0710-05 Partridge Close

At the request of residents via a petition, introduce a residents parking scheme to prevent parking in the close by non residents, except those using the proposed 2 hour parking bays provided to allow for short term visits.

Drawing No. SH0710-06 Sheridan Road j/w Leonard Close

Introduce double yellow line on one part of the junction to maintain sight lines and road safety.

Drawing No. SH0710-07 Oakway Drive

Revoke existing single yellow line restriction outside properties 9,11 and 13 at the request of these residents.

Drawing No. SH0710-08 Bicknell Road

Introduce double yellow lines outside properties 1a to 1d to maintain sight lines and road safety for nearby junctions.

Drawing No. SH0710-09 Grove Cross Road

Make current 1 hour parking bay unrestricted to increase the use of this bay and to ease the pressure on surrounding residential streets. For example the residents of Stream Cottages currently have to compete with non residents for the limited on street parking in Grove Cross Road.

FRIMLEY GREEN

Drawing No. SH0710-10 Bowling Green Court

Introduce a single yellow line restriction in the currently unrestricted section of Bowling Green Court. This will prevent large goods vehicles from having to pass parked cars by driving up onto the verge on the opposite side, causing damage to the verge and kerbing. Limited restrictions only are required as difficulties only occur during the daytime.

Drawing No. SH0710-11 Buckhurst Road

Introduce double yellow lines on the junctions and bends to maintain sight lines and road safety.

Drawing No. SH0710-12 Gresham Way

Introduce double yellow lines opposite the Cross Farm Infant School to prevent parking opposite the school entrances and on the bend.

WINDLESHAM

Drawing No. SH0710-13 Church Road

At the request of Surrey Police, introduce double yellow lines to prevent parking on the bend.

Drawing No. SH0710-14 Chertsey Road

Extend existing double yellow lines by School Lane (private) to maintain sight lines for vehicles exiting onto Chertsey Road.

LIGHTWATER**Drawing No. SH0710-15 Guildford Road (Service Road)**

Introduce double yellow lines around the turning head opposite numbers 140 and 140a, to prevent parking and allow vehicles to turn without being forced to use the private driveway of number 140a.

Drawing No. SH0710-16 Guildford Road (near Post Office)

Extend existing limited waiting parking bay towards number 84 to allow for increased parking demand.

BISLEY**Drawing No. SH0710-17 Clews Lane**

Introduce double yellow lines on the north side of the road between Donnafields (private) and Pilgrims Way, to prevent parking which reduces the road to single file traffic between the main road and bend.

Drawing No. SH0710-18 Mainstone Road

Introduce double yellow lines on the bend to maintain access for large goods and refuse vehicles, which are currently being forced to drive onto the adjacent verge in order to pass parked vehicles.

WEST END**Drawing No. SH0710-19 Benner Lane**

Revoke existing school keep clear outside the Holy Trinity School and introduce a single yellow line restriction across the two lay-by parking areas (separated by a kerb build out), including the kerb build out itself. This will prevent parking in the lay-bys but allow for the areas to be used for pick ups and drop offs by parents and carers.

Drawing No. SH0710-20 Gosden Road

Introduce double yellow lines on parts of the road considered to be unsafe or obstructive to through traffic and private accesses. Additionally to prevent parking on and damaging grass verges.

PROPOSED PRICE CHANGE FOR BUSINESS PERMITS CAMBERLEY CPZ – SERVICE AREAS 1 to 6

As a result of the economic recession, the current demand for business permits in the Camberley CPZ Service Areas has decreased significantly, and a large number of the parking bays are now unused.

In liaison with Surrey Heath Borough Council, it is proposed to reduce the annual cost of a business permit from £1250 to £995.

This proposed price would be in line with the Main Square Multi Storey Car Park Season Ticket, which is also £995.

It is anticipated this price reduction will encourage businesses to re-consider the use of these permits, and as a result, utilise the existing parking spaces and increase revenue income.

Other Locations Assessed

The following list provides the locations that were assessed and considered not appropriate to introduce permanent parking controls at this time. This is because of various reasons, and there are a number of locations on this list that will be re-visited as part of the next review. While every effort has been made to ensure this list is as accurate as possible, there may have been requests that do not appear in this list due to the fact the request was considered along with a nearby road during the assessment. If further clarification is sought please contact Surrey County Council's Parking Team.

Street Name	Town	Street Name	Town
Bagshot Green	Bagshot	Greenleas	Frimley
Guildford Road	Bagshot	High Beeches	Frimley
Queens Close	Bisley	High Street	Frimley
Shaftesbury Road	Bisley	Holly Hedge Close	Frimley
Amber Hill	Camberley	Leonard Close	Frimley
Barbon Close	Camberley	Nairn Close	Frimley
Brandon Close	Camberley	Old Bisley Road	Frimley
Bristow Road	Camberley	Old Pasture Road	Frimley
Crawley Ridge	Camberley	Oldbury Close	Frimley
Crosby Hill Drive	Camberley	Portsmouth Road	Frimley
Dawsmere Close	Camberley	Station Road	Frimley
Forest Hills j/w The Avenue	Camberley	The Close	Frimley
Frimley Road	Camberley	Tomlins Avenue j/w Hawkswood	Frimley
Georgian Close	Camberley	Trenton Close	Frimley
Mitcham Road	Camberley	Wilderness Road	Frimley
Park Road	Camberley	Elmcroft Close	Frimley Green
Portesbery Hill Drive	Camberley	Henley Drive	Frimley Green
Queens Road	Camberley	Nursery Close	Frimley Green
Red Road j/w The Maltway	Camberley	Sandringham Way	Frimley Green
Roxburgh Close	Camberley	The Hatches	Frimley Green

Shalbourne Rise	Camberley	Worlsey Road	Frimley Green
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Street Name	Town	Street Name	Town
The Avenue j/w Seaton Road	Camberley	Badger Drive	Lightwater
Victoria Avenue	Camberley	Corbett Drive	Lightwater
Watchetts Drive j/w April Close	Camberley	Hammond Way	Lightwater
Woodlands Road j/w Woodway	Camberley	Lovells Close j/w Guildford Road	Lightwater
Alpha Road	Chobham	MacDonald Road	Lightwater
Barnmead	Chobham	The Avenue	Lightwater
Chertsey Road	Chobham	Colesford Bridge Road	Mytchett
Elm Drive	Chobham	Cranmore Road	Mytchett
Mincing Lane	Chobham	Hamesmoor Road	Mytchett
Brentmoor Road	Donkey Town	Mytchett Road	Mytchett
Bassett Close	Frimley	Thorneyhurst Road	Mytchett
Bayfield Avenue	Frimley	Commonsfields j/w Jenner Drive	West End
Cross Lane	Frimley	High Street	West End
Dell Grove j/w Chobham Road	Frimley	Broadley Green	Windlesham
Field Lane	Frimley	School Road	Windlesham
Gilbert Road	Frimley	Windle Close	Windlesham
Gorse Road	Frimley		

4 CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 In preparation for this parking review, letter drops were carried out to each household located in roads where we had received requests for Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs). These roads were Station Road (Incl. The Close), Frimley; Gilbert Road, Frimley and Partridge Close, Frimley.
- 4.2 The letters explained a CPZ in detail, including the permit allocation criteria for both residents and visitors, and the likely costs of the permit. Residents were given 3 weeks to respond with their preferred option of: 'Controlled Parking Zone', 'Curfew Parking' (a short time period restriction to prevent all day parking), or 'do nothing'.
- 4.3 **Station Road (Incl. The Close), Frimley:** 69 letters were delivered with 23 responses. Of these responses, 43% were in favour of a CPZ, 17% Curfew Parking and 40% in favour of doing nothing. It has been concluded that this is not conclusive enough evidence to proceed with any proposal, and it is thought that if a CPZ proposal were to be formally advertised, the majority of residents would be against the proposal. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken under this review.
- 4.4 **Gilbert Road (Incl. Greenbanks Way), Frimley:** There was a very low response rate for this area. 210 letters were delivered with only 19 responses. Of the few that responded, 47% were in favour of a Controlled Parking Zone, 37% Curfew Parking, and 16% in favour of doing nothing. Due to this disappointing level of feedback, there is not enough information for us to make any definitive conclusion about what

residents would like for the road. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken under this review.

- 4.5 **Partridge Close, Frimley:** The County Council received a petition from the residents of Partridge Close, requesting that consideration be given to providing residents parking. As a result of this, consultation letters were sent out, and of the 62% of those properties that replied, all were in favour of a Controlled Parking Zone. A proposal for residents parking is therefore presented at this committee, outlined in drawing number SH0710/05. A copy of this proposed restriction layout was sent to each resident, and all received correspondence was positive towards the proposals.

5 STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 Subject to approval and budget provision being made available for 2010/11, it is anticipated that the formal advertising process involving notices in local newspapers and at proposed locations, will begin in Autumn/Winter 2010. Plans illustrating the amended restrictions will also be placed on deposit in local libraries and the Surrey Heath Borough Council offices during this time.
- 5.2 This will provide the opportunity for any interested parties to lodge objections, if they do not agree with the proposals.
- 5.3 The Chairman, Divisional Member and the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group Manager will consider and try to resolve any objections. If there are unresolved objections, they will be considered in accordance with the county council's constitution.
- 5.4 Subject to approval, notices will then appear in local newspapers confirming that the County Council has made the Traffic Regulation order.
- 5.5 Finally, the new and amended parking restrictions and associated time plates will be installed on the ground in Spring 2011.

6 OBJECTIONS

- 6.1 Once the amendment order is advertised, people have 28 days to lodge views and objections.
- 6.2 Objections can relate to the introduction of a new restriction. In cases where there is a coherent argument for not introducing a proposed restriction, it may be omitted, and the traffic order can proceed to be made for the other restrictions without the need to re-advertise.
- 6.3 If restrictions are to be added to those initially advertised, regulations require that these new restrictions must be re-advertised afresh. For this

reason no additional restrictions can be added through the objection process.

7 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 All preparatory work leading up to the installation of restrictions is charged to revenue. A revenue budgetary provision will need to be made available by the Local Committee for the cost of the traffic regulation order and the installation of any signs and lines. This is estimated to be approximately £20,000.

8 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications for this report.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the restrictions.

10 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex A. They will make a positive impact towards:-

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

11.1 Subject to approval of the committee and budgetary provision being made available, the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and the restrictions implemented.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None
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