



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(SURREY HEATH)**

Camberley Controlled Parking Zone Review

15 July 2010

KEY ISSUE

To consider possible amendments to the controlled parking zone (CPZ) in Camberley, following a review of the zone and its effectiveness.

SUMMARY

Following the development of the Atrium a review of the Camberley CPZ has been carried out to see whether any changes to it are needed as a result of the extra traffic that the Atrium attracts to the area. A number of surveys of parking patterns were carried out in the CPZ and requests for amendments considered.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) That the changes to the CPZ recommended in paragraph 3.2 of this report are agreed.
- (ii) That the intention of Surrey County Council to make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 be advertised, to give effect to the proposals in the above recommendation.
- (iii) That the other suggested changes to the CPZ are noted, and will be given further consideration subject to funding being available.
- (iv) That the Borough Council is asked to contribute £1,000 towards the changes proposed in the High Street

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of the development of The Atrium, Crest Nicholson paid a sum of money towards the review of the existing parking restrictions in the Camberley CPZ. The County Council's Parking Team commissioned the consultancy Jacobs to carry out a number of surveys in the area with a view to establishing parking patterns.
- 1.2 At the same time Jacobs were asked to assess a list of requests for new parking controls or for changes to existing parking controls in the CPZ. These requests had been received from a number of sources, including residents and local and county councillors.
- 1.3 Having completed the surveys and assessments, Jacobs produced a report detailing their findings and putting forward some suggestions for changes to the existing parking controls. A copy of their report is appended to this report as Appendix A.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 After analysing the results of the surveys, the main suggestions for the CPZ as a whole are:
 - that the zone's operational hours are extended to 10pm (they currently finish at 6pm),
 - that the zone is made operational on Sundays (at the moment it just operates from Monday to Saturday), and
 - that the zone is extended to include the whole of Valroy Close (the zone currently only covers the eastern end of the road up to its junction with Townside Place)
- 2.2 A further suggestion is to change the shared use bays in Grand Avenue and in Gordon Road between its junctions with Park Street and Garfield Road and make them residents permit holder only bays. (These bays currently allow non residents to park for up to 2 hours, and they are so heavily used by shoppers that residents find it very difficult to park in them).
- 2.3 The other general suggestions involve amending the length of time that vehicles may be parked in bays in and around the town centre – more details of these suggested changes are in section 4 on page 7 of the appended report (Appendix A).
- 2.4 As well as the suggestions, which have evolved from the analysis of the survey work, Jacobs also looked into requests for changes to the parking controls in individual roads and/or locations. These had been received from a variety of sources, including residents, Surrey Heath Borough Council officers and local and county councillors.

- 2.5 A summary of the suggested outcomes of these requests are shown in section 6 of the appended report, with more details of each request and the response to it shown in section 7.
- 2.6 In addition to all the suggestions for amendments to the parking controls that have arisen from the review of the CPZ, the County Council has also received a request from the borough council to make certain amendments to the parking and waiting restrictions in the High Street in order to accommodate the installation of decorative planters. The locations of these planters and their associated restriction amendments are shown in Appendix B.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 While all of the suggestions put forward both for the CPZ as a whole and for the individual locations have merit, the financial situation means that there is insufficient funding to proceed with many of them at this time. The total cost of implementing all the recommendations would be in the region of £50,000, whereas there is only £5,000 remaining from the developer's contribution.
- 3.2 It is therefore recommended that the operational hours of the zone are changed to 8am to 10pm Monday to Sunday and that the shared use bays in Grand Avenue and in Gordon Road between its junctions with Park Street and Garfield Road are converted to residents permit holder only bays. It should be possible to fund the works necessary to implement these changes (changing the relevant signs) from the developer's contribution.
- 3.3 It is also recommended that the remaining suggestions included in the appended report are implemented at a future date should sufficient funding become available.
- 3.4 With regard to the works needed to amend the on street road markings to accommodate the planters in the High Street, it is recommended that the borough council is asked to contribute the additional £1,000 that it is estimated will be required to implement these changes. Subject to this funding being made available it is recommended to carry out these works.

4 STEPS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Subject to approval, it is anticipated that the formal advertising process involving notices in local newspapers and at suitable 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.
- 4.2 This will provide the opportunity for any interested parties to lodge objections, if they do not agree with the proposals.

- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Subject to approval, notices will then appear in local newspapers confirming that the County Council has made the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 4.5 Finally, the changes to the CPZ operational hours and the specified bays will be implemented in Spring 2011.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The £5,000 remaining from the developer's contribution should be used to implement the recommended changes. This should provide the maximum impact from the funding available.
- 5.2 To accommodate the planters in the High Street, it is recommended that the Borough council is asked to contribute the additional £1,000 that it is estimated will be required to implement these works.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Failure to comply with parking restrictions can result in the issue of a Penalty Charge Notice.

8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the operational hours of the zone are changed to 8am to 10pm from Monday to Sunday and that the shared use bays in Grand Avenue and in Gordon Road between its junctions with Park Street and Garfield Road are converted to residents permit holders only bays. This should help residents within the zone to find available parking spaces and also reflect the all day, every day nature of Camberley town centre.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Subject to approval of the committee, the Traffic Regulation Order to make the necessary changes will be advertised and the restrictions implemented.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None