

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

PETITION TO OBJECT TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON FRANCE HILL DRIVE

5 JULY 2012

KEY ISSUES

To advise the local committee that a petition has been received.

SUMMARY

Wording of Petition

Surrey County Council are proposing to change the parking restrictions on France Hill Drive from a single yellow line to double yellow lines in front of Camberley Infant and Nursery School as well as the Adult Education Centre.

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to NOT implement these parking restrictions and keep the current restrictions for the following reasons:

- The wide catchment area of Camberley Infant and Nursery School (some parents coming as far as Frimley Green as well as near the Maultway) in addition to the high proportion of parents who require parents to drive their children to school. In addition, many children have siblings at other local Nursery or Junior schools, which are not within walking distance.
- Currently, parents of children at Camberley Infant and Nursery School use the area of France Hill Drive where the changes to parking restrictions are proposed to drop off or pick up their children. They are generally there between 8.30am 9am or 2.30pm 3.10pm from Monday to Friday during term time only. Outside these times, there are rarely cars parked on that part of the road, indicating that the current restrictions are working as they were intended.
- By its very nature, Camberley Infant and Nursery School has children between the ages of 3-7 years old. At this age, parents are

unable to drop off their child by the road and leave them to enter the school on their own, as can happen at a Junior or Senior school.

We would welcome further discourse with local residents and councillors to work together to create a solution to alleviate any current issues caused by parents parking along this road.

OFFICER RESPONSE

As part of the Surrey Heath Parking Review, the County Council's Parking Team have been consulting about new parking restrictions in France Hill Drive that it is considered could help improve road safety and reduce obtrusive parking in this location.

The consultation period for the review ended on the 8th June 2012. All the responses received to the consultation, including this petition, are in the process of being compiled into a summary report to help County Councillors and the County Council's Parking Team decide on the best way forward at each location including, France Hill Drive.

This petition will be taken into account by the Council when deciding whether or not to go ahead with changes to any parking proposals in France Hill Drive. A full response to the petition will be provided when all the comments have been compiled and carefully considered.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The local committee is asked to note the officer response.