



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

### **RESPONSE TO PETITION TO OBJECT TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON FRANCE HILL DRIVE 18 OCTOBER 2012**

#### **KEY ISSUES**

To update the local committee on the response to the petition that was presented at the meeting on 5 July 2012.

#### **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 advertised new parking restrictions in France Hill Drive that it was considered would help improve road safety and reduce obstructive parking in this location.

The period for registering comments and objections to the proposals ended on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012. All the responses received, which included this petition, were considered by the parking team manager in consultation with the chairman and vice chairman of the committee and the relevant county councillors in order to decide on the best way forward at each location.

In France Hill Drive there is already a restriction in place during week day school times that prohibits parking, but does not prevent dropping off and picking up passengers. Changing that restriction (marked by a single yellow line) to a double yellow line would not have altered the nature of the restriction, but would simply have meant that it was in force at all times rather than just during the day on Monday to Saturday and so would have controlled long term evening and weekend parking which was the reason for the proposal.

However, in light of the numerous concerns raised by visitors to the school, and this petition, and discussions currently underway between the school and local councillors about the possibility of a pick up and drop off area within the school grounds, it was decided to only install double yellow lines at the top of the road, near the junction with Southwell Park Road, but to leave the rest of France Hill Drive unchanged.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The local committee is asked to note the officer response.