



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

### **GUILDFORD ROAD, LIGHTWATER – AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAITING RESTRICTIONS 18 OCTOBER 2012**

#### **KEY ISSUES**

To consider the removal of an on-street parking bay that was previously approved by Local Committee but which is causing traffic problems on site.

#### **SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 16 February 2012, the Local Committee for Surrey Heath considered and approved the Annual Review of On-Street Parking in Surrey Heath report. In addition, an amendment was approved to permit the provision of several 20 minute limited waiting bays in Guildford Road, Lightwater, that were proposed to off-set the loss of bays due to the construction of a zebra crossing close to the Post Office. These additional bays have been marked on site as part of the zebra crossing works. However, one of them is opposite the kerb line that was built out as a planning requirement of the associated development and is causing a point of conflict between oncoming vehicles. The removal of this bay and its replacement with double yellow lines would solve the problem. The Traffic Regulation Order has not yet been made and this amendment could be advertised for inclusion in it.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the proposal for the removal of the 20 minute limited waiting parking place outside 82 Guildford Road, Lightwater, and its replacement with double yellow lines.
- (ii) Agree that the intention of the County Council to make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 this amendment is advertised and that, if no objections are maintained, the Order is made;

- (iii) That the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager will consider and try to resolve any objections, and that a decision on any remaining unresolved objections will be made by the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and the relevant County Divisional Councillor.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In February 2012 the Local Committee for Surrey Heath received a report detailing the proposals for the annual review of on-street waiting restrictions.
- 1.2 Certain changes were proposed for Guildford Road, Lightwater but an amended recommendation was tabled for additional 20 minute limited waiting bays. The proposed zebra crossing in the vicinity of the Post Office would remove some existing on-street parking and the amended recommendation was intended to off-set this loss.
- 1.3 The parking review proposals that were approved, including the additional 20 minute bays, have been advertised but the Traffic Order has yet to be made.

**2. ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 The additional 20 minutes bays were marked on street as part of the lining works associated with the zebra crossing scheme, pending the making of the Traffic Order.
- 2.2 One of the bays is outside the dentist at 82 Guildford Road. Opposite this location, the kerb line was altered as part of a planning requirement of a housing development scheme. The resulting built-out kerb and the additional bay are causing a pinch point.
- 2.3 The potential for conflict is a cause for concern and has been raised by Surrey Police and was identified during the recent Stage 3 Road Safety Audit that was carried out for both the development work and the new zebra crossing. The replacement of the bay outside the dentist with double yellow lines will resolve this issue. The dental practice has its own off-street parking.
- 2.4 Although the Parking Review amendments have been advertised, the relevant Traffic Order has not yet been made. It will therefore be possible to advertise the replacement of the bay with double yellow lines and incorporate this into the Traffic Order when it is made.

**3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Consultation with Surrey Police took place during the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit that was undertaken on site.

**4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The cost of this modification will include the cost of the public notice and the associated signing and lining changes.

## **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

## **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The removal of the pinch point caused by the bay and kerb alignment will reduce any possibility for conflict and road rage.

## **7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The provision of additional limited waiting bays in Guildford Road, Lightwater was intended to off-set the removal of similar parking that resulted from the construction of a zebra crossing in the vicinity.
- 7.2 Unfortunately, the position of one of the bays opposite a development-related kerb re-alignment has caused a pinch point and the potential for conflict that has been raised by Surrey Police and at a recent Stage 3 Road Safety Audit.
- 7.3 The replacement of this bay with double yellow lines will resolve the issue. The Traffic Order for the Surrey Heath On-Street Parking Review has been advertised but not yet made. It is possible to advertise this latest modification and incorporate it into the Traffic Order when it is made.
- 7.4 It is recommended that the 20 minute limited waiting parking bay outside 82 Guildford Road, Lightwater is replaced with a length of double yellow line, "At Any Time" restrictions.

## **8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The recommendation is made to remove a pinch point and the potential for vehicle conflict.

## **9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 9.1 The proposal to make this modification to the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised on site and in the local press, and will be included in the Traffic Order that has previously been advertised. The changes to the signing and lining will be undertaken as part of other changes that arose from the recent Stage 3 Road Safety Audit.

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