



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMBERS' QUESTION AND RESPONSE

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE – WAVERLEY
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From Mr John Robini

Parking Enforcement will be taken on by Waverley Borough Council across Waverley from April this year. There is growing concern from the residents particularly within the Godalming area, that the present system of parking restrictions is not compatible with an efficient parking enforcement regime. Parking regulations, yellow lines and residents' parking schemes can only be changed or maintained by Surrey County Council. In order that residents can park within a reasonable distance from their housing, and to ensure that Waverley can effectively enforce the system I would like to ask that an early review of the lines and regulations particularly in Godalming takes place. If this is not possible before April, can I have a review date, please ?

Response

The Committee will be aware that the process of introducing Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) involves checking and regularising existing restrictions, not introducing new schemes.

The established practice, developed by officers of the County Council and District/Borough Councils in Surrey, is to undertake a review some six to twelve months after the implementation of DPE arrangements. It is envisaged, therefore, that the County Council would, in partnership with the Borough Council, put in place a review of parking restrictions by April 2008. This would encompass both the impact of DPE and its implications for current restrictions and the consideration of possible new or revised schemes in areas where existing arrangements may no longer be fit for purpose.

The review would take approximately nine months to complete and contain the following stages:

- Establishment of Members' Steering Group
- Collation of requests and wishes of various groups
- Survey of roads in question to establish road safety issues and maximum parking availability
- Drafting of preliminary scheme and any agreement to resident permit costs if included within scheme
- Members' draft agreement to scheme
- Public consultation (which can include letter-drops and/or exhibitions)
- Consideration of comments and any changes to scheme
- Legal advertising of scheme (this could be done in association with public consultation)
- Drafting and introducing 'new' Traffic Regulation Order and installation of road marking and signing