



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(WAVERLEY)**

**AMENDMENTS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN
SOUTH STREET, GODALMING**

18 JUNE 2010

KEY ISSUE

To approve arrangements for progressing Traffic Regulation Orders for proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in South Street, Godalming.

SUMMARY

Following recent alterations to parking restrictions in Godalming, officers have completed a review of on-street parking in South Street and identified that changes in restrictions are required based on residents' concerns over accessibility.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree:

- (i) The proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in South Street, Godalming as described in this report and shown in detail on a drawing to be tabled at this Committee meeting as Annex A.
- (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.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of the Godalming Parking Review, which took place in late 2008, requests to increase on-street parking in both South Street and Upper Queen Street were assessed. A proposal was therefore made to revoke sections of existing double yellow lines in these roads, to allow unrestricted on-street parking to take place.
- 1.2 These amendments were formally advertised in February/March 2009, with final approval given by this committee in July 2009.
- 1.3 Following detailed design for all changes to parking restrictions in the Godalming area, the restrictions in South Street were removed on the ground in April 2010.
- 1.4 Shortly after these changes, Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Team (Parking Team) began receiving enquiries from South Street residents, expressing their concerns over access to both South Street itself and private accesses and garages.
- 1.5 Now on street parking is taking place in two unrestricted sections of South Street, the parked vehicles make entering and exiting certain driveways and garages difficult or impossible in some cases. In addition, the gap between the two unrestricted sections of on-street parking is not large enough to allow large vehicles to pass through unhindered.
- 1.6 Despite Upper Queen Street experiencing similar parking restriction amendments, the width of this street is approximately 2 metres wider than South Street, providing additional road space for manoeuvrability and through traffic.

2 REVIEW OF RESTRICTIONS AND PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 Following the issues detailed above, a further review of the parking restrictions in South Street was undertaken, and in liaison with the local County Councillor, it was agreed to propose a reintroduction of the 'no waiting at any time' parking restriction as detailed in Annex A.
- 2.2 Although there is a demand for on-street parking in South Street, particularly by those residents without off-street parking facilities, the recent revocations of restrictions within the street have shown on-street parking to be impracticable.
- 2.3 Following Committee approval, the proposed parking restrictions will be included in the forthcoming amendments to Waverley, currently being prepared for advertisement.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Proposed amendments to be included as part of the forthcoming Waverley formal advertisement, currently being prepared by the Parking Team.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 All proposed amendments are made in the interest of improving road safety, accessibility and reducing instances of obstruction. It is therefore recommended that the proposals be approved for implementation.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 As above.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 Subject to approval of the committee, the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: There are none.