



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

MONITORING OF APPLICATIONS FOR GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS' LICENSES: ANNUAL REVIEW

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KEY ISSUE

This annual monitoring report to Local Committees is to inform members of applications for Goods Vehicle Operators Licences (VOLs) for the period April 2011 to the end of March 2012.

SUMMARY

There were 160 applications for Goods Vehicle Operators Licences in Surrey in the period April 2011 to the end of March 2012. Surrey County Council objected to a total of 47 of these applications across all 11 districts. The County Council was able to reach agreement on conditions in respect of the majority of these applications; the remainder were withdrawn by the applicants. As from 1st January 2010, all County Councillors are consulted on applications within their divisions and it has therefore not been necessary to itemise all applications in this Committee Report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to note:

- (i) The continued operation of the system for notifying and consulting members on applications in their divisions.
- (ii) The contents of this annual information report.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This is the second annual report to Local Committees in respect of the monitoring of applications for Goods Vehicle Operators' Licences. The majority of applications relate to sites that are known to the County Council and, of those, the vast majority are existing industrial/business premises.

ANALYSIS

1.2 In the year 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, there were 160 applications for new or varied goods vehicle operators' licences (VOLs) in Surrey. Of these, the County Council objected to 47. By way of comparison, in the preceding year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011, there were 130 applications and the County Council objected to 30.

1.3 The applications can be broken down as follows:

Elmbridge	13 applications	3 objections
Epsom & Ewell	7 applications	1 objection
Guildford	18 applications	9 objections
Mole Valley	14 applications	1 objection
Reigate & Banstead	7 applications	1 objection
Runnymede	18 applications	5 objections
Spelthorne	28 applications	3 objections
Surrey Heath	9 applications	1 objection
Tandridge	20 applications	6 objections
Waverley	15 applications	7 objections
Woking	11 applications	10 objections

	160 applications	47 objections

1.4 All of the applications to which the County Council has objected have either resulted in the withdrawal of the application or the imposition of conditions. Conditions are reached in agreement between the applicant and the County Council.

1.5 The County Council has attended one public inquiry during the monitoring in Eastbourne, the closest office of the Traffic Commissioner, on 23 September 2011. This was in respect of an objection in the previous monitoring period (April 2010 to March 2011). The application was granted by the Traffic Commissioner with conditions, despite evidence from the County Council that its granting could compromise highway safety and the safety of public footpath users. Recent experience suggests that the Traffic Commissioner does not share the County Council's concern for highway safety and therefore every effort is made to agree conditions to mitigate the impact, rather than incurring the expense of a public inquiry in Eastbourne.

1.6 The County Council has objected to three applications in Hounslow that, although not in Surrey, have a direct environmental impact on Surrey residents. These were granted with conditions preventing the vehicles from exiting the site via roads in Surrey, ensuring all of the impact was in Hounslow.

1.7 The applications to which the County Council objected over the period April 2011 to the end of March 2012 are appended to this report in Annex A.

CONSULTATIONS

1.8 Every County Councillor is consulted on VOL applications within their Division. In addition, the Chairman of the Elmbridge Local Committee is notified of all applications in Elmbridge, at his request. No other Local Committee Chairmen have requested this.

2 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 There is no full-time dedicated officer to this work area. It is managed by the Transport Development Planning Manager East with support from other colleagues within Transport Development Planning (TDP) and Legal Services when required. A reduction in the overall number of officers within the previous 6 months has further reduced the time available for this area of work. It is managed alongside other workloads, which take priority due to the statutory requirements of TDP's role in the consideration of applications for planning permission. There is no specific budget for this work area.

3 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

5 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The requirement to consult County Councillors on operators' licence applications in their divisions continues to work well. Members have provided officers with useful background information about some sites and drawn their attention to problems at others. Members have also taken the opportunity to express support for applications and given their backing to local businesses. It is therefore recommended that this continue. Letters of objection can be copied to Members on request.

5.2 Local Committees are asked to note:

- The continued provisions for consulting members.
- The contents of this Annual Information Report.

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Annexe A: 'O'Licence Objections 2011/2012

Guildford

2020 Recycling Ltd – 4 vehicles
Chapel Farm, Guildford Road, Normandy, Guildford. GU3 2AU

Specialised Pigs Ltd – 5 vehicles
Lydling Farm, Puttenham Lane, Shackleford GU8 6AP

Sanitrux Ltd – 2 vehicles
Whiple Manor Farm, Aldershot Road, Worplesdon, Guildford. GU3 2BE

Ian Michael Ashcroft t/a Guildford Scaffold Services
School Lane Caravan & Storage Park, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3RB

Alan Pidgley – 2 vehicles
Newmarsh Farm, Horsley Road, Cobham KT11 3JX

Comfort International Limited – 2 vehicles
Chinthurst Farm , Chinthurst Lane, Bramley GU5 0DR

Peter William Bovington – 1 vehicle
Hillview, Sunray Farm, Shere Road, West Clandon GU4 8SH

Wickes Ltd – 3 vehicles
Wickes, Woodbridge Road, Guildford GU1 1EH

Tommy Thomas Mobey t/a 1st Class Paving Services – 2 vehicles
4 Acre Stables, Aldershot Road, Guildford GU3 3HF

Mole Valley

Southern Tubes Scaffolding – 1 vehicle
Evergreen Farm, Partridge Lane, Newdigate RH5 5BW

Waverley

Warren Machine Tools (Guildford) Ltd t/a Warco – 3 vehicles & 1 trailer
Warco House, Fisher Lane, Chiddingfold

Motor Headhunter Ltd – 1 vehicle
46 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, GU6 8TB

Redemtech (UK) Ltd – 5 vehicles & 3 trailers
132 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh, GU6 8TB

Farnborough Tool Hire – 2 vehicles
Station Yard, Summers Road, Godalming GU7 3BB

Classic Security (UK) Ltd – 2 vehicles
Unit 16, Alfold Business Park, Loxwood Road, Alfold GU6 8HP

Surrey Hills Removals t/a Manns Removals – 4 vehicles
97 Dunsfold Park, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh GU6 8TB

Travis Perkins – 4 vehicles
6 Coxbridge Business Park, Alton Road, Farnham