

Chertsey Road, Byfleet and Princess Road, Maybury proposed changes to waiting restrictions

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KEY ISSUE:

To agree changes to waiting restrictions in Chertsey Road, Byfleet and Princess Road, Maybury

SUMMARY:

Chertsey Road Byfleet carries significant amounts of through traffic during peak times. Parking takes place on both sides of the road near its northern end, restricting traffic flow and forward sightlines and restricting access by commercial vehicles to a large bakery. Waiting restrictions are proposed to tackle this problem.

Princess Road does not carry through traffic, but waiting is restricted

throughout the day on both sides of the road at its westernmost end, causing unnecessary difficulties for residents, many of whom have no off-street parking. Removal of the waiting restrictions is proposed, but with double yellow lines being introduced at its junction with Maybury Road for safety reasons.

CONSULTATIONS:

The Police have been consulted and support the proposals. In the case of Chertsey Road, the request for waiting restrictions came from the Police.

The request for additional on-street parking in Princess Road came from a local resident.

The public will be consulted as part of the legal process when the proposals are advertised in the local press, on street and on the Council's website.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to: (a) introduce waiting restrictions in Chertsey Road, Byfleet, as shown on Drawing No. 11440 and to: (b) remove the existing waiting restrictions in Princess Road, Maybury and introduce "no waiting at any time" at the Princess Road/Maybury Hill junction as shown on Drawing No. 11441, and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member, to consider and determine any objections and to make the order.

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INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1 Chertsey Road is a predominantly residential road linking A245 Parvis Road with A318 Oyster Lane. Despite being traffic calmed by means of speed tables and width restrictions, it carries considerable amounts of through traffic. At its northern end there is a fairly sharp bend of almost 90 degrees. On the outside of this bend is the access to British Bakeries Ltd, which generates significant amounts of heavy commercial traffic. On the inside of the bend a new development of 8 two-storey dwellings is nearing completion. There are additional business units off Berry's Lane and a primary school at the end of Kingshead Lane. (See Plan No.11440 attached at Annex A).

Princess Road in Maybury is a residential road providing access to the Maybury Estate. Many of the properties within the estate have no off-street parking facilities, and therefore there is a high demand for parking on-street. Parking is prohibited on both sides of Princess Road, from 7.30am to 6pm, 7 days per week, between Maybury Hill and Alpha Road, a distance of some 270 metres. (See plan No.11441 attached at Annex B).

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- There are significant levels of on-street parking on this northern section of Chertsey Road. This can make it difficult for large vehicles to turn into and out of the bakery and obstructs traffic flow. Additionally, forward sightlines are obstructed by vehicles parked on the bend, which is potentially dangerous. Demand for on-street parking is likely to increase once the new flats are occupied. It is therefore proposed to introduce waiting restrictions on Chertsey Road, as shown on Drawing No. 11440 attached at Annex A. The proposals will prohibit parking throughout the working day on both sides of the road. However, overnight parking would be permitted on the outside of the bend. Such parking would not obstruct sightlines and would not unduly hamper traffic flows, which are much lighter outside working hours.
- 4 Princess Road does not carry through traffic, and there are no waiting restrictions within the rest of the estate. The existing waiting restrictions cause unnecessary difficulties for local residents with no off-street parking, and are not considered to be necessary. It is therefore proposed to remove these waiting restrictions entirely, but to introduce a short length of double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) at the Princess Road/Maybury Hill junction, as shown on Drawing No. 11441 attached at Annex B. This would ensure that the junction is kept clear so that vehicles can enter and leave the main road safely.
- 5 The additional on-street parking which will take place following removal of the waiting restrictions is likely to have the additional safety benefit of encouraging lower vehicle speeds on Princess Road.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of advertising the proposals and making changes to the signs and lines is estimated to be £1500 and can be funded from the Aids to Movement budget for 2003/4.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

7 The proposals are expected to improve road safety in Chertsey Road and may lead to lower vehicle speeds in Princess Road.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8 There are no crime and disorder implications

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9 There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10 Chertsey Road Byfleet carries significant amounts of through traffic at peak times. The parking which currently takes place in the vicinity of the bend at its northern end obstructs the free flow of traffic and forward sightlines, and makes access to and egress from the bakery difficult. The proposed waiting restrictions are intended to tackle these problems.
- 11 Princess Road does not carry through traffic, and the waiting restrictions at its western end are considered to be unnecessary. It is therefore proposed to remove them, but to prohibit waiting at all times at its junction with Maybury Hill.

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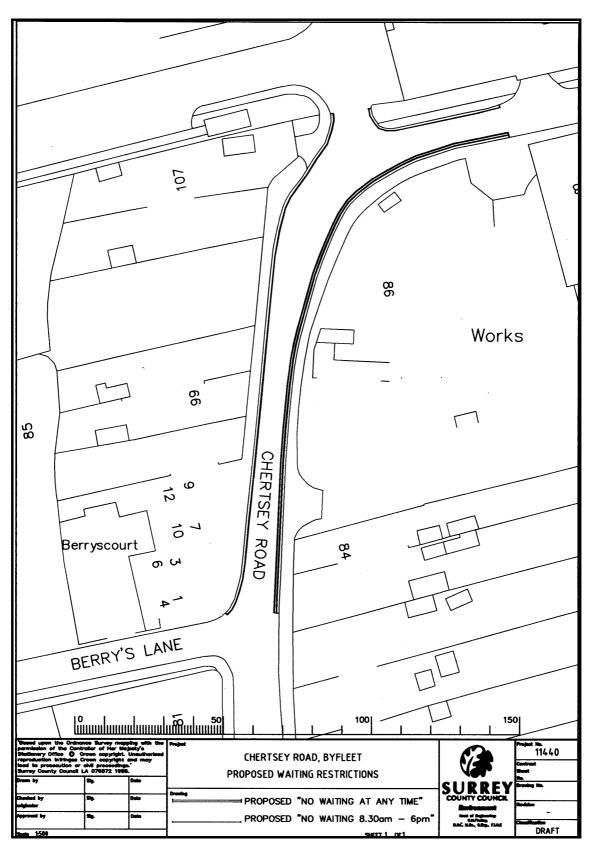
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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Letter from resident of Princess Road to Humfrey Malins MP

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