



MAYFORD GREEN – PARKING BAYS

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING 22 OCTOBER 2003

KEY ISSUE:

This report seeks Local Committee approval to introduce limited waiting restrictions in Mayford Green.

SUMMARY:

Parking bays were introduced in the vicinity of the shops at Mayford Green to permit shoppers to park off road.

Long term parking by residents has limited the number of bays available for that purpose.

It is proposed that a restriction allowing waiting for 20 minutes in any one hour is introduced to deal with this situation.

CONSULTATIONS:

Local residents were originally informed of the problem and subsequently of the intention to impose legal restrictions.

The County and Borough Councillors for the area.

The police are aware of the proposals but have made no specific comment.

Mayford Village Society was consulted and support the proposal.

The two shopkeepers were consulted and support the proposal.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

that waiting restrictions are introduced at Mayford Green as shown in Diagram 11618 Annex C.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. There are two shops at Mayford Green, one selling tiles and the other a Post Office general stores and newsagent. The Tile Shop relies on customers being able to park nearby to visit the shop and carry heavy loads, the Post Office relies on customers paying frequent but short duration visits. If the customers cannot park easily the future of both stores may be put in jeopardy.
2. Bays were provided by Woking Borough Council to allow customer parking off the B 380 thus making that road safer. They were not made subject of any legal restriction on waiting but were intended to be used by shop customers rather than for long term parking.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. The shopkeepers and Mayford Village Society originally raised this issue. After consultation with local Members a letter was sent to residents in Mayford Green on the 27 March 2003 pointing out the intended purpose of the parking areas when they were installed (Annex A). The intention was to persuade residents who did use the bays for parking that they might jeopardise the viability of the shops that rely on casual trade.
4. Initially this letter had the effect of reducing occasions when vehicles were parked for long periods. However this was short lived and the situation is now the same as prior to that letter.
5. Consultation letters about imposing restrictions were sent to the 14 properties immediately affected by any restrictions (Annex B). Replies were received from 6 residents, 4 in support of the proposal and 2, who have no off street parking, against. The latter would have to find alternative on street parking during times when the restrictions operate. It is not practical to provide access to their property for vehicles. The Mayford Village Society supports the proposal.
6. The proposal is to restrict waiting in the 5 bays immediately outside the shops and the 2 in a lay by on the B 380 between 0800 and 1900 Monday to Saturday to 20 minutes in any one hour.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The scheme cost of £500 will be provided from the Signs and Aids budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. This proposal aims to maintain the viability of the local economy.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9. The proposal aims to reduce tension regarding this issue in Mayford Green.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is clear that there is local animosity caused by the long term parking, and a desire to prevent it. People in Mayford are keen to retain the local shops but know that they rely for their viability on customers from beyond Mayford Green being able to park. The bays were originally installed for this purpose and to make the B 380 safer by providing off street parking.

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