



**HIGH ROAD, BYFLEET
IMPROVEMENT OF PARKING
FACILITIES**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING
14 JULY 2004**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider proposals to introduce a limited time parking scheme in the vicinity of the shops at Petersham Parade, High Road, Byfleet.

SUMMARY:

Petersham Parade is a small area of shops, offering a variety of services. Parking is limited to areas on street in front of the shops. The proprietors have complained that the majority of the spaces are occupied by employees of local businesses, restricting availability and capacity for parking. The proposals would remove the ability to park all day and encourage a turnover of parking.

CONSULTATIONS:

The proprietors have been visited to identify and confirm the problems.

A letter and questionnaire have subsequently been sent to residents and proprietors.

The Divisional Member is aware of the contents of this report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) that a 2 hour limited parking scheme, with no return within 1 hour, be introduced into Petersham Parade, Byfleet, between the hours of 0830 and 1800, Monday to Saturday inclusive, and**
- (ii) that the scheme be advertised, with authority delegated to the Woking Local Transportation Director, to consider and determine any objections received, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member. (Annex 2 relates to a location plan of the area concerned) and**
- (iii) that the scheme be implemented in July 2005 to coincide with the Decriminalisation of Parking.**

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. Petersham Parade is a parade of shops within the village of Byfleet adjacent to the High Road. They offer a variety of services, including a bank, bakers, bathroom designers, florist and newsagent. The nature of the shops requires short-term visits and parking. The only available parking is on street in front of the shops. There are however several businesses in the vicinity and employees of these establishments are parking all day within the parade, restricting the available capacity and access and therefore trade.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENT

2. The proprietors of the shops were visited to gauge their reaction to the proposed scheme. Following that consultation, ten questionnaires were sent out to both the proprietors and residents living above the shops. Five have been returned to date. Four considered the most advantageous duration would be 2 hours with no return for one hour. (Annex 1 relates to the Questionnaire).
3. The restriction would apply between 0830 and 1800, Monday to Saturday inclusive. Consideration must be given to the level of enforcement that the scheme would require, bearing in mind the onset of the Decriminalisation of Parking, due to be implemented in July 2005. It is unlikely that the Police would have sufficient resources to effectively enforce the restrictions before the onset of Local Authority responsibility. If Committee approval were granted, implementation would occur in July 2005, to coincide with the introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking.
4. There is alternative free parking nearby at the Byfleet Village Hall and at the recreation ground off Stream Close. There was a reluctance to consider parking at the recreation ground due to a fear of vandalism or theft from vehicles considering its isolated and unsupervised location.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The cost of the scheme would be approximately £2000, that will be funded from the Signs & Aids budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

6. It is anticipated that the introduction of this scheme would remove the ability to park all day without charge from persons not connected to the shops, therefore freeing up the parking bays to encourage a turnover of parking that will result in the shops being able to maintain patronage and retain local services for the village.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no crime and disorder implications.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8. The proposals would restore the ability for local people to access their village shops without having to find alternative parking.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

9. The matter was raised initially by the local community to the Divisional Member and the proposals will go some way to address their concerns. In view of the onset of decriminalised parking, the scheme, if approved, will not be implemented fully until those arrangements come into force.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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Dear Sir or madam,

HIGH ROAD, BYFLEET

IMPROVEMENT OF PARKING FACILITIES

It has been brought to our attention that the parking outside the shops, between 15 & 29 High Road, Byfleet has become a concern to the proprietors and residents of those properties. In response the location was visited and a very informative discussion took place with the proprietors of the shops.

It would appear that the parking all day by employees at businesses close to but not directly within the shops area is reducing the available capacity and restricting the access and trade to the shops and veterinary surgery.

The proposed solution would be the implementation of a limited time parking scheme operating between 0800 and 1800 on weekdays, with marked bays and a restriction, for example, of one hour's parking with no return for two hours. This would remove the ability to park all day and free up the bays to encourage a turnover of parking.

The main logistical problem to be addressed would be the frequency of attendance by an enforcement officer.

This matter will not be resolved overnight but it is our intention to take proposals to the Local Traffic Committee Meeting to be held in July. The purpose of this letter therefore is to inform you of the proposals and to invite your views on the matter.

I would therefore ask you to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the address below. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ted Stevens
Integrated Transportation Team

QUESTIONNAIRE

HIGH ROAD BYFLEET – PROPOSED PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Name.....

Address.....
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Please tick ONE of the boxes below

I am in favour of the proposals

I am not in favour of the proposals

The most advantageous parking duration would behours parking, with no return forhours.

If you have any comments on the proposals, please write them below

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Signed..... Date.....

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it by 18 June 2004 to the address below.

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