



**PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTION
PARK ROAD, WOKING**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING
18 JULY 2005**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider the introduction of a waiting restriction in Park Road, Woking.

SUMMARY:

The Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) ends at 41 Park Road. The road when travelling towards Maybury Hill then turns right and left.

It has become common practice for vehicles to be parked from the end of the CPZ to the bends causing potential danger to all road users.

The proposal, by introducing a double yellow line restriction, will prevent this parking and remove the danger

CONSULTATIONS:

A letter informed residents directly affected of the proposal.

The County Divisional and Borough Ward members.

Surrey Police who did not object to the proposal.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree: -

- (i) to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce a waiting restriction in Park Road, Woking as shown in Drawing No.11969.**
- (ii) that authority is delegated to the Acting Local Transportation Director, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional member, to consider and determine any objections and to make the order.**

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. The Controlled Parking Zone does not extend throughout Park Road but terminates at number 41 immediately before a series of bends in the road. Residents in Park Road had voted against inclusion in the CPZ hence this point of termination.
2. A practice has grown that vehicles park just beyond the CPZ up to the bends. The outcome is that drivers overtaking the parked cars are in conflict with vehicles driven in the opposite direction. Due to the bend drivers only become aware of the danger when committed to their chosen course.
3. Officers at Woking Borough Council sought to extend the CPZ and deal with the danger. However when residents were consulted there was not a majority in favour of the proposal and no further action taken.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

4. Woking Local Transportation Service Officers have received a number of contacts from concerned residents and drivers. Officers have carried out their own audit of parking at the location. Numbers vary but on many occasions vehicles were parked close to the bend.
5. The same vehicles were parked in the location on many days. The drivers appear to be commuters avoiding car park charges by waiting at the periphery of the CPZ. This is common practice within the Borough but was exacerbated when charges were imposed on long term parking at the Leisure Centre. An unknown but significant number of drivers looked for and it seems found alternative locations to park.
6. Observations were made of driver behaviour. When travelling down Park Road from Maybury Hill drivers approach a left hand bend and cannot obtain a view of approaching traffic until they reach the apex of the bend. A vehicle travelling in the opposite direction is on the wrong side of the road having to overtake the parked cars.
7. Whilst the present parking only occurs up to the first bend placing a waiting restriction to deal with this parking alone would simply displace it to the next bend. The proposal is therefore to introduce 130 metres of Double Yellow Lines, on both sides of the road, from 41 Park Road to Linden House, Park Road from which point vehicles can be safely parked. This measure will remove long term parking but not prevent necessary loading and unloading.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The introduction of this proposal will be funded from the Signs and Aids budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no Sustainable Development implications.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

10. The proposal will remove a source of driver conflict.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no Equalities Implications.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12. The current situation in Park Road with vehicles parked close to a bend places drivers and their vehicles in conflict. This simple low cost measure will remove the parked vehicles and therefore the danger.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Nil

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