



CARHOUSE LANE 7.5t HGV RESTRICTION

**LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING
20 OCTOBER 2005**

KEY ISSUE:

To prevent the inappropriate use of Carhouse Lane by large goods vehicles.

SUMMARY:

The current weight restriction boundary in Carhouse Lane allows large goods vehicles over 7.5 tonne to travel through the lane provided they have a legitimate purpose in visiting a premises within the lane.

The recent increase in use of Greenbays Park as an industrial site has caused concerns that inappropriately large vehicles will start to use Carhouse Lane.

This proposal, by moving the restriction boundary immediately west of Greenbays Park, prevents this occurring.

CONSULTATIONS:

Divisional member

Borough Ward members

The three businesses currently occupying Greenbays Park

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) to advertise the necessary amendment to The Surrey County Council (Various roads in Surrey Heath and Woking) (Revocation of weight restriction and weight restriction) Order 2002 enabling the current boundary of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction in Carhouse Lane to be moved from Littlewick Road west to a point immediately west of Greenbays Park as shown at Annex A Drawing 12004**
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the 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. Currently a 7.5 tonne weight restriction applies to the entire length of Carhouse Lane. A vehicle in excess of this weight limit can legally be driven into Carhouse Lane from either direction provided the driver has to visit premises within the Lane.
2. Business use of Greenbays Park, an industrial area at the eastern end of Carhouse Lane, has recently increased with two of the occupiers having Operators Licences for larger vehicles.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. The majority of Carhouse Lane is not constructed to take large vehicles safely. The carriageway is narrow in places and a series of bends has been made subject of an advisory 20 mph speed limit.
4. The current 7.5 tonne weight restriction begins at the junction of Carhouse Lane and Littlewick Road. It is proposed to move this boundary west just beyond the entrance to Greenbays Park as shown at Annex A Drawing 12004. This would require the drivers of all vehicles over the weight restriction and intending to visit Greenbays Park to enter Carhouse Lane from Littlewick Road and exit by the same route.
5. The main operator of goods vehicles at the site has agreed to a restriction on their Operators Licence that achieves the same effect. However that would not apply to other vehicles including deliveries.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of amending the legal order and moving the boundary signs will be met by the signs and aids budget

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

7. This measure will prevent inappropriate large vehicle use of Carhouse Lane

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. Carhouse Lane throughout the majority of its length is not suited to use by large goods vehicles. This proposal by restricting use will improve safety.

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