



WAITING RESTRICTIONS BROADWAY, KNAPHILL

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR WOKING 1 FEBRUARY 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To consider proposals for changes to the waiting restrictions in Broadway, Knaphill

SUMMARY:

The current waiting restrictions at the northern end of Broadway, Knaphill were introduced in 2003 providing seven, limited time (20 minutes), parking bays and improved sight lines at Queens Road where an extended double yellow line was installed.

The Committee received a petition from Knaphill Residents Association asking whether the bays were required when there were two free car parks in the village and the existing lay-out caused tailbacks and a potential for accidents. The Committee asked that officers conduct an examination of the current situation and a consultation exercise.

Following that consultation changes are proposed to reduce the number of parking bays and replace them with a single yellow line and improve sight lines by introducing new Double Yellow Lines

CONSULTATIONS:

The Divisional and Borough Members were consulted throughout the preparation of this report

Surrey Police have been consulted

Knaphill Residents Association have been consulted and held a public meeting at which this subject was discussed

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) advertise a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to amend the waiting restrictions in Broadway, Knaphill as shown on Drawing 12091 Annex A 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.**

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

1. At its meeting of 20 October 2005 the Committee received a petition from the Knaphill Residents Association signed by 279 people.

Wording of the petition:

Limited parking between Moss Chemist and Griffith shop The Broadway, Knaphill.

“As we have two free car parks near to the shops is this limited parking required. It is found that it is creating tail backs from the High Street into The Broadway. Traffic coming out of Queens Road have to go into the middle of the road before they have a clear view. It is a danger to people going over the crossing as traffic have not got a clear view. Buses find it sometimes a hazard (do you).” (Do you think that both sides of the road near the crossing should be kept clear with single yellow lines on both sides taking into account we have had four accidents since limited parking came into force. We now await a fatal accident.)

Note: The second part of the petition wording, shown above in brackets non bold, was not included on all sheets of the petition.”

2. At the discretion of Mrs Tinney the Acting Local Transportation Director provided the following response:-

“Prior to July 2003 Broadway at its junction with Queens Road had a parking restriction indicated with a single yellow line. Drivers ignored the restriction and concerns were expressed that this affected sight lines for drivers leaving Queens Road.

A proposal to replace the restriction with double yellow lines was rejected after consultation with local businesses that felt it would affect their trade and residents including a meeting of the Knaphill Residents' Association. The current restrictions limit parking to 20 minutes in any hour and protect sight lines with double yellow lines at the junction of Queens Road. One reason for retention of parking at this location was that parked vehicles reduced speed adopted by other drivers. The Local Committee approved these proposals on 23 July 2003.

Since the new restrictions were introduced two injury accidents are recorded up to July 2005 neither attributable to on-street parking.

The contents of the petition and alternative restrictions have been discussed with Councillors Smith and Kingsbury. Further change would require consent of the Committee, residents and the traders directly affected.”

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. The existing parking arrangements at the north end of Broadway, Knaphill were installed in June 2004. A key point of the proposal was to support the local businesses by providing “close up” parking. Previously a single yellow line existed from the limits of the pedestrian crossing to Queens Road. The restriction was widely abused due to a lack of enforcement. Drivers turning out of Queens Road had sight line difficulties due to cars parked close to the junction.
4. In 2003 an extensive consultation was carried out including a meeting of the Knaphill Residents Association and with the local traders. Whilst vehicles were parked illegally it was apparent that they were not causing any obstruction although through traffic waited to pass on occasions. Much of the waiting was short term whilst occupants visited the nearby shops, in particular the newsagent.
5. Following this consultation the current parking arrangements were proposed and accepted by the Committee at their meeting of 23 July 2003. Seven time limited parking bays were introduced, the Double yellow lines at Queens Road extended to improve sight lines, street lighting upgraded and additional signing provided for the car parks.
6. On 20 October 2005 the Committee agreed that the current layout should be examined and further consultation has taken place with members and residents. The petition asked whether the existing limited time parking was required as there were two free car parks in Knaphill Village. It claims that parking bays, when occupied, outside 11 to 17 Broadway cause delays and a potential for accidents. After consultation with members the current proposal has concentrated on those four bays and not the three outside 23 to 29 Broadway which do not give rise to the accident potential or sight line problems raised by the petition.
7. The outcome is a proposal to remove four of the existing bays and the introduction of additional double yellow lines. These are shown on Drawing 12091 – Annex A
8. It is proposed to remove the 4 bays outside 11 to 17 Broadway and replace them with a single yellow line. This will prevent parking apart from disabled badge holders and deliveries to the adjacent businesses. Parking also occurred opposite the bays on the western side of Broadway, which exacerbated the alleged problems. It is proposed that all parking between the rear of 34a High Street, Knaphill and 16 Broadway be prohibited by means of a Double Yellow Line. The existing Double Yellow Line in Queens Road will also be extended to improve sight lines for drivers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The changes will be funded from the Signs and Aids budget.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

10. The proposals may marginally reduce vehicle congestion and delays at the northern end of The Broadway

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no Crime and Disorder implications

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no Equalities Implications

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Whilst the petition refers to all the bays currently existing in Broadway there was no particular reason to remove those on the southern side of Queens Road and in consultation with members these will remain and provide some “close up” parking for the businesses, a key demand in 2003 when the Committee agreed the current lay out.
14. This proposal would address the petitioners concerns about tailbacks and a perceived risk of vehicle accidents. The single yellow line replacing the 4 bays between 11 and 17 Broadway would not prevent disabled badge holders parking and deliveries being made.

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