



## **Proposed Waiting Restrictions**

**Local Committee (Woking)  
28 February 2007**

### **KEY ISSUE:**

To consider proposals for waiting restrictions in various locations in the Woking area.

### **SUMMARY:**

New waiting restrictions are proposed for the junctions of Gorsewood Road/Birdswood Drive and Connaught Road/Elphinstone Close.

Following a series of site inspections, no waiting restrictions are proposed at present for Turnoak Avenue or Hillside.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

Relevant Borough and County Councillors

The Oaktree and Hermitage County Primary Schools

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to agree

- (i) that the waiting restrictions in Gorsewood Road and Elphinstone Close, as shown on Drawing Nos. 12272 and 12289 respectively, be approved;**
- (ii) that the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders be made; and**
- (iii) that authority be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Members, to consider and determine any objections.**

## **INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

1. At its meeting on 15 June 2006, the Committee agreed a five-year programme of Integrated Transportation schemes, which included the investigation of a number of waiting restriction proposals in the following roads:
  - Gorsewood Road, Hermitage Estate
  - Elphinstone Close, Brookwood
  - Turnoak Avenue, Woking
  - Hillside, Woking
2. Details of the feasibility study and the proposals are given below.

## **ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

3. Gorsewood Road is a predominantly residential road, each end of which forms a junction with the A324 Hermitage Road. It gives access to two schools, the Oaktree Primary School and the Hermitage County Primary School. There is high demand for on-street parking at school times, and this can lead to congestion, difficulties for pedestrians in crossing Gorsewood Road and blocked sightlines for drivers emerging from Birdswood Drive, which is opposite the Hermitage County Primary School.
4. It is proposed to introduce waiting restrictions in Gorsewood Road and Birdswood Drive, as shown on Drawing No. 12272 attached at Annex A. Any displaced parking can be accommodated further along Gorsewood Drive.
5. Elphinstone Close is a residential cul de sac, accessed from the A324 Connaught Road in Brookwood. It lies within the Brookwood Controlled Parking Zone, and waiting is prohibited, except for residents with permits, between 13.00hrs. and 14.00hrs. Monday – Friday. At other times, however, given the proximity of Brookwood railway station and the village shops, parking takes place in Elphinstone Close, near to its junction with the main road. This can block sightlines for drivers emerging from Elphinstone Close, and restrict the width of road available for drivers entering and leaving the main road.
6. It is therefore proposed to prohibit waiting at all times at the junction of Elphinstone Close and Connaught Road, as shown on Drawing No. 12289 attached at Annex B. Any displaced vehicles can be accommodated within the remaining length of Elphinstone Close.
7. Turnoak Avenue is a residential cul de sac accessed via the A247 Wych Hill Lane. (See location Plan No. 12290 attached at Annex C). The road has been inspected at various times of day to assess the levels of on-street parking. Although such parking does occur, it does not cause any problems in terms of obstruction or safety. There are already waiting restrictions at the

junction of Turnoak Avenue and Wych Hill Lane (no waiting at any time). Therefore it is not proposed to introduce further waiting restrictions in Turnoak Avenue at the present time.

8. Hillside is a residential cul de sac accessed via the A320 Egley Road. (See Location Plan No. 12291 attached at Annex D). Almost opposite Hillside, on the other side of Egley Road, is Almond Avenue, which contains two schools. (Barnsbury County Infant and Junior schools). Some parents of the schoolchildren park in Hillside when dropping off or picking up their children. However, this parking is of short-term duration, and site inspections indicate that this parking does not cause any problems in terms of obstruction or safety. If parking restrictions in Hillside were to be introduced, this may encourage parents to park on Egley Road, which would be potentially hazardous and cause delay to through traffic. (There is no spare room in Almond Avenue for on-street parking at school times).
9. Therefore it is not proposed to introduce waiting restrictions in Hillside at the present time.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. There is provision within the 5-year work programme for the introduction of waiting restrictions in Gorsewood Road and Elphinstone Close.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

11. The proposed waiting restrictions will enhance road safety at the junctions of Gorsewood Road/Birdswood Drive and Connaught Road/Elphinstone Close.

### **CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

12. There are no crime and disorder implications.

### **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no equalities implications.

### **CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

14. Waiting restrictions are proposed for Gorsewood Road, at its junction with Birdswood Drive, to overcome problems of congestion, difficulties for pedestrians in crossing Gorsewood Road and blocked sightlines for drivers emerging from Birdswood Drive.
15. Waiting restrictions are proposed for Elphinstone Close, at its junction with Connaught Road, to overcome problems of blocked sightlines for drivers emerging from Elphinstone Close, and restricted road width for drivers entering and leaving the main road.
16. Following a series of site inspections, no waiting restrictions are proposed at this time for Turnoak Avenue or Hillside.

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**Consulted:**

**Background Papers: None**

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