



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM AND EWELL)**

### **EPSOM AND EWELL PARKING REVIEW – PHASE 7: CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL OBJECTIONS**

**09 December 2013**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

To acknowledge the result of the formal consultation and consider any resultant objections, following the advertisement of the proposed scheme, and to decide how to proceed with the parking proposals in Epsom and Ewell.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Local Committee resolved on 11 March 2013 and 17 June 2013 that parking controls in Epsom and Ewell should be progressed and amended where necessary for road safety reasons and where the majority of residents had supported additional measures.

In accordance with the legal process those controls were formally advertised in the Epsom Guardian on 12 September 2013 with the formal objection period closing on 10 October 2013. Annex A provides details of the objections that require consideration prior to any controls being implemented. Copies of the drawings that were advertised are available on the County Council website for reference purpose.

The committee also resolved on 23 September 2013 that amendments to the allocation of residents permits with the 'Town Centre' zone (Heathcote Road, Hereford Close, Laburnum Road, The Parade) - Area G, Ladbrooke Road - Area J, Chalk Lane - Area D, should be progressed.

Proposed changes include allowing additional properties to be eligible within these resident permit areas, and to allow for the provision of carer and operational permits within certain zones.

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These proposals were advertised from 24 October 2013 to 14 November 2013. As part of this process, the press notice was advertised in the Sutton and Epsom Guardian on 24 October 2013, and street notices erected on or around this date.

Again, Annex A provides details of the objections that require consideration prior to any controls being amended.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to agree:**

- (i) the recommendations detailed in Annex A;
- (ii) that the County Council makes amendments to existing traffic regulation orders and introduces new traffic regulation orders as necessary for the recommended parking controls to be implemented
- (iii) the recommended parking controls are implemented.

### **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Following the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Epsom and Ewell, waiting restrictions have been prioritised into Phases 1 to 6, all of which have now been implemented.
- 1.2 Changes to the highway network, the built environment and society mean that parking behaviour changes and consequently it is necessary for a Highway Authority to carry out regular reviews of waiting and parking restrictions on the highway network.
- 1.3 Based on requests received from residents, County and Borough Councillors and others a number of waiting restriction proposals and amendments for Phase 7 at various locations around the borough of Epsom and Ewell were investigated by the County's Parking Team.
- 1.4 It was agreed by the Committee to advertise these proposals.

### **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 Annex A outlines the objections to the making of the required traffic regulation orders, which were received following the advertisement. A summary of objections from each location is provided and the recommended action considered in turn.
- 2.2 We have received 53 correspondents by either post or email, 3 petitions and 481 on-line forms have been filled out (of which 58 are not valid because they were not completed).

### **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 Agree the recommendations as outlined in Annex A, and proceed to implementation.

- 3.2 Amend the recommendations and proceed to implementation, however, any amendment would have to be lesser than the restriction advertised.
- 3.3 Add to the recommendations in Annex A, over and above the advertised proposals. This would mean that further consultation would be necessary and that some or all of the proposals would need to be re-advertised. This would require further funding and would delay implementation.
- 3.4 Reject all of the recommended proposals and leave the current waiting restrictions unaltered.

#### **4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The committee has already approved funding to progress these amendments in 2013/2014.
- 4.2 Epsom and Ewell Borough Council carry out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions for Surrey County Council. The County Council ultimately has to pay for on street enforcement so any new restrictions should be carefully considered to make sure they do not place a burden on the existing enforcement costs.

#### **5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications.

#### **6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of these restrictions.

#### **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 There are considerable problems in Epsom and Ewell caused by long term parking by non-residents as well as, inconsiderate parking. This can cause inconvenience to residents, and very often have adverse implications for road safety.
- 7.2 The recommendation is to make the necessary changes to existing Traffic Regulation Orders to enable the implementation of new parking controls, as detailed in Annex A.

#### **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The proposals are designed to help overcome the negative affects of the long term parking by non-residents and will help:
  - to improve road safety
  - to improve access for emergency vehicles
  - to improve access for refuse vehicles
  - to ease traffic congestion and aid residents' ability to park

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Local Committee Reports:  
'EPSOM AND EWELL WAITING RESTRICTION (PHASE 7)  
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'Protection for grass verges and on street parking -  
17 June 2013'  
'Resident permit schemes and parking update -  
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