

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

DATE: 16 December 2013

LEAD OFFICER: JACK ROBERTS (Engineer, Parking Strategy & implementation team)

SUBJECT: Parking in Burges Way, Staines

DIVISION: STAINES

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Following the introduction of 3 hour limited waiting bays and additional double yellow lines in Burges Way, a further assessment of parking in this location has been undertaken to establish the effect of these restrictions on parking behaviour.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to:

- (i) Note the report for information.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To provide members of the committee and stakeholders with a formal update on parking in Burges Way.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In March 2012, this committee approved a proposal to introduce 3 hour limited waiting bays outside the Staines Health Centre in order to improve the turnover of vehicles and make it easier for people to visit the Health Centre and other establishments in the area. In addition, approval was given to making the two existing advisory disabled bays enforceable and introducing additional sections of double yellow lines to improve traffic flow and maintain access and road safety.
- 1.2 Following a formal advertisement which took place during November 2012, the restrictions were installed on the ground and came into effect in March this year.
- 1.3 These proposals were supported by Staines Health Centre but concerns were raised by the Staines Bowls Club over the 3 hour limited waiting period being too short for visitors on match days.
- 1.4 With the help of County Councillor Denise Saliagopoulos, the Parking Team has been liaising with the Health Centre and members of the Bowls Club to try

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and establish how effective the restrictions have been, and if any further amendments to parking controls are needed.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The 3 hour limited waiting period applies Monday to Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm and covers approximately 9 vehicle spaces.
- 2.2 Site assessments and feedback from the Health Centre have shown the following parking behaviours to be taking place since the introduction of these new restrictions: -
- Commuters no longer being able to park outside the Health Centre due to the 3 hour restriction now park in the unrestricted public car park at the end of Burges Way. This Burges Way car park is now more heavily used and has reduced opportunities for visitor parking to take place here.
 - With the 3 hour bays now being free of commuters, there are more opportunities for visitors to the Health Centre to park outside. However, this is more difficult during school pick up and drop off times as the bays are often taken by parents and carers during these short periods. As the bays cannot be allocated solely to the Health Centre, there is nothing that can be done about this particular issue.
 - Visitors and members of the Bowls Club are now finding it very difficult to park due to the 3 hour period not being long enough and with the Burges Way car park being more heavily used by commuters. As a result their parking situation is worse than it was before the restrictions were introduced.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Following discussions with the Bowls Club and The Health Centre since the scheme was installed, a number of options have been discussed to try and further improve the parking of visitors in Burges Way. These options, labelled as A, B and C are detailed below: -
- A. Increasing the 3 hour limited waiting period to 4 hours** – Whilst this would help with visitors to the Bowls Club on match days, it would reduce the number of spaces available for Health Centre visitors which was the main reason for introducing the restrictions.
- B. Introducing additional limited waiting bays on Knowle Green with a 4 hour limit** – Whilst this would increase the amount of visitor parking spaces for School, Health Centre and Bowls Club visitors, it was not supported by the Bowls Club due to the increased distance from the club.
- C. Introducing a 4 hour maximum stay on the Burges Way Car Park** – This car park is a Surrey County Council (SCC) privately owned car park that is currently open to members of the public. Unrestricted parking can take place here at all times. The County Council has the authority to introduce restrictions on this car park that would be enforced by SCC employed enforcement companies. This proposal is supported by the Bowls Club and the Health Centre.

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4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Surrey County Council and County Councillor Denise Saliagopoulos have been liaising with the Staines Health Centre and Staines Bowls Club about parking in Burges Way.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Any costs associated with the introduction of a 4 hour restriction on the Burges Way Car Park would be met by the county council.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications for this report.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 Each location where parking restrictions are proposed to be amended will have an impact on the local residents and visitors in that area. This effect will vary from slight to significant depending on the resident's/businesses circumstances and requirements for parking on street. The advertisement stage will allow these effected parties to get involved and comment or object to the proposals. This will impact on what decisions are made following the advertisement. Local councillors can also help in this process by liaising with residents who may not want to contact the parking team directly, and prefer to deal with their local councillor instead.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Option C has the most support and would provide the largest improvement in visitor parking in Burges Way. It has therefore been agreed to pursue this option as detailed below.

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- 9.2 The SCC Estates Team are investigating and consulting with local stakeholders about the possibility of introducing a 4 hour maximum stay on the Burges Way Car Park (Option C). As this is technically SCC privately owned land, no formal advertisement would be required to introduce such a restriction. However, certain legalities and obligations would need to be carried out by the Estates Team before any such signing could be installed on the ground to indicate a 4 hour maximum stay.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 The Estates Team will provide the Parking Team and County Councillor Denise Saliagopoulos with a conclusion on the feasibility of this option. At this stage no timescales are available although it is hoped that such a restriction could be introduced before the start of the next Bowls Club season in May 2014.

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Consulted:

Staines Bowls Club and Staines Health Centre

Annexes:

There are none.

Sources/background papers:

Proposed Parking Restrictions in Burges Way, Staines and Clarendon Road, Ashford - 19 March 2012 Committee Report.
