

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****DATE:** 9 May 2014**LEAD OFFICER:** David Curl - Parking Team Manager**SUBJECT:** WAVERLEY PARKING REVIEW – RESPONSE TO FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT**DIVISION:** All in Waverley**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Surrey Highways regularly receive requests to change existing or introduce new parking restrictions in Waverley and these are compiled into a borough wide review.

This report sets out the response to statutory consultation for the locations included in the 2013/14 review. The Committee is asked to consider the objections, support and other comments received and agree how to proceed in each location.

Annex A lists the locations that were advertised with a corresponding summary of the objections and comments received and an officer recommendation. The plans for these locations are shown in **Annex B**.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The proposals and recommendations in Annex A, as amended following statutory consultation in some cases, are agreed.
- (ii) That if necessary the Parking Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member make minor adjustments to the proposals following the meeting.
- (iii) That the County Council make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on-street parking restrictions as shown in Annex B and as amended by Annex A (and as subsequently modified by (ii)).
- (iv) That the Committee allocate £20,000 towards the cost of implementing these proposals.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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.

Following consideration of the comments and objections it is recommended that the waiting restrictions in this report are progressed as they will help to:

- Improve road safety
- Increase access for emergency vehicles
- Improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Parking Team carry out reviews of on-street parking restrictions across Surrey, with each district or borough having a review typically on a 12 month cycle. This is intended to keep on top of changes in travel behaviour and the built environment that can often change on street parking patterns.
- 1.2 Requests for changes to parking restrictions have been made by residents, councillors as well as emergency and public service organisations. These have been collated and used as the basis for this parking review and at the meeting on the 13 December 2013 the committee approved locations for statutory consultation. These are shown in Annex B. The response to the statutory consultation is shown in Annex A.
- 1.3 Given the number of new proposals in the report it is planned to implement them on an area by area basis to ensure they are completed in a timely way in each location. It is also planned to carry out some maintenance works to existing signs and lines at the same time, e.g. where existing waiting restrictions have become unclear or signs gone missing.

2. CONSULTATION:

- 2.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions require a traffic regulation order to be advertised as part of a statutory consultation process. This requires that public notices are displayed in the local press and on streets where changes are planned. In many cases properties that could be directly affected by new restrictions are letter dropped to inform them about the proposals. The council's website also plays an important part allowing residents to download and print plans showing all of the proposals.
- 2.2 We encourage responses and comments to be made via our website because this also gives the opportunity to express support as well as make an objection.
- 2.3 Documents were also available at local libraries and civic centres during the consultation period which was held between 7 March and 4 April 2014, although some proposals in Mint Street/Station Road, Godalming and West Street/St Christopher's Green, Haslemere ran to the end of April and early May respectively.
- 2.4 The drawings in Annex B show the detailed proposals that were put to statutory consultation.
- 2.5 The comments received in response to the statutory consultation are shown in Annex A. As part of the consultation we also advertised the revocation of a 'no entry, except for access' restriction in Trafalgar Court and Firgrove Court, Farnham. This is a location where residents' parking was proposed and one where residents would be able to use permits in either Trafalgar Court or Firgrove Court, which conflicted with the except for access rule. This therefore required for it to be removed. However, it is now not recommended to proceed with the permit scheme at this location meaning the 'except for access' restriction can remain. Red Lion Lane, Farnham also has an existing 'except for access' restriction and permit scheme proposed but being a one street scheme there was no need to revoke the access restriction.
- 2.6 In some cases meetings and discussions with councillors and members of the public have taken place. Parking restrictions can affect a great number of highway users, residents and businesses so the recommendations in this report propose that, if agreed at the meeting, further minor changes to the proposals in Annex A can be made after the meeting if necessary. These need to be agreed by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member. This will help ensure that the proposals meet the needs of the community as closely as possible before proposals are implemented.

3. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The cost of carrying out borough/district parking reviews (officer time and advertising costs) is met by the Parking Team. Based on the recommendations in the report implementation costs are likely to be around £40,000. It is recommended that £20,000 should be allocated by the local committee towards this cost.
- 3.2 Guildford Borough Council carries out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions for Surrey County Council. Under new agency agreements Guildford Borough Council (GBC) are responsible for any deficit in the operation of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) so any new restrictions should be carefully considered and take enforcement costs into account. The introduction of new restrictions in progressive parking reviews increases the overall workload of the enforcement team. As such it is planned to discuss resource implications with GBC later in the year at the Local Transport Plan Task Group.

4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 Effective parking restrictions and enforcement can assist accessibility for those with visual or mobility impairment by reducing instances of obstructive parking. Parking restrictions also allow blue badge holders better access to shops and services through the provision and enforcement of disabled bays.

5. LOCALISM:

- 5.1 Many of the proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and residents and highway users have had the opportunity to comment and have their say during the statutory consultation process.
- 5.2 Communities are represented by county councillors and committee members who are involved in the decision making process to change or introduce new parking restrictions.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION:

- 6.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the proposals in this report.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 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. It is recommended that the waiting restrictions in this report are progressed as they will help to:

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8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 Subject to objections being resolved, a traffic regulation order will be made and the appropriate signs and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced. It is planned to implement the new restrictions during the summer and autumn 2014.
- 8.2 The proposals in the report, if agreed, will involve a considerable amount of work spread across the borough. We plan to implement this in a phased, area based approach concentrating on one area at a time. Locations that are difficult to access because of parked cars will be targeted with advance signs and cones to speed up the work. Any residents' parking schemes that are agreed will feature later in the programme because of the additional time required to set up permits and keep residents informed.
- 8.3 The next borough wide parking review will be presented to the committee in March 2015.

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Consulted: The report details locations where consultation has been carried out.

Annexes: Annex A contains a summary of the objections and recommendations. Annex B contains drawings of the proposals that were put to statutory consultation.

Sources/background papers: Waverley Local Committee, Borough Wide Parking Review, 13 December 2013.

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