

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)

DATE: 15 September 2014



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SUBJECT: Epsom and Ewell parking / waiting restrictions (Phase 8) review

DIVISION: Epsom and Ewell

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider requests that have been received for either the introduction of new parking restrictions or changes to existing restrictions at various sites in Epsom and Ewell.

Since the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in May 2005, new parking / waiting restrictions in Epsom and Ewell have been introduced in seven phases, with the most recent being implemented throughout 2013 and 2014.

This report details locations and general proposals for the Phase 8 parking / waiting restriction review to be progressed in 2014 / 2015 and seeks approval to carry out statutory consultation on the proposals.

Annex 1 contains drawings detailing the suggested changes to parking restrictions received since the last review went to Committee in March 2013. Recommendations were received from both local councillors and the public alike and a statement of reasons is also included as part of this annex.

Annex 2 contains drawings detailing the current position of resident permit zones (RPZ), including existing zones, requested zones and those likely to request RPZs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- (i) The recommendations detailed in Annex 1 and 2;
- (ii) That the committee agree to preliminary consultation being progressed in relation to the RPZ proposals in Annex 2, funded from the 2013/14 parking account surplus;
- (iii) That the County Council's intention to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 be advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order be made;
- (iv) That if objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group Manager is authorised to try and resolve them, in consultation with the Chairman / Vice Chairman of this committee and the county councillor for the division, decides whether or not they should be acceded to and therefore whether the order should be made, with or without

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modifications.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is expected that the implementation of the proposals will both increase the safe passage of vehicles and also ease the parking situation within the mainly residential areas.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

Following the introduction of DPE in Epsom and Ewell amendments to waiting restrictions were prioritised into phases. Phases 1 to 7 have been fully implemented.

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 These reviews are carried out by a task group consisting of Epsom and Ewell Councillors, the local Highway Manager and Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Team.
- 1.3 The task group has met to agree the number of waiting restriction proposals for Phase 8 at various locations around the borough that should be investigated by the parking team. This has now been carried out and the recommendations of the parking team, for each location, is contained in ANNEX 1
- 1.4 As there are a high number of individual requests to implement resident permit zones throughout the borough, the committee is asked to agree that informal consultations are carried out to see if the RPZs are required in all areas as outlined in ANNEX 2.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 In August 2008 the County Council, after recognising there was a need to devote specialist resources to parking problems around the county, formed a new centralised Parking Strategy and Implementation Group.
- 2.2 This Group collated all requests for changes to parking controls within Epsom and Ewell.
- 2.3 The proposals for new parking controls in each location have been investigated and the outline recommendations of the Parking Team are contained in annex 1.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 That the committee agree to the advertising of the proposals in Annex 1 and an external consultant carrying out preliminary consultations in relation to the RPZ proposals in Annex 2. These to be carried out separately so that Annex 1 can be progressed without delay.
- 3.2 That the RPZ proposals are not progressed at this stage
- 3.3 That the entire review is progressed at once, although this is likely to have a knock on effect to the timescales of the proposals in Annex 1.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The Local Highway Manager and the Local County Councillors have been consulted about the suggestions and recommendations detailed in annex 1. A number of sites have been included in the review at their suggestion.
- 4.2 The proposed changes to parking restrictions will require a traffic regulation order to be advertised. As part of this process, public notices will be displayed in the local press and on street. There will be a period when comments can be submitted in response to the proposals and/or objections made to the making of the order.
- 4.3 The properties within the proposed RPZs should be letter dropped to gauge the requirements of an RPZ, before it is agreed to advertise these proposals.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 It is estimated that the cost of carrying out an initial consultation about the introduction of residents parking schemes for the roads listed in Annex 2 could be £20,000. Due to the number of locations this work could not be carried out in house and would need to be done by an external consultant.
- 5.2 The costs for implementation of the main review (Phase 8) are likely to be about £18,000 and would be met jointly by the Local Committee and SCC Parking Team.
- 5.3 It is possible that the local committee could use their portion of the 2013/14 on street parking surplus (£27,000) to fund this work
- 5.4 Additional finances will be required for implementation of the RPZs, from next years budget – this is estimated to be £25,000.
- 5.5 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 an undue burden on the existing enforcement costs.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 New disabled parking bays help improve access for disabled drivers.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 Many of the new proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and their representatives.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

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| Area assessed: | Direct Implications: |
| Crime and Disorder | Set out below |

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| 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. |

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the restrictions

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 It is recommended that the proposals for Annex 1 are progressed
- 9.2 That consultations are carried out by an external consultant for the proposals in Annex 2 – this will run in conjunction with the proposals in Annex 1 and the results brought back to a later meeting before a decision is made on how to progress.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 A Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and public notices detailing the proposed changes will be displayed in the local press and on site.
- 10.2 Subject to any objections to the proposals being resolved, a traffic regulation order will then be made and the appropriate signs and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced.
- 10.3 The results of the preliminary consultation relating to RPZs will be brought back to a further meeting, so that committee can make the decision on which particular RPZs should be progressed, based on the feedback.

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Consulted:

To be consulted

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Drawings outlining the proposed parking / waiting restrictions
Annex 2 – Drawings outlining RPZs, proposed and possible future zones.

Sources/background papers:

None
