

**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(GUILDFORD)**

**REVIEW OF GUILDFORD TOWN
CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE
UPDATE**

28 NOVEMBER 2012

KEY ISSUE

This report presents an update following on from the initial findings from a series of informal consultations with residents and businesses in various areas of the town centre controlled parking zone, and asks The Committee to agree the draft proposals which will be informally consulted upon.

SUMMARY

Three areas within the Guildford town centre controlled parking zone and the immediate vicinity, Onslow Village, Dene Road and environs and the St Luke's development have previously been consulted about potential changes to the controls / introduction of new measures. The Committee has previously agreed to undertake further scheme development and consultations, and is asked to agree the draft proposals for the Dene Road and St Luke's Square areas which will be informally consulted upon.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Guildford Local Committee is requested to agree;

- (i) to informally consulting on the proposals detailed in **Annexe 2** in relation to Dene Road and Environs, including Epsom Road, where proposals have been developed to resolve issues previously highlighted there,
- (ii) to informally consult on the proposals detailed in **Annexe 3** in relation to St Luke's Square. Those in the St Luke's Park section of the development will also be consulted, albeit that the proposals are currently proposed.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of the present review of on-street parking within the Guildford town centre controlled parking zone, a number of significant issues are being considered.
- 1.2 Thus far, these have included:
- changes to the control hours and the introduction of pay and display parking in the Millmead and Woodbridge Road areas,
 - the introduction of pay and display parking in Warwicks Bench,
 - changes to the controls around the schools in the Cranley Road area,
 - the introduction of controls in Rivermount Gardens,
 - changes to the controls in Dene Road and environs, including Epsom Road,
 - the introduction of parking controls, including the possible extension of the town centre controlled parking zone, into Onslow Village,
 - the introduction of parking controls within the St Luke's development.
- 1.3 Following initial consultations, the Local Committee have agreed not to progress the possible changes in the Millmead, Woodbridge Road and Warwicks Bench areas.
- 1.4 Proposals for Cranley Road and Rivermount Gardens have been developed and are due to be progressed in due course.
- 1.5 Initial informal consultations in Onslow Village, the Dene Road area and St Luke's development were undertaken earlier this year and were reported to the June 2012 meeting of the Guildford Local Committee.
- 1.6 In the case of Onslow Village, following discussions with local ward and divisional Councillors, the Local Committee previously agreed to undertake a further stage of informal consultation based on a possible extension of the controlled parking zone. This consultation was undertaken between 12 October and 9 November 2012. A sample letter, plan and questionnaire are attached as **Annexe 1**. Officers are currently analysing the feedback and intend to meet with local ward and divisional Councillors in due course to discuss this, before presenting a report, with recommendations, to a future meeting of the Guildford Local Committee.
- 1.7 With respect to Dene Road and environs, the Local Committee previously agreed to develop proposals, in consultation with local ward and divisional members, to amend the existing parking controls in the Dene Road area, and to conduct any further informal consultation with residents as considered appropriate. Although the previous consultation primarily focused on the operational hours of the parking bays in Dene Road and the adjacent streets, concerns have also been raised about the parking situation in nearby London and Epsom Roads. The draft proposals shown in **Annexe 2** have been developed on the basis of this feedback and it is recommended that these are consulted upon informally with local residents and businesses.

1.8 In regard to St Luke's Square, the Local Committee previously agreed to develop proposals for St Luke's Square in consultation with local residents, local ward and divisional members, and such views will be fully taken into account when considered at a future Local Committee. Whilst considering there was likely to be some displacement parking in St Luke's Park (Lancaster Avenue, Newlands Crescent and Sells Close) if parking controls were introduced in St Luke's Square the committee noted the wishes of the residents (of St Luke's Park) not to have any controls (there) and resolved not to develop proposals for St Luke's Park. Nevertheless, there is a desire for the residents of St Luke's Park to continue to be consulted about any proposals developed for St Luke's Square, even though they don't anticipate that any issues will arise. The draft proposals shown in **Annexe 3** have been developed in consultation with the local ward and divisional members, and it is recommended that these are consulted upon informally with local residents from both the St Luke's Square and St Luke's Park sections of the development.

2. ANALYSIS

2.1 Analysis of the various consultations recently completed / due to be undertaken will be reported to a future meeting of the Guildford Local Committee, following discussions with local ward and divisional Councillors.

3. CONSULTATIONS

3.1 On 12 October 2012, around 500 letters, plans and questionnaires were sent to all properties in the Onslow Village area, both within the proposed extents of the controlled parking zone extension and beyond. The letter explained the advantages and disadvantages of a possible extension of the controlled parking zone into their area. A sample letter, plan and questionnaire are attached as **Annexes 1**. The consultation ended on 9 November 2012.

3.2 In the coming weeks the residents of Dene Road and the environs will be consulted on the draft proposals shown in **Annexe 2**. In addition to those originally consulted, the intention is to now also consult with those addresses in Epsom Road, between London Road and Waterden Road. A letter and plan highlighting the draft proposals to change the parking controls will be sent to properties situated in the enlarged consultation area.

3.3 In the coming weeks the residents in and around St Luke's Square and St Luke's Park will be consulted on the draft proposals for St Luke's Square shown in **Annexe 3**. A letter and plan highlighting the draft proposals to change the parking controls will be distributed.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Existing resources will be used to conduct the consultations and the only additional expenditure will be postage. Where possible, any public exhibitions will be held at Council facilities.

- 4.2 The implementation of any changes to the controls will be funded by the on street parking surplus controlled by the Local Committee.
- 4.3 It is envisaged that income derived from contraventions in the areas being considered and the extended period during which on-street pay and display charges will operate in the Dene Road area, would pay for enforcement.

5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no sustainable development implications.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The yellow line waiting restrictions being suggested are primarily being kept to a minimum and limited to deal with existing safety, access and traffic flow issues, and mitigate against potential ones which could arise. In doing so, they prevent nearly all user groups from parking in those locations, However, blue badge holders have a limited dispensations to park on such restrictions, provided danger or obstruction are not being caused. Therefore, creating additional lengths of yellow lines, or extending the hours during which they operate, will effectively provide a greater prioritisation of space for those with mobility issues.

8. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Borough Council's existing enforcement of the public car parks in the vicinity of the G-Live development would allow enforcement of the adjacent on-street parking controls associated with the Dene Road area proposals.
- 8.2 The possible introduction of controls in Onslow Village, St Lukes, and the inclusion of Rivermount Gardens within the CPZ, could readily be accommodated within the existing patrol route structure.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 To consult in the areas highlighted within the report, consider the feedback and use it to amend the draft proposals / develop formal proposals to be advertised.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The draft proposals promote safety, access and will ensure easier traffic flow, particularly around junctions. Furthermore, those measures involving formalised parking spaces will promote a better balance in the use of kerbside space.

11. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

11.1 The various consultations will be undertaken, and where appropriate, the results used to develop proposals in consultation with ward and divisional councillors to be presented to the Committee at a later meeting.

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