

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**TANDRIDGE LOCAL COMMITTEE****DATE:** 20 March 2015**LEAD OFFICER:** David Curl, Parking Strategy and Implementation Team**SUBJECT:** Tandridge On Street Parking Review 2015**DIVISION:** All in Tandridge**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Each year Surrey Highways receives requests to change existing or introduce new parking restrictions. These requests are compiled and reviewed in a district wide process.

To progress the 2015 review the committee is asked to approve statutory consultation for changes to on-street parking restrictions at the locations listed in the report annexes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- (i) The proposals in Annexes 1 to 7 are agreed, including:
 - a. Proposed parking controls.
 - b. Proposed bus stop clearways on Godstone Road, Lingfield outside approximately no's 30 – 40, and opposite no 18.
 - c. Informal consultation with residents of Edgeworth Close and Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, on a potential resident permit parking scheme for Edgeworth Close. Subsequent advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order if informal consultation shows support for such a scheme.
 - d. Amendment of traffic orders covering existing permit schemes in Tandridge to introduce 'Carer's permits' and revise the role of 'Operational Permits'
- (ii) If necessary, adjustments can be made to the proposals agreed at the meeting by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member prior to statutory consultation.
- (iii) The intention of the County Council to make Traffic Regulation Orders under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Tandridge as shown in the Annexes (and as subsequently modified by ii) is advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the Order is made.

- (iv) If there are unresolved objections, they will be dealt with in accordance with the county council's scheme of delegation by the parking strategy and implementation team manager, in consultation with the chairman/vice chairman of this committee and the appropriate county councillor.
- (v) If necessary the Parking Team Manager will report the objections back to the local committee for resolution.
- (vi) To allocate funding of £10,000 in 2015/16 to implement the parking amendments.

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.

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 restrictions across the county typically on a continuous cycle. These are 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.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 As mentioned above, requests for changes to parking restrictions are made by residents, councillors as well as emergency services and public service organisations. These initial requests are assessed following these two stages:
 - An initial "desktop" exercise to eliminate requests for restrictions that were clearly not practical or feasible.
 - Site visits to all remaining locations.

- 2.2 Each feasible request was assessed based on several factors including road safety, localised congestion, access to shops and businesses, effect on emergency services and bus operators and Member and public concern/priority.
- 2.3 Following stage two of the review, some suggestions and requests were not progressed due to there being insufficient evidence to suggest there was parking a problem which warranted restrictions, or where no feasible or practical solution was found. These are shown in Annex 8.
- 2.4 The locations where officers consider new or amended restrictions may be of benefit are listed in Annex 1 and shown on drawings in Annexes 2 to 7.

3. CONSULTATIONS:

- 3.1 A petition requesting a resident permit parking scheme in Edgeworth Close, Whyteleafe, has been received. As such we intend to carry out an informal consultation prior to developing a detailed solution to progress along with the other proposals in the review if support from residents is shown.
- 3.2 The proposed changes to parking restrictions will require a traffic regulation order to be advertised as part of a statutory consultation process. When this starts public notices will be displayed in the local press and on streets where changes are planned. The council's website also plays an important part allowing residents to view, download and print plans showing all of the proposals. During the consultation period comments and objections can be submitted online or by letter in response to the proposals and/or the making of the order.
- 3.3 In most cases initial consultation and discussion with Members has taken place. Parking restrictions can affect a great number of highway users, residents and businesses so the recommendations in this report propose that if necessary, further changes to the proposals in Annex 1 can be made after the meeting, however no new locations can be added. Any changes 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 when the statutory advertisement is made.
- 3.4 The current charge for permits is set at a minimum of £50 per year for the first vehicle and £75 per year for any subsequent vehicles. Visitors' permits are set at £2 per day per permit. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council will operate these schemes and involved in their development.
- 3.5 As part of the advertising process, those areas that have been selected for the implementation of a residents permit scheme will be letter dropped with the full details of the proposals. Individual comments will then be collated and the results taken back to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant member as part of an objection report before a decision whether to proceed is made.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The cost of carrying out borough/district parking reviews (officer time) is met by the Parking Team. For this review the implementation costs are likely to be £20,000 and are met jointly from the Local Committee and parking team budgets. It is recommended that the Local Committee allocate £10,000 towards the cost of implementing the proposals in Annex 1 from their 2015/16 revenue budget.
- 4.2 Reigate and Banstead Borough Council carry out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions in Reigate and Banstead Borough and Tandridge District for Surrey County Council.
- 4.3 At the meeting in December 2014 the committee requested an update about the 2013/14 on street parking account following a review of this by the Reigate and Banstead (R&B) Local Committee. (R&B are the enforcement authority in R&B and Tandridge).
- 4.4 The outcome of the review was that the R&B Local Committee accepted the explanation and method by which the accounts were prepared by their enforcement team. The R&B management team acknowledged that their over head costs for the parking service could be reduced by better use of the office accommodation and they were working to this end in 15/16.
- 4.5 The direct impact for the Tandridge Local Committee is that there was a small deficit (£4767) in the operation of Civil Parking Enforcement in Tandridge District during the 13/14. This is likely to be the case for 14/15 with savings working through during 15/16. Whilst there is no surplus to use, there is also no cost to the Tandridge (or R&B) local committees or county council as a result of this deficit which is met in full by R&B Borough Council.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 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.

6. LOCALISM:

- 6.1 Many of the proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and all will be able to comment and have their say during the statutory consultation process.
- 6.2 Communities are represented by County Councillors and committee members who are involved in the decision making process to change or introduce new parking restrictions.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION:

- 7.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the proposals in this report. Surrey Police have been involved in the identification and development of proposals in some locations.

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 8.1 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:
- Improve road safety
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9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 9.1 An initial consultation will be carried out with residents A Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and public notices detailing the proposed changes will be displayed in the local press and on site. County Councillors will be involved in the decisions about whether restrictions should go ahead following statutory advertising.
- 9.2 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.

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Consulted: The report details locations for consultation.

Annexes: There are 8 annexes showing the proposals for the parking review.

Sources/background papers: None

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