

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 20 MARCH 2015

LEAD OFFICER: JACK ROBERTS (ENGINEER: PARKING STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION TEAM)

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PETITION: STREAM FARM CLOSE, FARNHAM – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

DIVISION: FARNHAM SOUTH

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Response to petition submitted by residents of Stream Farm Close, Farnham: “We the undersigned residents of Stream Farm Close (SFC) unanimously and formally request that the council replace the single white line at the entrance to SFC with double yellow lines”.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- (i) The proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Waverley as described in this report and shown in detail on the drawing labelled annex A are agreed.
- (ii) The intention of the County Council to make an order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting restrictions in Stream Farm Close, Farnham as shown on the drawing labelled Annex A is advertised.
- (iii) The proposed restrictions for Stream Farm Close, Farnham be advertised as part of the forthcoming Waverley Parking Review to be presented to this Committee in June 2015.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex A. They will make a positive impact towards:

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Junction sight lines

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 As part of the 2013 Waverley Parking Review presented to this Committee in December 2013, double yellow lines were proposed for Stream Farm Close on both sides of the road extending from the junction with Frensham Road up to number 2 Stream Farm Close.
- 1.2 During the advertisement for these restrictions, which took place during March and April 2014, two objections were received along with one letter of support and one general comment response.
- 1.3 In May 2014 the objections report for the 2013 Waverley Parking Review was presented to this Committee. Members agreed to uphold the objections for Stream Farm Close and not to proceed with the advertised double yellow line parking restrictions. The officer recommendation in the objections report had been to proceed as advertised.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The entrance to Stream Farm Close is currently protected with advisory white lines on both sides of the road to help deter parking. However, these cannot be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers and are therefore dependent on drivers deciding to park away from the markings.
- 2.2 Viewing the photographs enclosed with the petition, it is clear that these white line markings are being parked on during certain periods of the day and night. Due to the close proximity of the Frensham Road junction, this parking behaviour is hazardous and in breach of the Highway Code's 10m rule for junction parking.
- 2.3 The petition clearly displays evidence of very strong resident support for the previously advertised double yellow lines within Stream Farm Close. The Parking Team's supportive view of these restrictions is unchanged since the previous parking review and it is therefore proposed to introduce these restrictions as shown on the plan labelled Annex A.

3. OPTIONS:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Relevant drawing numbers in brackets)

3.1 FARNHAM SOUTH

Stream Farm Close (Annex A)

Upgrade the existing advisory white line layout to double yellow lines in order to prevent parking on and on approach to the junction with Frensham Road. This will have a positive impact on road safety and sight lines.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Subject to approval and budget provision being made available for 2015/16, it is anticipated that the formal advertising process involving notices in local newspapers and at proposed locations, will take place in the summer of 2015.
- 4.2 Plans illustrating the amended restrictions will be placed on deposit in local libraries and the Waverley Borough Council offices during this time.
- 4.3 Once the amendment order is advertised, people have 28 days to lodge views and objections.
- 4.4 Objections can relate to the introduction of a new restriction. In cases where there is a coherent argument for not introducing a proposed restriction, it may be omitted, and the traffic order can proceed to be made for the other restrictions without the need to re-advertise.
- 4.5 If restrictions are to be added to those initially advertised, regulations require that these new restrictions must be re-advertised afresh. For this reason no additional restrictions can be added through the objection process.
- 4.6 Subject to approval notices will then appear in local newspapers confirming that the county council has made the traffic regulation order.
- 4.7 Finally, the new and amended parking restriction road markings should be installed on the ground in the autumn of 2015.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 To be decided at June 2015 Local Committee meeting as part of the 2015 Waverley Parking Review.

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 residents'/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	Set out below.
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 waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex A. They will make a positive impact towards:

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Junction sight lines

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

The agreed proposals are formally advertised and subject to the necessary statutory process. Following the advertisement, any comments and objections will be summarised in a report along with an officer recommendation for each location on how to proceed following those comments and/or objections. This report will be e-mailed to each county councillor asking them to agree with the recommendations. If a recommendation is not agreed then discussions over the location can continue until a way forward is determined.

Once this stage has concluded, detailed design can begin in preparation to order both the lining and signings works required on the ground. Around the same time Traffic Regulation Orders will be made with a 'go live' date for enforcement to begin.

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Consulted: N/A

Annexes:

Annex A.

Sources/background papers:

13 December 2013 Annual Review of On Street Parking in Waverley (Committee Report)