



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM AND EWELL)**

**EPSOM AND EWELL PARKING REVIEW – PHASE 6:
CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL OBJECTIONS –
LADBROKE ROAD**

10 December 2012

KEY ISSUE

To acknowledge the result of the formal consultation and consider any resultant objections, following the advertisement of the proposed scheme, and to decide how to proceed with the parking proposals in Ladbroke Road, Epsom.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee resolved on 27 June 2011 that parking controls in Epsom and Ewell should be progressed where necessary for road safety reasons and where the majority of residents had supported additional measures.

In accordance with the legal process those controls were formally advertised in the Epsom Guardian on 24 November 2011 with the formal objection period closing on 22 December 2011.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) that the residents of Ashley Road, from nos.22 to 30, should be included in the Ladbroke Road residents permit scheme
- (ii) that the county council makes amendments to existing traffic regulation orders and introduces new traffic regulation orders as necessary for this change to be implemented.

or:

- (iii) that only residents of Ladbroke Road should be eligible for permits in the Ladbroke Road residents permit scheme.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In July 2011 we carried out informal consultations throughout the Epsom and Ewell area, to assess whether or not there was a requirement to introduce Resident Permit Schemes (RPS) in certain areas – this included Ladbroke Road.
- 1.2 As part of this informal consultation, both residents of Ladbroke Road and some residents of Ashley Road, between nos. 20 and 30, were contacted to ask if they required an RPS and if they wished to be included.
- 1.3 Following this preliminary consultation some RPS proposals were dropped, owing to lack of interest, and the rest were then formally advertised.
- 1.4 Following this advertising process it was brought to our attention that we had omitted the residents of nos. 20 to 30 Ashley Road from the notice, so leaving them ineligible for permits in the new RPS.
- 1.5 As we had omitted them inadvertently, we readvertised the permit scheme, this time including the residents of Ashley Road in the notice. In response we received a number of objections to the inclusion of Ashley Road residents, mainly from residents of Ladbroke Road.
- 1.6 According to the county council's constitution, decisions about objections to advertised traffic orders are delegated to the parking team manager, in consultation with the chairman and vice chairman of the local committee and the appropriate divisional member. Under these powers the decision was made not to include the residents of Ashley Road in the Ladbroke Road RPS.
- 1.7 This decision led to a formal complaint from some of the residents of Ashley Road about their exclusion from the scheme. One of the outcomes of the investigation into the complaint was concern that the decision was taken in a relatively informal manner, without a suitable record being kept. It was therefore recommended that the objections, and the decision whether or not to include the Ashley Road residents in the scheme, should be reconsidered in a full meeting by the whole committee.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 During the informal consultation in July 2011 we received 5 responses from the addresses in Ashley Road. 4 were in favour of being included in the scheme with 1 against. Given this level of support, it was always intended to include them in the notice advertising the scheme. None of the responses from Ladbroke Road residents raised any concern about, or even mentioned, the inclusion of Ashley Road residents in the scheme.
- 2.2 When we readvertised the scheme, with the Ashley Road residents included, we also wrote to all the residents explaining what we were doing and why. In response we received 17 objections from Ladbroke Road residents to the inclusion of the residents of Ashley Road and 5 messages of support for the idea from Ashley Road residents and 1 Ladbroke Road resident.

- 2.3 A number of objections cited the increased number of cars that would be trying to park in Ladbroke Road as the reason for wanting the scheme to only be available to Ladbroke Road residents. Balanced against this, it should be remembered that the Ashley Road residents currently park in Ladbroke Road and that the scheme will stop many non residents parking in the road, which will free up the space for residents that park there already.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Agree that residents of nos. 20-30 Ashley Road should be allowed to apply for permits in the Ladbroke Road residents permit scheme.
- 3.2 Agree that the scheme should only allow residents of Ladbroke Road to apply for permits.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The committee has already approved funding to progress the scheme 2011/2012.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The committee decides whether residents of nos. 20-30 Ashley Road are allowed to apply for permits in the Ladbroke Road residents permit scheme.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Committee Report 'EPSOM AND EWELL WAITING RESTRICTION (PHASE 6) REVIEW – 27 JUNE 2011

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