



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE EPSOM AND EWELL

Proposed Bus Stop Clearways in Kingston Road Ewell 10th December 2012

KEY ISSUE

To seek the Local Committee's approval to create bus stop clearways in Kingston Road Ewell

SUMMARY

New bus stop clearways are needed at two bus stops in Kingston Road to keep parked vehicles clear and help passengers use the bus services safely. The Committee is asked to approve the implementation of these so that they can be enforced by the Borough Council Civil Enforcement Officers.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Epsom and Ewell Local Committee is asked to agree that:

1. A bus stop clearway be introduced in Kingston Road at the existing bus stop adjacent to properties 104A to 110A the restriction to be 'at any time';
2. A bus stop clearway be introduced in Kingston Road at the existing bus stop adjacent to the property known as Grange Mansions, the restriction to be 'at any time'.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council, as the Highway Authority, has powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2002 to create bus stop clearways. A bus stop clearway is a parking restriction at a bus stop that can be enforced by the District Councils Civil Enforcement Officers as they would waiting restrictions. They are, however, more onerous than waiting restrictions because the clearway also prohibits stopping and loading/unloading over the length of the bus stop.

- 1.2 Unlike waiting restrictions there is no mandatory statutory consultation process in order for a highway authority to implement a bus stop clearway. Consequently it is Surrey Highways policy that these measures are approved by the Local Committee to ensure that there is some local consultation prior to their implementation.
- 1.3 There are currently two locations in Ewell where bus stop clearways are proposed:
 - a) Kingston Road (adjacent to properties 104A to 110A) requested by the bus operator and London Buses as on street parking prevents buses from pulling into the stop.
 - b) Kingston Road (adjacent to the property known as Grange Mansions) requested by the bus operator and London Buses as on street parking prevents buses from pulling into the stop.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Bus stop clearways prevent vehicles stopping at bus stops and so ensure buses can pull up close and parallel to the kerb. This means that passengers do not have to get on and off the bus in the carriageway and enables ramps to be deployed for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Bus stop clearways also assist operators to maintain schedules more easily.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 London Buses and Quality Line (bus operator) have been consulted and agree with the proposals. County and Borough Councillors will have been sent a copy of this report in advance of the meeting.
- 3.2 If approved these restrictions will be implemented following a letter drop to affected frontagers.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Implementation of the proposed bus stop clearways will be funded by the Passenger Transport Group

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Buses that can pull upto the kerb allow passengers with mobility problems to board more easily and safely.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Clear and enforceable parking restrictions help improve compliance and reduce obstruction problems

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Bus stop clearways help keep parked vehicles away from bus stops which makes it easier for passengers, particularly those with mobility problems, to board. Buses are also less likely to block traffic behind. It is recommended to introduce bus stop clearways at two locations in Kingston Road Ewell where

problems with parked vehicles are currently experienced by buses trying to access the bus stops.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Bus stop clearways help improve bus services in Surrey, one of the objectives of our Local Transport Plan.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Subject to Local Committee approval the bus stop clearways will be implemented and the restrictions enforced.

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