

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)

DATE: 22 June 2015



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SUBJECT: Epsom and Ewell Pay and Display proposals.

DIVISION: Epsom and Ewell

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider the introduction of new parking restrictions including pay and display parking bays in Clayton Road and Wheelers Lane in the borough of Epsom and Ewell.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

- (i) The recommendations detailed in Annex 1. That the County Council's intention to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 be advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order be made;
- (ii) That if objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group Manager is authorised to try and resolve them, in consultation with the Chairman / Vice Chairman of this committee and the county councillor for the division, decides whether or not they should be acceded to and therefore whether the order should be made, with or without modifications.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is expected that the implementation of the proposals will both increase the safe passage of vehicles, improve the convenience of parking in these locations and also ease the parking situation within these areas.

<u>1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:</u>

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Earlier in the year the Epsom and Ewell parking task group requested that the parking team evaluate the feasibility of pay and display parking bays in two Epsom streets. This has now been carried out and the recommendations of the parking team, for each location, are contained in ANNEX 1

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- 1.3 This report (as detailed in the annex) proposes that pay and display parking bays should be introduced on Clayton Road and Wheelers Lane and seeks approval to carry out statutory consultation for these proposals.
- 1.4 In order not to delay the next parking review preparations (due at committee in December) these proposals should be included in and progressed with the borough wide parking review.
- 1.5 There are a number of sound reasons for introducing 'pay and display' parking charges in Epsom :
- On street parking areas are currently very difficult to enforce effectively as number plates have to be recorded and checked at repeated intervals. This is very cumbersome and not very efficient, meaning Civil Enforcement Officers are not able to enforce these areas as effectively as we would like. The more time they spend checking parking bays the less time is available to patrol areas with yellow lines where parking could pose a safety or obstruction hazard.
 - The difficulty of enforcing on street parking bays means compliance with parking time limits is poor and many cars remain parked for longer than they should in short term parking areas.
 - A 'pay and display' system makes enforcement much easier as parking attendants can see instantly if a car is parked legally. Compliance improves as enforcement become effective.
 - The real benefit of this is that parking spaces near shops are turned over more quickly which can help local businesses by making them more accessible. Customers will be more likely to find a space due to the increased turnover which is particularly important on routes with passing traffic (or trade).
 - There is less 'cruising' for free on street parking which can increase congestion and CO2 emissions.
 - Blue badge holders would be exempt from the charges.
- 1.6 If a surplus is generated from the introduction of on street parking charges then it must be used for highway improvement and environmental works. The introduction of parking charges should also help ensure that on street parking management and enforcement in Epsom and Ewell will not operate at a deficit and need subsidy from the general highways fund.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The analysis of the proposals is contained in Annex 1.

3. CONSULTATIONS:

- 3.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions will require a traffic regulation order to be advertised. As part of this process, public notices will be displayed in the local press and on street. There will be a period when

comments can be submitted in response to the proposals and/or objections made to the making of the order.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The estimated cost for installation of a pay and display scheme in Clayton Road could be up to £6,500, with maintenance fees of around £2000 per year. The estimated income of, £7,488 per year, is based on 30% occupancy. Further details can be found in Annex 1.
- 4.2 The estimated cost for installation of a pay and display scheme in Wheelers Lane could be up to £17,000, with maintenance fees of around £8000 per year. The estimated income of, £30,888 per year, is based on 30% occupancy. Further details can be found in Annex 1.
- 4.3 If this were to be implemented as part of a parking review then costs could be split between committee funding and the parking team's budget, however the committee would need to contribute up to £35,000 for the introduction of pay and display and the next parking review.
- 4.4 Epsom and Ewell Borough Council carry out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions for Surrey County Council. Any additional income from pay and display will help ensure the parking account does not run at a deficit and need to be subsidised by the taxpayer.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications expected as part of this scheme.

6. LOCALISM:

- 6.1 The proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and their representatives.

7. 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.

7.1 Crime and Disorder implications

There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the restrictions

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 8.1 It is recommended that the proposals for Annex 1 are advertised and subject to consideration of objections, implemented with the parking review.

9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 9.1 A Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and public notices detailing the proposed changes will be displayed in the local press and on site.
- 9.2 Subject to any objections to the proposals being resolved, a traffic regulation order will then be made and the appropriate signs, machines and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced.

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Consulted:

To be consulted

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Descriptions, drawings and plans outlining proposals / Epsom and Ewell car park charges

Sources/background papers:

Epsom and Ewell Car Park Fees and Charges 2014/2015
