

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

DATE: 6 July 2015

LEAD OFFICER: David Curl, Parking Strategy & Implementation Team Manager

SUBJECT: CROCKFORD PARK ROAD, ADDLESTONE, PARKING
DISPLACEMENT MEASURES

DIVISION: ADDLESTONE, RUNNYMEDE

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

This report proposes waiting restrictions in Crockford Park Road to counter potential parking displacement caused by development work in Addlestone Town Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to agree:

- (i) the proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Crockford Park Road as shown in **annex 1**.
- (ii) That 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 and on street parking restrictions in Runnymede as shown on the drawings in annex 1 is advertised, and that if no objections are maintained, the orders are made.
- (iii) That 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.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as shown in **Annex 1** to:

- improve road safety and access for emergency and refuse vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulated parking
- Encourage use of car parks

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Work has now started on the Addlestone One project, a £90m new development in the town centre and is due to be completed in October 2017. It consists of new shops, leisure facilities, homes and public spaces and is intended to boost the daytime and evening economy for the town. The Runnymede Borough Council website states that it will bring:

- a 101 bedroom hotel
- 213 new homes comprising 160 private, 35 affordable-rented and 18 shared-ownership apartments
- a mix of quality retail units including a supermarket
- a range of high quality restaurants
- a six screen cinema
- a new gym
- 445 car parking spaces
- public landscaped spaces

1.2 In addition to the jobs and apprenticeships created during the two year building programme, over 200 additional jobs will be created in the development and add over £500m to the local economy.

1.3 The Civic Offices main car park is now closed for the development and Garfield Road pay and display has a slightly reduced capacity whilst the new Multi Storey car park is built. The borough has expanded the free car park in Victory Park a little in an attempt to provide some additional spaces.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Construction work for the new development started in March 2015 and will last for several years. During this time the number of staff employed on the project is likely to increase, and when the development opens it will attract visitors and workers.

2.2 Crockford Park Rd is relatively close (perhaps a 5 to 10 minute walk) to the town centre and new development.

2.3 Crockford Park Road is a local distributor road and provides an alternative route to the traffic calmed town centre (Station Road) connecting Corrie, Brighton and Garfield Roads. There are residential side roads and properties along its length.

2.4 During the town centre development work the civic centre staff car park is closed and a small amount of space has been lost from the Garfield Road car park. To counter this free parking has been extended in Victory Park. Victory Park is a longer walk to the development site than much of Crockford Park Road, so it is possible that it could be used in preference.

2.5 There are some existing waiting restrictions along its length but these are limited to some of the junctions and it is mainly unrestricted. There also two purpose built pedestrian crossing points that are difficult to use because of nearby parking.

- 2.5 It is therefore proposed that additional waiting restrictions as shown in **Annex 1** are installed in Crockford Park Road to:
- Prevent parking near junctions and help maintain access to driveways
 - Provide parking generally where is it needed by residents
 - Position the parking gaps so that it helps reduce free flow traffic speeds
 - Create more gaps and passing places in the parking to help maintain traffic flows
 - Encourage use of the temporary and permanent off street parking facilities
- 2.6 Statutory consultation has been completed for the 2015 Runnymede parking review and objections are being considered with members. Implementation of the review is likely this autumn. The 2016 review will be at committee in March 2016 with likely implementation late 2016/early 2017. In order to manage the parking in Crockford Park Road as the town centre development progresses we think it is necessary to carry out a one off parking scheme between the parking reviews.
- 2.7 This will be a simpler task than usual because Runnymede has been converted to map based parking traffic orders in conjunction with the 2015 review.

3. CONSULTATIONS:

- 3.1 If the local committee agrees the proposals the 28 day statutory consultation will take place in September and depending on objections, implementation will be in autumn 2015. As part of the statutory consultation we will write to residents in Crockford Park Road.
- 3.2 Plans illustrating the amended restrictions will be placed on deposit in local libraries and the Runnymede Borough Council offices during this time.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 If there are unresolved objections, they will be considered 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.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The likely cost of advertising and implementing the new restrictions shown in **Annex 1** is £2500 and will be met from the parking team works budget.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications for this report.

6. LOCALISM:

6.1 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 resident's/businesses circumstances and requirements for parking on street. The advertisement stage will allow these affected 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.

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 waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex 1 in order to:-

- Improve road safety and access for emergency vehicles/public service vehicles.
- Easing traffic congestion
- Better regulated parking
- Encourage use of off street car parking facilities

9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

The agreed proposals will be formally advertised in September and any comments/objections considered by the Parking Team Manager/Chairman and local member. Subject to this proposals will be implemented in the autumn 2015.

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Annexes:

Annex 1.

Sources/background papers:

There are none.

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