



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

BAGSHOT ROAD, CHOBHAM – AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS 13 DECEMBER 2012

KEY ISSUES

To consider the alteration of on street parking restrictions which, following recent development, finish half way across the entrance to the development.

SUMMARY

During the consultation with the developers of the new Co-op on Bagshot Road, Chobham, it was noticed that the current parking restrictions on the road would finish half way across the new entrance for the development's parking area. This is potentially confusing for drivers and it is proposed to shorten the restriction and end the yellow line before the new entrance.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Approve the proposal for the reduction of the single yellow line outside 2 Bagshot Road, Chobham, where the entrance of the new development starts.
- (ii) Agree the intention of the County Council to make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and for this amendment to be advertised and that, if no objections are maintained, the Order is made;
- (iii) Agree that the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager will consider and try to resolve any objections and that a decision on any remaining unresolved objections will be made by the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the relevant County Councillor.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 During the consultation with the developers of the new Co-op on Bagshot Road, Chobham, it was noticed that the current parking restrictions on the road would finish half way across the new entrance for the development's car park.

2.0 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The current parking restriction outside the new development indicates that highway users can park without penalty during certain periods. This restriction ends halfway across the new entrance, which may encourage some drivers to park on the unrestricted part of it.
- 2.2 By removing the restriction, any ambiguity or confusion will be removed and there should be less likelihood of a driver parking across the entrance.
- 2.3 Although the Parking Review amendments have been advertised, the relevant Traffic Order has not yet been made. It will therefore be possible to advertise the alteration to the parking restriction and incorporate this into the Traffic Order when it is made.

3.0 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 No specific consultation with Surrey Police has yet taken place and this will form part of the advertising / consultation process.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of this modification will be included in the cost of the annual parking review.

5.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Highway Service is mindful of its needs within this area and attempts to treat all users of the public highway with equality and understanding.

6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The alteration of the parking restrictions will limit the confusion of highway users and reduce the chance of drivers committing an offence.

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 During the consultation with a developer, the extent of a parking restriction was found to extend over the entrance of the development.

- 7.2 When the entrance is installed, the differing restrictions could generate confusion for drivers and result in offences occurring in and around this area.
- 7.3 It is recommended that the current waiting restriction outside 2 Bagshot Road, Chobham is reduced to end at the edge of the new entrance.

8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The alteration of the parking restrictions will limit the confusion of highway users and reduce the chance of drivers committing an offence.

9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 The proposal to make this modification to the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised on site and in the local press, and will be included in the Traffic Order that has previously been advertised. The changes to the signing and lining will be undertaken as part of the works of the Surrey Heath on street parking review. (See Surrey Heath Local Committee 16/02/2012 Item 16: Surrey Heath Parking Review)

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