

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 11 December 2015

LEAD OFFICER: JACK ROBERTS (Engineer, Parking Strategy & Implementation Team)

SUBJECT: WAVERLEY PARKING REVIEW: RESULTS OF ADVERTISEMENT

DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The parking proposals approved by committee on 26 June 2015 have been formally advertised for 28 days. The responses have been compiled into a 'Consideration of Objections' report labelled as **Annex A**. Officers have made a recommendation on how to proceed at each location following the responses received. At this committee, members will be asked to decide whether or not to agree with these recommendations. The advertised restriction plans are shown in **Annex B**.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The proposals and recommendations in **Annex A** as amended following statutory consultation in some cases, are agreed, in addition to the two Traffic Regulation Order amendments detailed in paragraph 3.8.
- (ii) That if necessary the Parking Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member, make minor adjustments to the proposals following the meeting.
- (iii) That the County Council make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions as shown in **Annex B** and as amended by **Annex A** (and as subsequently modified by (ii)), along with the two Traffic Regulation Order amendments detailed in paragraph 3.8.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex A. They will make a positive impact towards:-

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Easing traffic congestion
- Better regulated parking
- Better enforcement
- Better compliance

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's (SCC) Parking Strategy and Implementation Team (Parking Team) carry out periodic reviews of on-street parking restrictions across Surrey on a borough by borough basis.
- 1.2 An assessment list comprising 160 requests for parking restrictions from residents, councillors, the emergency services and SCC engineers since the last review were collated and used as the basis for this current Waverley parking review.
- 1.3 Each feasible request was assessed based on several factors including road safety, localised congestion, effect on emergency services and bus operators and levels of support, e.g. supported by county councillor, local borough/district council, high resident demand etc.
- 1.4 In addition, a list of discrepancies between the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) plans and the existing layout on the ground was compiled by Guildford Borough Council and assessed as part of this parking review. As these discrepancies can prevent enforcement from taking place at certain locations, it was proposed to correct all of these as part of this review.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The review was carried out in two stages:

Stage one being an initial "desktop" exercise, which involved eradicating requests for refreshment of existing restrictions only and requests for restrictions which were either clearly not practical or feasible.

Stage two involved site visits to all remaining locations, which were assessed using the criteria explained above.

- 2.2 Following stage two of the review, some suggestions and requests were not taken any further due to there being insufficient evidence to suggest there was a parking problem which warranted restrictions, or where no feasible or practical solution was found.
- 2.3 The locations where officers considered that new or amended restrictions would be of benefit were presented to this committee on 26 June 2015 and agreed for advertisement.

3. CONSULTATIONS:

- 3.1 The restrictions agreed by this committee on 26 June 2015 were advertised for a period of 28 days from 23 October to 20 November 2015.
- 3.2 At each location where restrictions were proposed, street notices were erected on site to notify members of the public. In addition to the street notices, letter drops were carried out for the properties most affected by the proposals.
- 3.3 On 23 October an advertisement was placed in local newspapers as part of the statutory process for advertising parking restrictions. Finally, all relevant

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documents and proposal plans were published on the Surrey County Council's webpage for parking in Waverley (www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/waverley) and hard copies of this information were made available at local libraries and council offices.

- 3.4 Residents were invited to comment on, support or object to the proposed restrictions, either using our online form on the webpage above or by post.
- 3.5 All of the comments, expressions of support and objections have been compiled into a 'Consideration of Objections' report (**Annex A**). The total number of responses have been listed next to each advertised location.
- 3.6 A recommendation has also been given for each advertised location. These recommendations are listed as 'proceed as advertised', 'proceed with amendments', or 'do not proceed'. Members are being asked to make a decision for each advertised location based on the recommendations provided.
- 3.7 All progressed proposals will be installed on the ground in the first quarter of 2016.
- 3.8 As part of this advertisement, we took the opportunity to include borough wide changes relating to 'School Keep Clear' restriction wording and also wording relating to operational permits for carers. Committee approval was not requested on 26 June 2015 for these changes and approval is therefore required in this meeting of 11 December 2015. This will allow us to make these changes to the Traffic Regulation Order as part of this review. These proposed amendments are detailed below.

School Keep Clear Wording (Borough wide)

It is proposed to remove the wording 'during term time' from existing 'School Keep Clear' restrictions within the borough. This is a result of Department for Transport regulations which state that this wording should no longer be used as 'term time' is too ambiguous. Whilst this will primarily be an amendment for the Traffic Regulation Order, any signs on the ground currently with this wording will have to be changed.

Operational Permits (Borough wide)

It is proposed to remove reference to 'medical carers' in the Traffic Regulation Order with regards to the provision of operational permits in Waverley. They will therefore just be referred to as 'carers'. This will allow care based organisations that do not actually provide medical based care, but provide other home based care to residents of Waverley, to apply for operational permits.

4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The cost of carrying out parking reviews (officer time) in each borough or district of the County is met by the Parking Team. However, implementation costs in total are likely to be **£20,000**. This will be financed jointly from Local Committee and Parking Team budgets. At its meeting on 26 June 2015, the Local Committee agreed to allocate **£10,000** towards the cost of implementing the proposals.

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 allows these effected parties to get involved and comment or object to the proposals. These responses impact on what decisions are made following the advertisement. Local councillors 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 A**. They will make a positive impact towards:-

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Easing traffic congestion
- Better regulated parking
- Better enforcement
- Better compliance

9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 9.1 All progressed proposals will be installed on the ground in the first quarter of 2016. Around the same time, the Traffic Regulation Order will be made and a 'go live' date will be issued.

Contact Officer:

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Consulted:

All residents directly affected by the proposed parking restrictions.

Annexes:

Annex A – Consideration of Objections

Annex B – Advertised plans

Sources/background papers:

Waverley Parking Review – 26 June 2015 (Committee Report)

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