

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 02 MARCH 2016
 LEAD OFFICER: STEPHEN CLAVEY



SUBJECT: PETITION – RESIDENTS’ PARKING SCHEME IN SPITAL HEATH

DIVISION: DORKING SOUTH AND THE HOLMWOODS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider a petition submitted by Steve Usher – 30 signatures

Petition: **Act on the majority support, expressed through the highways consultation process, to PROCEED with the proposed implementation of parking restrictions for Spital Heath, Dorking.**

Details of petition: In the published statement of reasons for not proceeding with the proposed parking restrictions at Spital Heath it was stated that “there is not a vast majority in favour”. There was, nevertheless, a majority in favour. In contrast, the same document reports that decisions to proceed were made in 34 other cases despite there being no majority at all (see Drawing 47, Drawing 8, Drawing 7, Drawing 38, Drawing 16, Drawing 36, Drawing 2, Drawing 25, Drawing 31, Drawing 40, Drawing 44, Drawing 6, Drawing 10, Drawing 11, Drawing 30, Drawing 32, Drawing 53, Oaks close, Gravel Hill, Drawing 3, Drawing 4, Drawing 5, Drawing 9, Drawing 12, Drawing 13, Drawing 14, Drawing 18, Drawing 28, Drawing 29, Drawing 35, Drawing 41, Drawing 43, Drawing 52, Fairfield). Furthermore, there was overall opposition in the first 19 of these cases listed. Additionally, for every other proposal that had the same majority in support as the Spital Heath proposal (see Drawing 39, Drawing 42, and Drawing 54), the decision to proceed was given in each instance.

RESPONSE:

Following the consultation that was carried out between July 17 and September 10 2015, we did not receive sufficient feedback to support the proposal to implement a residents’ permit scheme in Spital Heath, Dorking.

From 25 notices sent to residents we only received 13 correspondents - 7 were in support and 6 objections. The 7 in support only equates to 28% of the overall letters sent out, which is clearly not a majority.

As the scheme is essentially asking that residents pay a sum of money to park in their road, it would be deemed unfair to impose this cost on residents based on the feedback received.

The proposals that were set out were part of the 2014 / 2015 parking review, which

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is currently being implemented - therefore we cannot consider any changes or amendments to the proposals at this stage as it is too late.

If it can be proved that there is a majority of residents in favour (at least 70%), then the proposal to implement a residents permit scheme could be reconsidered.

It would be up to the committee to decide whether they would want to include it in this year's review or wait until the next review.

My recommendation would be to only consider it in this review if there is adequate evidence that the scheme meets the above criteria and that the proposal does not vary from that previously advertised.

Alternatively we would have to consider re-advertising proposals in the next parking review.