

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## TANDRIDGE LOCAL COMMITTEE



**DATE:** 24 June 2016

**LEAD OFFICER:** David Curl, Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager

**SUBJECT:** Tandridge On Street Parking Review 2016/17

**DIVISION:** All in Tandridge

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Each year Surrey Highways receives requests to change existing or introduce new parking restrictions in Tandridge. For greater efficiency, these requests are compiled and reviewed in a district wide process.

To progress the 2016/17 review the committee is asked to approve statutory consultation for changes to on-street parking restrictions at the locations listed in the report annexes.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to agree that:**

- (i) The proposed changes to parking and waiting restrictions as shown in Annexes 1 and 2 are agreed.
- (ii) If necessary, adjustments can be made to the proposals agreed at the meeting by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member prior to statutory consultation.
- (iii) The intention of the County Council to make Traffic Regulation Orders under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Tandridge as shown in the Annexes (and as subsequently modified by ii) is advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the Order is made.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) If necessary the Parking Team Manager will report the objections back to the local committee for resolution.
- (vi) To allocate funding of £10,000 in 2016/17 to implement the parking amendments.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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.

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions in this report are progressed as they will help to:

- Improve road safety
- Increase access for emergency vehicles
- improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking and serve communities.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Parking Team carry out reviews of on-street restrictions across the county typically on a continuous cycle. These are intended to keep on top of changes in travel behaviour and the built environment that can often change on street parking patterns.
- 1.2 Requests for changes to parking restrictions have been made by residents, councillors as well as emergency and public service organisations. These have been collated and used as the basis for this parking review.

**2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 As mentioned above, requests for changes to parking restrictions are made by residents, councillors as well as emergency services and public service organisations. These initial requests are assessed following these two stages:
  - An initial "desktop" exercise to eliminate requests for restrictions that were clearly not practical or feasible.
  - Site visits to all remaining locations.
- 2.2 Each feasible request was assessed based on several factors including road safety, localised congestion, access to shops and businesses, effect on emergency services and bus operators and Member and public concern/priority.

- 2.3 Following stage two of the review, some suggestions and requests were not progressed due to there being insufficient evidence to suggest there was parking a problem which warranted restrictions, or where no feasible or practical solution was found.
- 2.4 There have been a number of requests for changes to the operational times of curfew parking restrictions in Oxted and other locations around the district (a curfew restriction is a single yellow line that imposes a 1 or 2 hour restriction to prevent all day parking). In many locations an 0800-0930 restriction is in place to deter all day rail commuter parking. The restriction does however allow local workers who can arrive slightly later in the morning to park near the town centre. Moving the curfew period to later in the day could have a significant impact on parking availability near town centres so we have not proposed to do this. Many town centre car parks are full so reductions in parking availability elsewhere could impact the local economy.
- 2.5 We are also planning to change the parking arrangements in several places around the District however these will not require amendments to a traffic regulation order so are not shown in Annex 1 or 2. The locations relevant to this review are:
- Farningham Road, Caterham. The new housing development on the corner of Farningham Road and Croydon Rd has required temporary restrictions during the works. The restrictions will revert back to their original locations when it has finished.
  - An advisory disabled bay will be removed from Maple Rd in Whyteleafe. A new advisory disabled bay is also being investigated in Edgeworth Close, Whyteleafe and outside the pharmacy in Godstone.
  - There have been several requests for restrictions at the top of Tupwood Lane. Having looked at these we will place Access Protection Markings (APM's) across all the driveways here.
  - We will also look at formalising the parking layout in parts of Bletchingley High Street. i.e. marking bays.
- 2.6 We investigate requests for APM's and disabled bays on a rolling basis outside of the parking review process.
- 2.7 The locations where officers consider new or amended restrictions may be of benefit (and that require a statutory consultation to amend a Traffic Order) are listed in Annex 1 and shown on drawings in Annex 2.

### **3. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 3.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions in the annexes will require a traffic regulation order to be advertised as part of a statutory consultation process. When this starts public notices will be displayed in the local press

and on streets where changes are planned. The council's website also plays an important part allowing residents to view, download and print plans showing all of the proposals. During the consultation period comments and objections can be submitted online or by letter in response to the proposals and/or the making of the order.

- 3.2 In most cases initial consultation and discussion with Members has taken place. Parking restrictions can affect a great number of highway users, residents and businesses so the recommendations in this report propose that if necessary, further changes to the proposals in Annex 1 can be made after the meeting, however no new locations can be added. Any changes need to be agreed by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member. This will help ensure that the proposals meet the needs of the community as closely as possible when the statutory advertisement is made.

#### **4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 4.1 The cost of carrying out borough/district parking reviews (officer time) is met by the Parking Team. For this review the implementation costs are likely to be £20,000 and are met jointly from the Local Committee and parking team budgets. It is recommended that the Local Committee allocate £10,000 towards the cost of implementing the proposals in Annex 1 from their 2016/17 revenue budget.
- 4.2 Reigate and Banstead Borough Council carry out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions in Reigate and Banstead Borough and Tandridge District for Surrey County Council.

#### **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 Effective parking restrictions and enforcement can assist accessibility for those with visual or mobility impairment by reducing instances of obstructive parking. Parking restrictions also allow blue badge holders better access to shops and services through the provision and enforcement of disabled bays.

#### **6. LOCALISM:**

- 6.1 Many of the proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and all will be able to comment and have their say during the statutory consultation process.
- 6.2 Communities are represented by County Councillors and committee members who are involved in the decision making process to change or introduce new parking restrictions.

### **7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION:**

- 7.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the proposals in this report. Surrey Police have been involved in the identification and development of proposals in some locations.

### **8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 8.1 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. It is recommended that the waiting restrictions in this report are progressed as they will help to:
- Improve road safety
  - Increase access for emergency vehicles
  - improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
  - Increase access for refuse vehicles and service vehicles
  - Ease traffic congestion
  - Better regulate parking

### **9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 9.1 Some additional 'fine tuning' of the proposals may be required following the committee meeting and then a Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised and public notices detailing the proposed changes will be displayed in the local press and on site. County Councillors will be involved in the decisions about whether restrictions should go ahead following statutory advertising.
- 9.2 Subject to any objections to the proposals being resolved, a traffic regulation order will then be made and the appropriate signs and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced.

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**Consulted:** The report details locations for consultation.

**Annexes:** There are 2 annexes showing the proposals for the parking review.

**Sources/background papers:** None

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