

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE:** 24 June 2016



**SURREY**

**SUBJECT:** Public Question

**DIVISION:** Caterham on the Hill

**Mr Tim Mousley asks:**

This is a follow up to a previous question (which includes more background information) submitted on 18-4-16.

This question, and the previous one, relate to a proposal for extending double lines near the junction of Whyteleafe Road with High Street/ Waller Lane, as advertised in the Tandridge 2015 Parking Review (Location 16, Drawing 11, see page 14 in the Objections report).

The initial decision was to cancel the proposal, but following some action by John Orrick, I understand that a revised proposal has now been agreed, essentially to implement single yellow lines with no parking allowed 10-12 Monday to Friday. Currently some signs to this effect have been installed, but the yellow lines have not yet been painted.

I would therefore like to ask Surrey County Council when the corresponding single yellow lines will be implemented, and to confirm that they will be present on both sides of the road.

Furthermore, for consideration in the next parking review, I would like support the principle of extending a similar parking restriction further down Whyteleafe Road from the junction with High Street/Waller Lane, to ensure that long term parking is generally discouraged in this area. I understand that such a proposal may already be under consideration by Surrey County Council.

### **Question in April**

I would like to ask Surrey County Council to implement the proposal for extending double lines near the junction of Whyteleafe Road with High Street/ Waller Lane, as advertised in the Tandridge 2015 Parking Review (Location 16, Drawing 11, see page 14 in the Objections report). The current decision is to cancel the proposal, but this is not in line with the comments received or the urgent need to improve the situation at this junction with respect to visibility, congestion and safety.

The comments received during the consultation phase have been classified as 1 supporting, 1 objection and 2 “other comments”. This seems inaccurate, and a more reasonable interpretation would be 3 supporting and only 1 objection.

The overall conclusion in the Objections and Decisions Report appears to recognise that something should be done, and reasonably concludes that there is even some support for increasing the length of the restricted area (from 2 of the 4 parties responding). However, it seems unjustified to conclude that there is broad support for limiting the time duration of restrictions since this suggestion only comes from the single objecting party. Therefore it is rather surprising and annoying to find that the proposal is cancelled. I can also confirm my understanding that those originally supporting the advertised proposal also share this opinion.

Note that all the properties adjacent to the proposed changes have hard off-road parking/garage space for at least 3 vehicles. This should be sufficient for any reasonable purposes, without needing to park on the street near the junction.

Replacing the advertised proposals with the proposed action to “Extend the double yellow lines on site to the edge of the driveway to number 1 Whyteleafe, to comply with the current traffic orders”, which might appear reasonable at first sight, is unfortunately not likely to have any useful effect. There is no long-term parking in those areas anyway (being so close to the junction). If, as is proposed according to the current decision, alternative schemes are considered at the next review this would have the effect of significantly delaying any improvement to the current situation: i.e. where inconsiderate parking leads to significant congestion particularly at peak times by effectively reducing the road width to one lane, vehicles manoeuvring on the verge area, poor visibility, safety issues and access problems for some properties.

A more appropriate response to the consultation in the 2015 Parking Review, and fully in line with the comments received, would be to implement the proposals as advertised, observe the effect, and consider possible extension or modification for the next review. I therefore request that the “cancellation” is reversed and the advertised proposal is implemented as soon as possible. Presumably this could be done without any further consultation being required

**Response:**

Thank you for your question about the parking situation in Whyteleafe Road. A new 10-12 noon, Monday to Friday restriction is being implemented with the signs having been put up and the single yellow to be marked in the next 2 weeks.

In response to your request for further restrictions in this area we will include a proposal to have a similar restriction (ie 10-12 noon, Monday to Friday) on both sides of Whyteleafe Road between the end of the existing proposals (outside St Mary's Rectory) and the junction with Essendene Road included in the 2016/17 parking review consultation.

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