

PETITION RESPONSE – GOLDRINGS RD

ITEM 6

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 27 February 2017

SUBJECT: PETITION – GOLDRINGS ROAD, OXSHOTT

DIVISION: HINCHLEY WOOD, CLAYGATE AND OXSHOTT



**PETITION DETAILS:**

A petition supported by all residents of Goldrings Road, Oxshott, has been received raising concerns about parking in Goldrings Road. The petition reads:

*We, the undersigned residents of Goldrings Road, object to the new parking regulations.*

*This has created a free parking facility rather than using the paid station car park which is now underutilised and has encouraged parking by lorries and driving instructors waiting for the next customers.*

*The road being narrowed by parked vehicles has created problems for householders coming and going from their properties and spoiling the whole aspect of the area.*

*As you may be aware Goldrings Road is a through road and gets very busy as it is often used as a bypass from Steels Lane to Warren Lane, thus avoiding congestion in the village.*

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

In the recent Cobham, Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott parking review, we removed some parking restrictions in Goldrings Road, to free up some parking in the area. This comes as a result of the Elmbridge Local Committee's parking strategy, which asks us to look at providing parking, wherever feasible, where there is demand for parking space. When developing the changes for Goldrings Road we were very careful to ensure that any newly created parking space would not cause obstruction or safety problems.

It is true that a section of Goldrings Road is used as a cut through, but this is still possible even with parked vehicles, and this can in fact provide some benefit in helping to limit traffic speeds.

The location of Goldrings Road does mean that it is susceptible to use as parking space from a number of sources. It is noted that residents of this road have generous private off street parking areas. As Goldrings Road is a public highway - a public asset maintained at the public expense for use by the public - there is nothing intrinsically wrong with non-residents parking here for whatever reason, provided that the parking is not dangerous or obstructive.

The county of Surrey has the highest level of vehicle ownership in the country, with the busiest roads to match. As such there are a lot of motorists trying to park and

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drive along our roads, and in turn we must think very carefully about the benefits and disbenefits of any parking restrictions.

Parking in Elmbridge is currently reviewed under a three year rolling programme, with a different part of the borough being looked at approximately every six months.

Under the parking review process agreed by the Elmbridge Local Committee, all changes to formal on street parking controls, other than those deemed to have an 'irrefutable road safety implication' must be considered within the normal parking review process. As the concerns outlined by this petition would not appear to be of a safety critical nature, we will consider the request to review the parking controls in Goldrings Road under the normal review procedure.

Although the future parking review programme is subject to confirmation, the next parking review is currently anticipated to begin towards the end of 2017.

We will update our parking review programme as applicable on our website, available at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/elmbridge](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/elmbridge)

If residents of Goldrings Road are able to provide any photographs to illustrate the problems identified within the petition, they would be gratefully received. They can be emailed to [highways@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:highways@surreycc.gov.uk), or sent in hard copy to:

- a. Parking Team, Hazel House, Merrow Depot, Merrow Lane, Guildford, GU4 7BQ.

Please quote reference ME:300403 when providing any further correspondence.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the contents of this response.

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