



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(WOKING)**

**PROPOSED BUS STOP CLEARWAY IN  
THE BROADWAY WOKING**

**6 MARCH 2013**

**KEY ISSUE**

To seek the Local Committee's approval to create bus stop and bus stand clearways in The Broadway Woking

**SUMMARY**

Clearways are needed at the bus stops and bus stands in The Broadway to keep parked vehicles clear and help passengers use the bus services safely. The Committee is asked to approve the implementation of these so that they can be enforced by the Borough Council Civil Enforcement Officers.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- i. That bus stop clearways be introduced in The Broadway at the existing bus stops adjacent to the Railway Station, the restriction to be 'at any time'.
- ii. That a bus stand clearway be introduced in The Broadway at the existing bus stands situated between Duke Street and Locke Way, the restriction to be 'at any time'.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Surrey County Council, as the Highway Authority, has powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2002 to create bus stop clearways. A bus stop clearway is a parking restriction at a bus stop that can be enforced by the Borough Councils Civil Enforcement Officers as they would waiting restrictions. They are, however, more onerous than waiting restrictions because the clearway also prohibits stopping and loading/unloading over the length of the bus stop.
- 1.2 Unlike waiting restrictions there is no mandatory statutory consultation process in order for a highway authority to implement a bus stop clearway. Consequently it is Surrey Highways' policy that these measures are approved by the Local Committee to ensure that there is some local consultation prior to their implementation.
- 1.3 There are currently two locations in Woking Broadway where bus stop and bus stand clearways are proposed:
  - a) adjacent to the Railway Station (opposite commercial properties 3 to 19) requested by the bus operators as private hire vehicles parking and other vehicles stopping prevents buses from pulling into the bus stops.
  - b) between Duke Street and Locke Way requested by the bus operator as on street parking by unauthorised vehicles prevents buses from pulling into the stand.

## **2 ANALYSIS**

- 2.1 Bus stop clearways prevent vehicles stopping at bus stops and so ensure buses can pull up close and parallel to the kerb. This means that passengers do not have to get on and off the bus in the carriageway and enables ramps to be deployed for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Bus stop clearways also assist operators to maintain schedules more easily.

## **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 Arriva (bus operator) has been consulted and agrees with the proposals. County and Borough Councillors have been sent a copy of this report in advance of the meeting.
- 3.2 If approved these restrictions will be implemented following a letter drop to affected frontages.

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

- 4.1 Implementation of signage for the proposed bus stop clearways will be funded by the Passenger Transport Group.

## **5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Buses that can pull up to the kerb allow passengers with mobility problems to board more easily and safely.

## **6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Clear and enforceable parking restrictions help improve compliance and reduce obstruction problems.

## **7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 Bus stop clearways help keep parked vehicles away from bus stops which makes it easier for passengers, particularly those with mobility problems, to board. Buses are also less likely to block traffic behind. It is recommended to introduce bus stop and bus stand clearways at the two locations in The Broadway Woking where problems with parked vehicles are currently experienced by buses trying to access the bus stops and stands.

## **8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 Bus stop clearways help improve bus services in Surrey, one of the objectives of our Local Transport Plan.

## **9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 9.1 Subject to Local Committee approval the bus stop clearways will be implemented and the restrictions enforced.

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