



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

2013 PARKING REVIEW

25 FEBRUARY 2013

KEY ISSUE

To consider the implementation of new waiting and loading restrictions and amendments to existing restrictions at various locations across the borough, to address safety issues and parking difficulties, and to consider other amendments to traffic regulation orders in Elmbridge.

SUMMARY

This report outlines the locations that the county's Parking Strategy and Implementation Group (PSIG), recommend should be progressed for formal advertisement with a view to introducing new or amending existing parking controls.

This report also contains recommendations for other amendments relating to parking controls and traffic regulations orders in Elmbridge.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The county council's intention to introduce the proposals in Annex 1 is formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation.

- (ii) if objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager is authorised to try and resolve them;
- (iii) if any objections cannot be resolved, the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman/Vice Chairman of this committee and the county councillor for the division, decides whether or not they should be acceded to and therefore whether the order should be made, with or without modifications;
- (iv) consideration is given to allocating funding to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments as part of its budget setting process for 2013/14.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Parking Strategy and Implementation Group maintains a database of the requests for additions or amendments to the parking controls in Elmbridge.
- 1.2 Since carrying out the 2011/12 parking review the parking team received over 300 new requests for changes.
- 1.3 Members of the parking team carried out assessments of the locations on the database taking into account a number of factors, including road safety, localised congestion, effect on emergency services and bus operators and levels of support.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Following an initial desktop review of the assessments, a number of the requests were rejected as either just requests for refreshment of existing restrictions, or duplicates of other requests on the list, or requests that were impractical or unfeasible. The parking team then undertook site visits at the remaining locations.
- 2.2 Following these visits, further requests were rejected, as there was no feasible or practical solution or it was not considered a priority to implement at this time.
- 2.3 Annex 1 outlines the officer recommendations on which requests should be taken forward to implementation, subject to the completion of the due legal process.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Agree the recommendations in this report and the proposals as outlined in Annex 1 and proceed with the statutory process for introducing parking controls.
- 3.2 Amend the recommendations and/or the proposals in Annex 1 and proceed with the statutory process for introducing parking controls.
- 3.3 Do not proceed with any of the recommendations or proposals. The parking controls would remain unaltered - however this will not resolve any of the identified parking problems.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Meetings have taken place with county and borough councillors, with resident association representatives and other stakeholders to discuss various elements of the proposals. The Parking Task group has also been consulted and has helped develop the proposals contained in the Annex to this report.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 At this time the budgets for the next financial year have not been finalised, and the committee is asked to consider allocating some of its budget for 2013-14. The cost of implementation should not exceed £15,000.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications within this report.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the locations requiring new or amended parking controls and identified in Annex 1, be progressed so that the current parking difficulties highlighted within the borough can be resolved. The main reasons are as follows:-

- to improve road safety

- to assist with access for emergency vehicles
- to aid access for refuse vehicles
- to ease congestion and improve the environment for residents
- to improve access for visitors to local businesses

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 Subject to funding being available, we will advertise the agreed amendments to the existing parking controls, in accordance with the statutory process, in the spring.
- 9.2 Once comments and objections have been considered, we will make the new traffic regulation order and amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders, and introduce the agreed new parking controls, in the autumn.

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