

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 18 September 2017

SUBJECT: PETITION – to introduce time limited parking bays and a disabled bay in Tadworth and Walton on the Hill

DIVISION: Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood



PETITION DETAILS:

There are numerous parking bays in Walton and Tadworth outside the shops which do not have any time restriction. The result of this is that there is a problem with persistent all day parking between 9am and 5pm, without any car movement, stopping the shops from benefitting from passing trade and deterring local customers.

The vehicles which are parked all day are usually the same vehicles, either commuters using the train at Tadworth or employees of a particular business who despite being spoken to by the shops and their employers refuse to park elsewhere. The bays requested are typically empty in the evenings after 6pm Monday to Friday suggesting that it is not local residents causing this issue.

It is proposed that to solve this issue a small number (in comparison to the current number of non-restricted bays) of parking bays are given a 2hr time limit with no return between 9 am and 5pm Monday to Friday as seen elsewhere in Walton & Tadworth.

OFFICER COMMENT:

We are in the process of carrying out a review of parking in the borough of Reigate & Banstead and this request to install time limited parking bays in the High Street, Tadworth and Walton Street, Walton on the Hill and a disabled bay in Walton Street, Walton on the Hill is one that we will be assessing as part of that review.

We received over 200 requests for changes to the existing parking restrictions and controls or the introduction of new ones since the previous parking review and once we have completed our assessments of them all, we will present a report on the outcome, with our recommendations for what changes should be made, to this committee at its meeting on 4 December 2017.

If, after all the assessments, we were to recommend introducing the bays, as described in the petition, and the committee were to agree with the recommendation, we would need to undertake the legal process involved in introducing or changing parking controls. This requires us to formally advertise our intention to do so, and we may also carry out consultation with residents, businesses and other stakeholders. Once we have considered any responses to the advertisement and/or consultation, we have to make a traffic regulation order, so that our enforcement staff can take action against people parking illegally. This process does take several months to complete, but progress can be followed on our website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/reigateandbanstead.

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<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
The Local Committee is asked to: (i) Note the officer's comment

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