



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**EAST WALK, SOUTH WALK AND VICARAGE WALK,
REIGATE -
PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

4 MARCH 2013

KEY ISSUE

To approve a traffic regulation order prohibiting motor vehicles from using East, South and Vicarage Walks in Reigate.

SUMMARY

A prohibition of motor vehicles (except for access) order was made a number of years ago by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on these access paths, however the order cannot now be located. The restriction has been signed on the ground for many years. For safety reasons and to allow enforcement of this prohibition to continue it is proposed to make a new order to prevent through traffic and non prescribed vehicles from using these paths.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to agree that:

- (i) Following consideration of objections to be reported at the meeting, the prohibition of motor vehicles order is made.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 East Walk (T9059), South Walk (T9058) and Vicarage Walk (9057) are town paths/tracks that also provide vehicular access to residential properties. They are shown in **Annex 1**.
- 1.2 A prohibition of motor vehicles (except for access) order was made a number of years ago by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, however the order cannot now be located. To allow enforcement of this prohibition and for safety reasons it is proposed to make a new order to prevent through traffic and non prescribed vehicles from using them.
- 1.3 These tracks/paths are relatively narrow and unsuitable for through traffic, however access along them is needed by residents and emergency/public service vehicles. All the paths are well used by pedestrians however they are narrow and there is limited space for pedestrians (particularly with wheelchairs and push chairs) to pass moving or parked vehicles.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 In order to remake the traffic order, a statutory notice stating the council's intention was placed in the Surrey Mirror on the 31 January 2013. Notices were also put up in the area. Comments and objections were invited to the proposals by the 28 February 2013.
- 2.2 The publication date for this report was the 20 February 2013 and consequently any objections will be reported to the committee at the meeting on the 4 March 2013.
- 2.3 Surrey Police have confirmed that are content for the order to be remade and residents support the reinstatement of the order.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The estimated cost of advertising this order is £600. This will be met from the highway maintenance revenue budget.

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 These pathways are widely used by pedestrians including wheel chairs and push chairs and are not suitable for vehicular use other than by those that require access.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The absence of a Traffic Order to impose the prohibition means Surrey Police cannot act effectively when enforcement is required.

6 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 These tracks are not suitable for vehicular traffic other than those that need access. It is recommended the traffic order is confirmed to allow this restriction to be imposed and enforced as necessary.

7 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 7.1 If the committee agree the recommendation (having considered any objections reported to the meeting) the traffic order will be made allowing Surrey Police to carry out enforcement as required.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

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