

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL****REIGATE AND BANSTEAD LOCAL COMMITTEE****DATE:** 4 December 2017**LEAD OFFICER:** Rikki Hill, Parking Project Team Leader**SUBJECT:** Reigate and Banstead Borough On Street Parking Review 2017/18**DIVISION:** All in Reigate and Banstead**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Each year Surrey Highways receives requests to change existing or introduce new parking restrictions. These requests are compiled and reviewed in a Borough wide process.

To progress the 2017/18 review the Committee is asked to approve the formal advertisement of the County Council's intention to make the changes to on-street parking restrictions at the locations listed in the report annex.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

- (i) The county council's intention to introduce the proposals in Annex 1 is formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation.
- (ii) That if necessary, adjustments can be made to the proposals by the parking team manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and divisional member prior to advertisement.
- (iii) That if no objections are received when the proposals are advertised, the traffic regulation orders are made.
- (iv) That if there are unresolved objections, they are dealt with in accordance with the county council's scheme of delegation by the parking strategy and implementation team manager, in consultation with the chairman/vice chairman of the committee and the divisional member.
- (v) That if necessary the parking team manager will report the objections

back to the local committee for resolution.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Changes to the highway network, the built environment and society mean that parking behaviour changes and consequently it is necessary for a highway authority to carry out regular reviews of waiting and parking restrictions on the highway network.

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions in this report are progressed as they will help to:

- Improve road safety
- Increase access for emergency vehicles
- Help residents park nearer their homes
- improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles, buses and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better control parking

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 The Parking Strategy and Implementation Team maintains a database of the requests for additions or amendments to the parking controls in the borough of Reigate & Banstead.
- 1.2 These requests are considered every 15 months by way of a borough-wide parking review
- 1.3 Since carrying out the 2016/17 parking review the team has received over 300 new requests for changes.

**2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 Following an initial desktop review of the requests, a number of them were rejected as either just requests for refreshment of existing restrictions, or duplicates of other requests on the list, or requests that [www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateandbanstead](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateandbanstead)

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 Each feasible request has been assessed based on several factors including road safety, localised congestion, access to shops and businesses and member and public concern/priority. They are described in Annex 1.
- 2.4 There were a number of requests for resident permit parking schemes, often with a significant amount of support from residents in a road (such as Diceland Road in Banstead and Ranelagh Road in Redhill). However most of them have not been included in the proposals because they would cause displacement to other nearby roads, which already suffer from similar parking pressures. There are undoubtedly difficulties for residents caused by non-residents parking in their roads but this needs to be addressed with a more strategic approach. To this end the parking task group is developing a parking strategy which can look at controlling parking over a wide area in town centres, rather than individual roads in isolation.

### **3. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 3.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions will require a traffic regulation order to be advertised as part of a statutory consultation process. When this starts public notices will be displayed in the local press and on streets where changes are planned. The council's website also plays an important part allowing residents to view, download and print plans showing all of the proposals. Notices will also be delivered to all properties that front directly on to new restrictions. During the consultation period comments and objections can be submitted online or by letter in response to the proposals and/or the making of the order.
- 3.2 In most cases initial consultation and discussion with Members has taken place. Parking restrictions can affect a great number of highway users, residents and businesses so the recommendations in this report propose that if necessary, further changes to the proposals in Annex 1 can be made after the meeting, however no new locations can be added. Any changes need to be agreed by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and divisional member. This will help ensure that the proposals meet the needs of the community as closely as possible when the statutory advertisement is made.

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

- 4.1 The cost of carrying out parking reviews (officer time) is met by the parking team. For this review the advertising and implementation costs are likely to be £20,000 and are met jointly from the Local Committee and parking team budgets. The Local Committee has already allocated £5,000 towards the cost from their 2017/18 revenue budget. (Item 136/17, June 2017)

#### **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 Effective parking restrictions and enforcement can assist accessibility for those with visual or mobility impairment by reducing instances of obstructive parking. Parking restrictions also allow blue badge holders better access to shops and services through the provision of disabled bays.

#### **6. LOCALISM:**

- 6.1 Many of the proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and all will be able to comment and have their say when the proposals are advertised.
- 6.2 Communities are represented by county councillors and committee members who are involved in the decision making process to change or introduce new parking restrictions.

#### **7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION:**

- 7.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the proposals in this report.

#### **8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 8.1 The highway network, the built environment and society mean that parking behaviour changes and consequently it is necessary for a highway authority to carry out regular reviews of waiting and parking

restrictions on the highway network. It is recommended that the waiting restrictions in this report are progressed as they will help to:

- Improve road safety
- Increase access for emergency vehicles
- improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

## **9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

- 9.1 The county council's intention to make the necessary traffic regulation orders will be advertised and public notices detailing the proposed changes will be displayed in the local press and on site. County councillors will be involved in the decisions about whether restrictions should go ahead in their areas following the advertisement.
- 9.2 Once any objections have been considered, the traffic regulation orders will then be made (with or without modifications) and the appropriate signs and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced. We will aim to do this by July 2018.

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**Sources/background papers:**

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