

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)**

DATE: 12 April 2018

SUBJECT: Shop at 207 Guildford Road, Lightwater

DIVISION: Lightwater, West End and Bisley

PETITION DETAILS:

"We are the regular customers of the above shop and we noted that on 13 November 2017 you have imposed parking restrictions in the area. We also note that you have not allocated any short term parking spaces for us to park our vehicles when we needed to shop at the premises. This is causing us great difficulty and inconvenience.

The shop has been here for a long time and we find it very convenient to get urgent groceries without having to drive a long way to go to the nearest supermarket.

We will very much appreciate it if you could allocate a few free parking spaces around the shop for a short time (preferably 30 minutes or so) for the shoppers and a loading and unloading bay for one vehicle".

The petition contained 187 signatures.

RESPONSE:

The deadline for parking restriction requests to be considered as part of the parking review being presented on 1 March 2018 was the end of November 2017. This petition was received by Surrey County Council in February 2018 and will therefore have to be considered as part of the next Surrey Heath Parking Review, which takes place over March/April 2019 to be presented to local committee in June 2019.

The parking restrictions referred to in the petition were agreed by this committee in December 2016 and subsequently advertised and installed during 2017. They were introduced to maintain access and sight lines at, and on approach to the junction of Macdonald Road and Guildford Road. This was being strongly requested by members of the public as well as by local councillors at the time, following Macdonald Road becoming part of a bus route. Buses and other large vehicles were having issues turning at this junction due to all the parked cars in this area, often belonging to shop visitors.

Having already assessed this location in the past, and being familiar with the road layout, including nearby dropped kerbs and property frontages, marked parking bays for either 30 minute waiting or loading to take place are not entirely feasible here, without resulting in a return of the issues mentioned above. Therefore whilst we will be able to assess this location as part of the next review, it is not certain a feasible solution will be found to what is being petitioned for.

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

Contact Officer: Jack Roberts (Engineer – Parking Team)
