

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****DATE:** 11 June 2018**LEAD OFFICER:** Adrian Harris – Engineer, Parking Project Team**SUBJECT:** WALTON ON THAMES AND HERSHAM PARKING REVIEW**DIVISION:** Walton, Walton South and Oatlands, and Hersham**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To consider approval for a number of minor additions to the previously agreed recommendations for changes to parking in Walton on Thames and Hersham.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree:

- I. The county council's intention to introduce the proposals within this report and in Annex 1 are formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation (as appropriate).
- 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.

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
- improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles, buses and service vehicles
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 At the meeting of 14 September 2017 the local committee gave authorisation to advertise the traffic orders required for a number of new parking controls.
- 1.2 As agreed at the September meeting the parking team have carried out a number of consultations to determine whether or not to advertise proposals to introduce permit parking schemes in a number of locations in the area.
- 1.3 Some of the consultations resulted in very strong feedback from residents, both in favour and against the permit scheme idea. As such, making the final decisions about what to do in light of the feedback was a difficult and time-consuming process. Although these decisions have now been made, they were not finalised until May 2018, which has caused a small delay in advertising the proposals. Advertising is now expected to take place on 8 June, with a period of four weeks allowed for the public to make representations.
- 1.4 A number of small additional schemes, or slight modifications to the proposals approved at the September 2017 meeting, have been suggested, and we are seeking approval from these schemes.
- 1.5 These additional proposals will be advertised with the Walton and Hersham parking review, and should therefore have already been advertised by the time of this meeting. If the committee, for some reason, decides not to agree these schemes the traffic orders will not be made and the proposals will not be installed.

2 ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The schemes in question are:
 - Drawing 1 – Waterside Drive. Additional double yellow lines proposed in-front and opposite the new access to the leisure centre in order to improve safety and access at the junction.
 - Drawing 32 – Oatlands Avenue. Extension of existing double yellow lines proposed at the junction with Woodland Grove, to improve sightlines at the junction.
 - Drawing 53 – Oakbank Avenue. Formalise existing advisory disabled parking bay, to prevent abuse of the bay by non-blue badge holders.
 - Drawing A1 - Julian Hill, Weybridge. Introduce double yellow lines on one side of the road to prevent the current practice of parking on both sides of the road which causes obstruction of the carriageway and both footways. Note – although this will not be part of the Walton and Hersham parking review, it is being advertised alongside it to save costs and bring the scheme into force as soon as practicably possible due to the safety concerns at this location and the problems of access for larger vehicles, in particular the borough council's refuse lorry.
- 2.2 Please see Annex 1 for the drawings pertaining to these proposals.

3 OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Agree the recommendations in this report and the proposals as outlined in Annex 1 and give authorisation for the making of the traffic regulation orders subject to any objections to them being resolved or overruled.
- 3.2 Do not authorise the making of traffic regulation orders for these proposals. The parking controls would remain unaltered - however this will not resolve any of the identified parking problems.

4 CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Engagement with the local community will be take place as part of the traffic order advertising process.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 At the meeting of 23 February 2015 the local committee agreed to dedicate its portion of the surplus from the on street parking account to funding the development and implementation of the parking reviews. The proposals in this report would therefore have no impact on any other funding streams.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 No significant implications arising from this report.

7 LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The local community has been engaged with in terms of developing the proposals and ideas set out within this report. When the proposals within Annex 1 are advertised this will enable additional input from the local community.
- 7.2 When the proposals are advertised, we will erect street notices at all locations affected, notify residents adjacent to the proposed controls via a post card, and make copies of the proposals available for inspection at local council offices/buildings and on our website.

8 OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 The county council's intention to introduce the proposals in Annex 1 is formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation.
- 9.2 If objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager is authorised to try and resolve them;
- 9.3 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.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 We aim to have any agreed schemes implemented within six months of the initial committee approval date.
- 10.2 Once comments and objections have been considered, we will make the new traffic regulation orders and amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders, and introduce the agreed new parking controls.

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Proposed on street parking amendments

Sources/background papers:

Local committee report 14 September 2017 – Walton and Hersham parking review.
