SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE EPSOM & EWELL 11 March 2013

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1 – Mary & Paul Gorton Re: Marshall Close Parking

Question:

Ever since we moved to 32 Marshalls Close in June 2000, we have been parking outside our garage which is adjacent to our property. This is an entirely sensible place to park as it does not obstruct anybody and nobody else can park there as they would block the access to our garage. Indeed, when we bought the property, this parking space was a major selling point. The boundary of our land follows a semicircular shape in front of our garage (not quite big enough to completely contain a modern car). Therefore we park with one wheel over the boundary.

A couple of years ago, Surrey County Council painted a yellow line outside our garage along this semicircular boundary. We now understand this was to reinstate an original early 1960s yellow line which had long since disappeared. Luckily, Epsom & Ewell did not police it – until last week when we got a parking ticket for parking on our own property (with one wheel across the yellow line).

The question we want to submit to the Committee is: 'Could the yellow line outside our garage please be removed?'

Officer Response:

Revocation of an existing yellow line has to go through a similar legal process to the implementation of new restrictions.

If committee agree that your request can be included within this review, the next stage will be to formally advertise the amendments in the local press and by way of street notices - this advertising period is the time in which residents or any other interested parties, can agree with or object to any proposals put forward.

Once the advertising period has ended and any correspondents have been collated, a decision on how to progress will be made by the Parking Team Manager, as delegated authority, with the local SCC councillor for the area and Committee Chairman.

Implementation or removal can then be carried out by our contractors.

During this entire process, the 'Traffic Regulation Order' (legal document that helps to enforce yellow lines), will be amended.

The whole process does take some months to progress.

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