

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)****DATE:** 24 June 2013**LEAD OFFICER:** Rikki Hill
Parking Project Team Leader**SUBJECT:** Parking Update**DIVISION:** Cobham/ Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott/Walton South & Oatlands/West Molesey/The Dittons/Hersham/Weybridge**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

To consider minor amendments to the parking controls in Elmbridge and to update members on progress on other parking matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to agree that:

- (i) the county council's intention to make the amendments to the traffic regulations orders (TROs) as described in this report is formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation;
- (ii) any unresolved objections to the advertised proposals are dealt with according to the council's constitution (i.e. considered by the parking strategy & implementation team manager, in consultation with the chairman/vice chairman of this committee and the relevant county councillor);
- (iii) the amendments are introduced, with or without modifications, following consideration of responses to the advert.

and to note:

- (iv) the new or revised proposals that were mentioned at this committee's meeting on 25 February 2013 and subsequently agreed for advertisement and statutory consultation following discussions between the parking team manager, the chairman and vice chairman of this committee and the relevant county councillor

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Improve road safety, traffic flow, access to property, sightlines at junctions, parking amenity and administrative efficiency.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In March and April of this year we implemented the last Elmbridge parking review.
- 1.2 With the introduction of any new parking controls or restrictions there can be unforeseen consequences and this was true of those from the last parking review that came into effect in March/April this year. In order to deal with some of the issues that have arisen some additional amendments would be beneficial and these are described in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The new double yellow lines in Rydens Road, Walton have resulted in cars parking in a narrow part of the road where it not possible for two vehicles to pass on the remaining width of the carriageway. We are therefore proposing to extend the double yellow lines so traffic can flow freely.
- 2.2 The new double yellow lines at the junction of Rydens Avenue and Gladsmuir Close have meant that there is a short gap on the west side of Gladsmuir Close between the yellow lines and a newly built crossover. Cars parking in this gap make access to the crossover very difficult so we are proposing to extend the lines to cover the gap.
- 2.3 The extended single yellow lines at the western end of Oatlands Avenue have resulted in parking too close to the junction with Oatlands Close. We are therefore proposing to introduce double yellow lines at the junction to counter this and at the next junction along (with Woodland Grove) so the problem does not appear there.
- 2.4 The new double yellow lines in French Gardens and Hogshill Lane in Cobham have resulted in increased pressure on the remaining unrestricted space in the area and increased competition for the space between local residents and shop workers. In order to increase the amount of unrestricted space available in the area, and so reduce competition, we are proposing to remove the single yellow line in part of Freeland's Road between the St Andrew's House car park and the junction with Four Wents.
- 2.5 In addition a request that was put forward for this year's review, but was not progressed because the issue appeared to have been solved by other methods, has raised its head again. We are therefore proposing to put double yellow lines around the inside of the triangle of land formed by the roads at the junction of Claygate Lane and Manor Road North. This is intended to stop cars driving over the pavement and parking entirely on the grass of the green.
- 2.6 Drawings for the above proposals are shown in Annex 1. In the drawings, existing restrictions are shown in black and proposed new double yellow lines are shown in red.
- 2.7 The county council has recently entered in to a contract with Bemrose Booth to provide a service for motorists to pay parking charges using their mobile phones as an alternative to pay & display. Civil enforcement officers interrogate an online database to see whether the vehicle is legally parked or

whether it is appropriate to issue a penalty charge notice. Within the terms of the contract there is also the option to have a similar system for residents' permits, visitors' permits, waivers and suspensions and we are proposing to amend the TRO to allow this to happen. The effect of this would be to make the administration of permits and waivers more efficient and it would remove the need to issue permits and waiver notices through the post with the resulting delay. Permits and waivers could be issued and come into effect immediately.

2.8 On 25 February 2013 this committee approved the advertisement of the county council's intention to introduce a number of new parking controls and restrictions across Elmbridge. At the meeting a small number of roads were mentioned for additional or amended proposals and the committee agreed that the parking team manager, in consultation with the chairman and vice chairman of this committee and the relevant county councillor, would decide the final form of those proposals. The roads were New Road in West Molesey, Fleece Road in Long Ditton, Molesey Road in Hersham and Thames Street in Weybridge (outside nos, 21-31). These discussions have taken place and the outcomes are shown in the drawings in Annex 2.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Introduce the proposals described above and improve the situations as described, and modernise parking administration.
- 3.2 Decide not to introduce the proposals and leave things as they are, with nothing resolved.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Discussions have taken place with councillors and residents over the situations and possible solutions described in the report. As part of the process of formally advertising our intention to make the changes described in this report, we will undertake the necessary statutory consultation.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 We are proposing to advertise and implement these changes alongside the proposals agreed by this committee in February this year, for which funding has already been agreed.
- 5.2 The proposals described in paragraph 2.5 should make the administration of on street parking management more efficient and so less costly.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The proposals in this report will benefit road users and residents in Elmbridge.

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 changes suggested in this report will benefit road users and residents in Elmbridge, so the committee is recommended to agree that:

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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Our intention to introduce the new proposals is advertised with a notice in a local newspaper and notices attached to lamp posts etc. in roads where changes are proposed. All comments/objections are considered and dealt with and the appropriate changes are made to the traffic regulation orders and on street road markings. The intention is to have completed the whole process before the end of 2013.

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Consulted:

Councillors and residents

Annexes:

Annex 1 - drawings of the new proposals

Annex 2 – drawings of few additional/revised proposals from the 25 February meeting

Sources/background papers:

'2013 Parking Review' – report to Elmbridge Local Committee 25 February 2013

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