

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL
17 June 2013**

MEMBER QUESTIONS

Question 1 Cllr Michael Arthur

Re: Newly introduced CPZ

Can the parking team give urgent consideration to allow the issue of a resident's parking permit to the owner (PH) of a house in Providence Place which is in multiple occupation by five students (HMO)?

PH, who is partially disabled, requires to attend by car to the property frequently for statutory purposes such as Landlord's Gas Safety Certificates, Fire Extinguisher service; Electrical Inspection, Carpet fitters and general maintenance especially between now and September when students return.

Epsom & Ewell as agents for SCC say they cannot issue a permit to a non-resident and have to follow the rules as set down. Although it has been indicated to me that there may be a review in 3 months, this request is urgent now.

Given that the Epsom is a university town and also has other higher education establishments in the borough, none of which have specific student accommodation, student housing relies upon individual housing to help meet this need, some of which is now located in CPZ's. The situation now arisen may not have been foreseen in setting rules for the scheme.

Officer Response:

Under the current residents schemes for Epsom and Ewell the only person who can apply for a residents parking permit is "a person whose usual place of abode is at a house the postal address of which is specified and described in Column 2 of the table forming the First Schedule and which house includes a bathroom and a kitchen for the sole use of the said house". Therefore if the owner of the property does not live at the address they can't apply for a residents permit.

Residents are also the only people that can apply for the residents' visitor permits. An owner who does not live at the property can not apply for visitors permits under the current traffic regulation orders for Epsom and Ewell.

The above two points apply not only in all the permit schemes in Epsom & Ewell, but also in all the permit schemes in Surrey and as far as I am aware, elsewhere in the country.

When permit schemes and other parking controls are introduced, they do not always suit everyone, but they are introduced to provide the most benefit for the largest number of people. There may be people that they disadvantage, and who feel they have a special case, but it would not be practical, nor necessarily reasonable, to amend the traffic regulation order to accommodate them.

Question 2 Cllr Michael Arthur
Re: Kiln Lane Junction with East Street

Now that the planning application for the Superstore new Car Deck has been granted can I anticipate that the junction re-surfacing will soon be undertaken?

Officers will recall my raising this earlier in that the approaches to the junction were re-surfaced, but not the junction itself. The area is very bad and particularly hazardous for cyclists”

Officer Response:

The recently approved planning application requires the completion of cycle routes along East Street before the approved decking can be used and it is anticipated that Sainsburys will complete these works themselves under a section 278 Agreement.

The improvements to the Kiln Lane Junction, which will entail the resurfacing of the whole junction are connected to a previous agreement and are dependent on other factors.

Question 3 Cllr Michael Arthur
Re: 20mph zones

Does Surrey Highways have a policy on the introduction of 20 MPH zones?

I believe that there are areas within the borough that would benefit from such zoning.

Before I spend time on research and consultation I would like to know about this policy (if any). I will accept a short reply for now with any details being submitted later.

Officer Response:

The County Council does have a policy on 20mph zones which is available on the County Council website.

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport-policies-plans-and-consultations/roads-and-transport-policies-and-plans/traffic-policy-and-good-practice/speed-limit-policies-and-good-practice/20mph-zones-and-20mph-limits>

It is also worth noting that the Cabinet Member has asked officers to review a number of the county council's road safety policies and activities to ensure that the council remains up to date with best practice. Central government issued new guidance on setting speed limits in January, and the Cabinet Member wants to be sure that everything is being done to ensure that problems caused by anti-social driving and speeding are tackled. The review of road safety will include the council's road safety education offer and the enforcement provided in partnership with Surrey Police. Consultation with councillors and local committees will form an important part of the review.

Therefore the existing policy may change over the next few months although this is likely to be a refinement rather than a major change.