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Dear Resident or Business Owner

Woodfield Lane, Ashtead - Public Consultation

Parking in Woodfield Lane between Craddocks Avenue and Ashtead station has been of local concern for some time. Funding has been set aside from contributions received from developments in the Ashtead area to develop options to deal with these concerns. This letter contains information about the three options that are being taken forward for public consultation and also invites you to a public exhibition.

Option 1: One-Way Boulevard

This option creates a one-way system around the central island, retaining parking spaces whilst leaving sufficient road width for traffic.

- traffic travelling toward the station would use the road alongside the common
- traffic travelling toward the shops would use the service road by the houses
- the central island would need to be cut back at the station end to enable traffic to flow more easily around the one-way working. This would result in the removal of approximately two trees.
- substantial work would also be required at the junction of Woodfield Lane and Craddocks Avenue to facilitate the one-way system
- the one-way system currently in place in Craddocks Avenue would need to be reversed
- the hours of the existing Monday to Friday waiting restrictions alongside the common would be changed to allow 1 hours parking with no return within 4 hours

Option 2: Extend Waiting Restrictions

This option removes parking alongside the common to provide sufficient road width for two-way traffic.

- the existing Monday to Friday waiting restriction alongside the common would be removed

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- the existing 'No waiting at any time' restrictions would be extended so that parking would be prohibited along the complete length of Woodfield Lane alongside the common

Option 3: Parking Lay-By

This option provides a parking lay-by alongside the common.

- parking would be accommodated within a new lay-by
- parking in the lay-by would be restricted to 1 hour with no return within 4 hours, Monday to Friday
- a new footway would be constructed alongside the lay-by
- street lights and street furniture (bench, litter bin) would be relocated
- no trees would be removed as a result of this option

All three options would also introduce a 'No right turn' at the junction of the service road with Woodfield Lane near the level crossing. This is to prevent turning vehicles blocking traffic coming across the level crossing.

It should be noted that options 1 and 3 would impact on Common Land and these issues would need to be resolved before either of these schemes could proceed.

I would stress that we are only carrying out consultation at this stage. It is important that the views of those who live and work in the area form part of the process of developing a scheme that is supported by the local community.

Drawings showing the three options are enclosed with this letter, together with a short questionnaire seeking your views.

A public exhibition has also been arranged at which you can view large scale plans of the options and talk to Surrey Highways staff, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have on the proposals.

The public exhibition will take place on **Friday 19th October** between **4pm and 9pm** at **Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashted.**

I would be grateful if you could spare the time to complete and return the short questionnaire by **Friday 2nd November 2012**. You can return it either at the public exhibition, by e-mail to the above address, by post or it can be handed in at Ashted public library.

Yours faithfully

John Lawlor
South East Area Team Manager

**WOODFIELD LANE, ASHTEAD
PROPOSED OPTIONS**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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1. Do you support Option 1 (proposed One-Way Boulevard)?

Yes No (Please tick one box only)

2. Do you support Option 2 (proposed extension to the waiting restrictions)?

Yes No (Please tick one box only)

3. Do you support Option 3 (proposed parking lay-by)?

Yes No (Please tick one box only)

Your comments/suggestions

(please use the space below for any comments or suggestions you may wish to make)

Please return your completed questionnaire by Friday 2nd November 2012
Please note, responses will not be individually acknowledged but all comments will be considered as part of the consultation

