

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

LEAD OFFICER: DAVID CURL, PARKING TEAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: REIGATE AND BANSTEAD PARKING REVIEW - RESPONSE TO STATUTORY CONSULTATION

DIVISION: ALL REIGATE AND BANSTEAD DIVISIONS

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Each year Surrey Highways receives requests to change existing or introduce new parking restrictions. These requests are compiled into a district wide review every 12-18 months in Reigate and Banstead.

This report sets out the response to statutory consultation for the locations included in the 2013/14 review. The committee is asked to consider the comments received in response to the statutory consultation and agree how to proceed in each location.

There were no objections to the waiting and loading restrictions proposed as part of the Redhill Balanced Network.

Annex 1 contains the list of locations that were advertised with a summary of the objections and comments received.

Annex 2 contains drawings showing proposals that have been changed following the statutory consultation. Plans showing advertised proposals are available on the council website and at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The proposals and recommendations in Annex 1, some amended following statutory consultation, are agreed.
- (ii) That where necessary the Parking Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member make any necessary adjustments to the proposals following the meeting.
- (iii) That the County Council make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Reigate and Banstead as shown in the Annexe (and as subsequently modified by ii).
- (iv) That the existing text based parking traffic regulation orders are converted to plan based orders.

- (v) the waiting and loading restrictions proposed for the Redhill balanced network are implemented 'as advertised'.

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.

Following consideration of the comments and objections 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 and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Surrey County Council's Parking Team carry out reviews of on-street parking restrictions across Surrey, with each district or borough having a review on a 12 to 18 month cycle. This is intended to keep on top of changes in travel behaviour and the built environment that can often change on street parking patterns.

1.2 Requests for changes to parking restrictions have been made by residents, councillors as well as emergency and public service organisations. These have been collated and used as the basis for this parking review. The committee agreed locations to be included in this parking review at their meeting on the 03 December 2012. Following this meeting minor changes were made prior to the statutory consultation (in line with the recommendations of the report). These are listed below:

- Garden Close, Banstead – drawing 18009: Change of times of the single yellow line from 'Monday – Saturday 08:00-18:00' to 'Monday – Saturday 08:30 – 18:30'. To match the times of existing restrictions in the area.
- Longcroft Avenue, Banstead - Drawing 18146: Change of times of the single yellow line from 'Monday – Saturday 08:00-18:00' to 'Monday – Saturday 08:30 – 18:30'. To match the times of existing restrictions in the area.
- Brighton Road and Brook Road, Redhill – Drawing 18072: Additional lengths of 'no waiting at any time' and introduction of Free Parking

bays. To address discrepancies between the existing TROs and the markings on site, and to rationalise the parking controls in the area.

- Three Arch Road / Masons Bridge Road and Bushfield Drive, Earlswood – Drawing 18154/18101: Additional lengths of 'no waiting at any time' on Three Arch Road. Change from single yellow to double yellow line at the northern end of Bushfield Drive, and removal of certain stretches of existing single yellow line.
- Kendal Close / Windermere Way, Redhill – Drawing 18064: Additional sections of DYLS 'No waiting at any time' and 'No waiting Monday - Friday 08:15-09:15 & 14:45-16:30'. Remove some existing 'No waiting at any time' in Kendal Close. Following consultation with school.
- Eversfield Road, Deerings Road, A25 Reigate Road – Drawing 18080: Reduction in DYLS and inclusion of Bus Clearway in its place.
- Chart Lane, Reigate – Drawing: 18093: Removal of the parking bay in front of no 15 Chart Lane, replace with SYL to operate 'Monday - Saturday 08.00 - 18.30' to allow for new vehicle crossover.
- Walton Street, Walton on the Hill – Drawing 18042: Introduce 'Goods Vehicle Loading only 06:00-20:00' bay outside new retail development at 41 Walton Street, revoking existing parking bay.
- Josephine Avenue and Buckland Road, Lower Kingswood – Drawing 18163: Additional lengths of DYLS 'no waiting at any time'.
- Ruden Way, Epsom Downs – Drawing 18001: Reduction of proposed length of 'no waiting at any time'.
- Merland Rise j/w Chapel Grove - Drawing 18160: Inclusion of DYL 'no waiting at any time' on each branch of the junction.

1.3 This is the first borough wide review in Reigate and Banstead for some time and there are a large number of sites. Statutory consultation was carried out on the proposals between 30 May and 27 June. To publicise them an advert was placed in local newspapers, street notices put up and all relevant plans and documents were available in libraries and on the councils website.

1.4 The Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) governing parking restrictions in the Borough are currently text based. This means the location of waiting and parking restrictions are written down in the orders. This system is not easy to understand or administer and it is planned to change to a plan based system as part of this review.

2. CONSULTATION:

2.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions require a traffic regulation order to be advertised as part of a statutory consultation process. As part of this, public notices are displayed in the local press and on streets where changes are planned. The councils website also plays an important part allowing

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residents to download and print plans showing all of the proposals. Documents are also available at local libraries and civic centres. During the consultation period comments and objections can be submitted in response to the proposals and/or the making of the order.

- 2.2 The main consultation period was between 30 May and 27 June.
- 2.3 The comments received in response to the statutory consultation are shown in Annex 1. In some cases the proposals have been changed from what was advertised. Where this has been done the revised drawings are in Annex 2.
- 2.4 In some cases meetings and discussions with councillors and members of the public have taken place. Parking restrictions can affect a great number of highway users, residents and businesses so the recommendations in this report propose that if necessary, further changes to the proposals in Annex 1 and 2 can be made after the meeting. These need to be agreed by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member. This will help ensure that the proposals meet the needs of the community as closely as possible before proposals are implemented.

3. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The cost of carrying out borough/district parking reviews (officer time and advertising costs) is met by the Parking Team. However, implementation costs, in total, likely to be £25,000 are met jointly from Local Committee and parking team budgets.
- 3.2 Reigate and Banstead Borough Council carry out the enforcement of on street parking restrictions for Surrey County Council. Under new agency agreements Reigate and Banstead Borough Council is responsible for any deficit in the operation of CPE so any new restrictions should be carefully considered and take enforcement costs into account.

4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 Effective parking restrictions and enforcement can assist accessibility for those with visual or mobility impairment by reducing instances of obstructive parking. Parking restrictions also allow blue badge holders better access to shops and services through the provision and enforcement of disabled bays.

5. LOCALISM:

- 5.1 Many of the proposals in the report have been put forward by members of the community and residents and highway users have had the opportunity to comment and have their say during the statutory consultation process.
- 5.2 Communities are represented by county councillors and committee members who are involved in the decision making process to change or introduce new parking restrictions.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION:

- 6.1 There should be fewer instances of obstructive parking as a consequence of the proposals in this report.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 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
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8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 Subject to any objections to the proposals being resolved, a traffic regulation order will be made and the appropriate signs and lines installed to allow the restrictions to be enforced. It is planned to implement the new restrictions before February 2014.
- 8.2 The next borough wide parking review will be presented to the committee in March 2014.

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Consulted: The report details locations for consultation.

Annexes:

Annex 1 contains a summary of the objections and recommendations.

Annex 2 contains revised drawings reflecting the recommendations in Annex 1.

Sources/background papers:

Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) 3 December 2012 - Borough Wide Parking Review report

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