



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

DATE: 16 MARCH 2022
SUBJECT: PARKING
DIVISION: GUILDFORD WEST

PETITION DETAILS

Fix Our Parking

Parking for residents across the Southway area has been a problem for quite some time. In order to secure a review of the situation by Guildford Borough Council we must show there is public demand. We the undersigned request a review of the parking situation by the Guildford Joint Committee.

Lead petitioner: Borough Cllr. James Steel
Number of signatures: 38

RESPONSE

We understand the challenges of parking in the area and the concerns of residents. There are limited options, all of which would affect a wide area and as it stands the request is not sufficiently clear, nor does it have significant support from the area to support the allocation of significant resources for a formal review at this time, falling well short of the 70% support required for schemes such as resident permits.

However, we are very conscious that there are significant issues in the area and also wider changes in the area, such as a proposed staff car park for the hospital that has recently succeeded in achieving planning permission, which may provide relief in the medium term.

The primary option to explore is the residents only parking option, the parking team would like to engage with ward councillors and residents to refine in detail what a survey/petition of the area should ask to enable a clearer proposal to emerge and that the support of that clear proposal is sufficiently tested before a decision is made. As with all surveys/petitions of this nature the expectation is that the interested parties undertake the survey/petition.

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the officer's comment.

Contact Officer: Chris Wheeler, Head of Operational & Technical Services, GBC

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