

AGENDA ITEM 5

PETITIONS

To receive a petition from Deborah Tee, on behalf of JTB Construction Ltd, containing 43 signatures, requesting that the 4 houses in Mill View development, no.s 1,2,3 & 4 Mill View, Cobham KT11 3AL, deserve the right to be able to apply for parking permits in Cedar Road, Cobham.

Rikki Hill, Parking Project Team Leader will provide the following response:

The request for residents of these four houses to be allowed to apply for permits in the Cedar Road/Spencer Road permit scheme was one of the items considered in the 2013 parking review. However following discussions with members of the parking task group, it became apparent that planning permission for the development was granted on the understanding that one parking space per house was adequate, particularly given the location close to the centre of Cobham.

In the circumstances it was felt that it would undermine the planning approval process to allow the residents to apply for permits. Therefore we did not recommend making the change as part of this review. The petitioner obviously feels that when planning permission was granted there were no parking restrictions in Cedar Road or Mill Road and so the situation has changed substantially and had the current situation been in place when planning permission was being sought, different decisions might have been made.

As with all requests for changes to the traffic orders, there is no reason why it cannot be reconsidered in a future review, if members of this committee feel that it should be looked at again, given the change of circumstances with regard to parking restrictions in the area since 2009.

We are currently advertising a proposal to allow residents of the High Street to be allowed to apply for permits in the Cedar Road/Spencer Road scheme, and we will be monitoring the impact that this has on capacity in the parking bays in the controlled parking zone. However if, as expected, this change does not put too much pressure on the space available, there would be no reason not to be able to consider further similar changes.

The site visits and assessments for the next parking review will be taking place during March and April 2014 and this request could be added to the list of proposals that officers will be looking as part of the review. The report on the outcome of the review is scheduled to be presented to this committee at its meeting in June 2014. This page is intentionally left blank