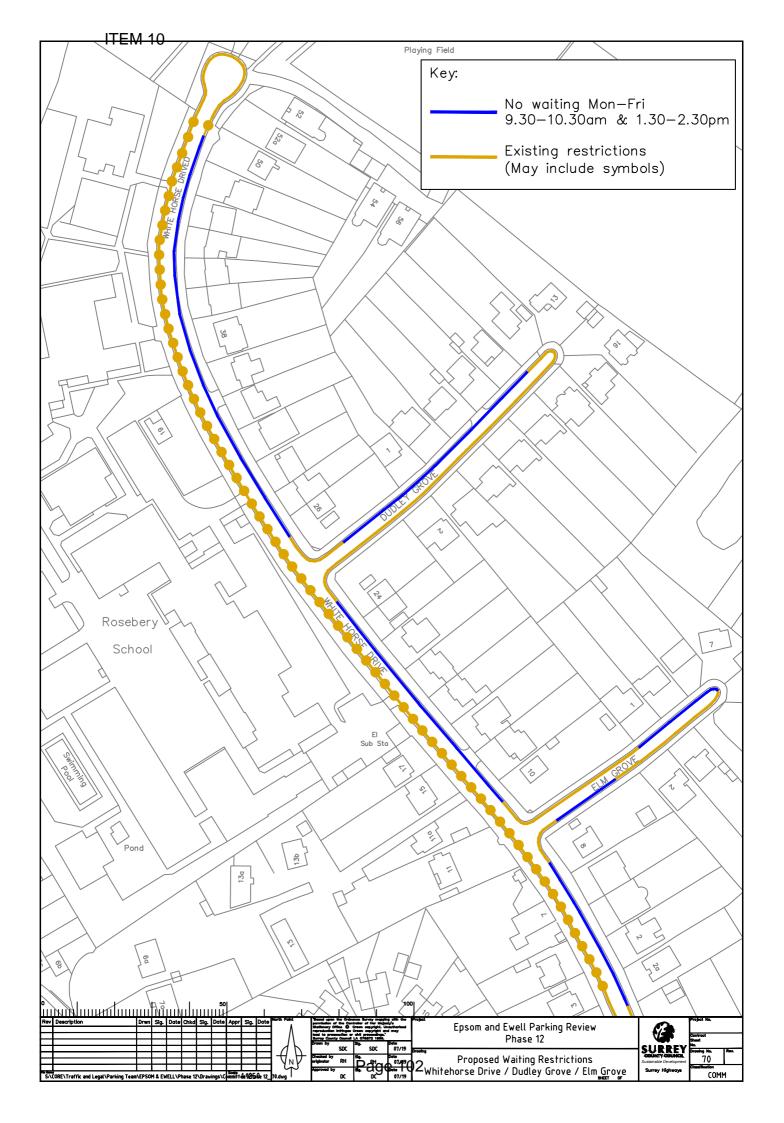


# OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (Epsom and Ewell)

EPSOM AND EWELL PARKING / WAITING
RESTRICTION (PHASE 12) REVIEW
PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND
FEEDBACK FOLLOWING ADVERTISING OF THE
PROPOSALS ON WHITE HORSE DRIVE, DUDLEY
GROVE AND ELM GROVE

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(Epsom and Ewell 2019)

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28th November 2019

# EPSOM AND EWELL 2019 PARKING REVIEW - WHITEHORSE DRIVE, EPSOM

Please understand how the proposed changes and control restrictions to parking in Whitehorse Drive will effect the actual residents of Whitehorse Drive and the environment and urgently re-consider before Surrey County Council and Epsom Council creates catastrophes which can easily be avoided.

- 1 ISOLATION OF THE ELDERLY NO OVERNIGHT FAMILY VISITORS OR LUNCH TIME VISITORS. The elderly need company and die of loneliness ask Ester Ransom!
- 2 TRADES PEOPLE START WORK AT 8.00AM NOT 10.30AM. How do residents maintain properties?
- TRADES PEOPLE DO NOT STOP A DAY'S WORK TO ORDER & ABANDON WORK AT 1.30 AM TO 2.30 PM. How do residents maintain properties?
- THE PRESENT PATRIONISATION OF PARENTS' DRIVING 11+ CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IS DETRIMENTAL TO CHILDRENS' WISHES TO "save the planet"; TO CHILDRENS' HEALTH "exercise is a necessity to stop obesity". CAR POLLUTION is a killer to the young people supporting the community by busing and and walking and to residents, and SAFETY it is a fact that parents drive aggresively up and down Whitehorse Drive, focussed on not being late for school or their work accidents have happened to children and the next could be fatal.

#### NOTE:

INTRODUCING RESIDENTIAL ONLY PARKING WILL AVERT ALL THE ABOVE. RESIDENTS WILL PAY THE COUNCIL FOR THIS SERVICE IF REQUIRED.

SCHOOL DRIVERS CAN BE OFFERED SPACES IN THE ASHLEY CENTRE CAR PARK, WITH TOKENS ISSUED THROUGH THE SCHOOL, GIVING REVENUE TO THE COUNCIL, IF REQUIRED.

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"ALL WILL BENEFIT"

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL & EPSOM COUNCIL are at present considering passing a planning application for 20 more cars to enter and exit from Whitehorse Drive at the junction into Dorking Road. Chaos already exists entailing traffic jambs into Epsom & Ashstead caused by doctors, nurses and patients parking in Whitehorse Drive as well as the chaos at school times, and at Epsom Hospital appointment times.

Whitehorse Drive cannot take 20 more cars entering and exiting into the Dorking Road. – the Councillors need to familiarise themselves with today's situations. Epsom Council has spent millions of pounds on an attractive town centre but traffic cannot get there because it allows approaches to Epsom to be jambed unnecessarily by cars.

# ROSEBERRY SCHOOL SOLD ITS LAND FOR HOUSING.

(It used to accommodate cars at the entrance to the school field now it uses Whitehorse Drive.)

ST. JOSEPH'S parents took liberties in St Margarets Drive private road. (Now advises its parents to park in Whitehorse Drive.)

EPSOM HOSPITAL HAS THIS YEAR SOLD ITS CAR-PARKING FOR HOUSING. (Plans a 5-storey car-parking but this provides only space for 5 car park spaces and advises nurses and doctors to park in Whitehorse Drive.)

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH – WHITEHORSE DRIVE REQUIRES RESIDENTIAL PARKING SPACES – residents should not be forced to dig up their front gardens to provide parking for themselves and people not even living in the borough.

# **SOLUTION:**

EPSOM COUNCIL could allow special car-parking in the Ashley Centre from 8.15am to 8.45am and similarly in the afternoons for Roseberry and S Josephs., enabling school children to walk up Mounthill Gdns to the 2 schools – a wonderfully safe and healthy way to school and pushchair safe for Mums with little ones. All easily controlled by issuing parking tokens by the school and revenue to the Council.

Epsom Hospital should be forced to stagger it's appointment times – so combatting the mass exidous and entry and Dorking road blockage from Epsom and Ashtead.

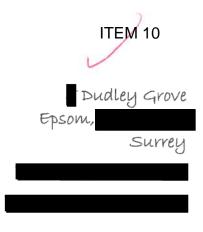
Buses should stop as well as wait only at the Lava Lounge bus stop to elieviate the jam they add to in Dorking Road by stopping outside Epsom Hospital.

How can professional people solve no problems but create even more problems. This parking review is a serious chance to consider the future health and welfare of the community.

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4 December 2019

Epsom and Ewell 2019)

Parking Team Hazel House Merrow Lane Guildford GU4 7BQ

Re: Comments on proposed parking restrictions in White Horse Drive, Epsom, Drawing 70

Dear

I have submitted comments on the proposed changes to parking controls in the streets shown on drawing 70, via the council's online form under response As the space in the form is necessarily limited, the enclosed is a full version of the points I wish to make so that you may fully understand the context in your assessment.



#### **Epsom & Ewell Parking Review 2019**

Comments on proposed parking restrictions in White Horse Drive, Dudley Grove and Elm Grove (Drawing 70).



From the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September, and leaflets that have been circulated in this locality, it seems that the new proposals are focussed on the traffic generated by St. Joseph's School. This has been increased in White Horse Drive and Rosebank by the recent closure of the pedestrian gate between St. Joseph's Church and the school, forced by the Abelea Green landowners for the express purpose of discouraging school traffic from using their land.

As 23-year residents of Dudley Grove, we can say that it is the Rosebery School traffic that is the main cause of congestion and attendant pollution at school start and finish times, far more than St. Joseph's. Outside of these times we do not experience traffic congestion to speak of. Indeed, we can put up with the morning congestion as it is only temporary. It is however true that the available parking places are fully taken up during the working day.

The congestion arises because parents insist on dropping off and picking up their daughters at the school gate, which involves a double journey to turn round in a narrow cul-de-sac. We understand Rosebery's catchment area is wider than St. Joseph's and some parents may have to drive long distances, but they do not need to drive right up to the school when it is an easy walk from the Dorking Road, where there are bus stops that can be used. This problem needs to be addressed.

From our observations, the non-resident parking in White Horse Drive is mostly hospital staff, patients and visitors, and Rosebery 6<sup>th</sup> formers with cars, with perhaps some commuters going to the station. Here we note the hospital charges its own staff and some years ago it cancelled an undertaking to build them a multi-level car park, so the overspill into the surrounding streets has continued.

The proposed restrictions would deter all-day hospital staff and commuter parking, and possibly the 6<sup>th</sup> formers. The intent seems to be to clear the streets to allow freer flow of traffic at school start time before 9am, and allow more space for parents to wait for picking up after 2:30pm which they do, frequently with engines running.

There are two drawbacks to the scheme: firstly this will only encourage more parents to drive their children to school, which is contrary to the views of the Committee. Secondly, it does nothing for the residents who will be penalised for leaving their cars in their own streets during restricted times. Not only residents, but their visitors and tradesmen who may be working for them. It would be better to include residents' parking spaces as is proposed for Ebbisham Road.

We agree that school traffic should be limited as a principle as discussed by the Committee, but his involves changing people's behaviour. In the meantime, we suggest the following measures to alleviate the current problems described above:

### 1. Rosebery traffic.

There should be pick-up and drop-off spaces on the Dorking Road, so that parents need not enter White Horse Drive at all. This could be achieved by enlarging the present bus stops on both sides of the road where the pavement is wide.

# 2. St. Joseph's traffic.

The volume of traffic in White Horse Drive and Rosebank could be reduced if the old route via Abelea Green were restored. We understand this is private land with covenants on it, and the landowners provided access to the church by a short private road not intended as a right of way. However all the roads on the land are adopted by Epsom Council and are public thoroughfares, well able to take the school traffic. The landowners' concerns about liability could be removed if Epsom Council were to adopt the short access road as well.

## Summary. Submitted on web site as response

The new proposals are focussed on the traffic generated by St. Joseph's School. However in White Horse Drive, Rosebery School traffic is the main cause of congestion and pollution at school start and finish times because it is a narrow culdesac. Outside of these times we do not experience traffic congestion to speak of. The proposals would deter all-day parkers, but the intent seems to be to clear the streets to allow freer flow of traffic at start time, and more space for parents to wait later. Firstly this will only encourage more parents to drive their children to school, which is contrary to the views of the Highways Committee. Secondly, it does nothing for the residents who will be penalised for leaving their cars in their own streets during restricted times. Also their visitors and tradesmen. It would be better to include residents' parking spaces as is proposed for Ebbisham Road.

We agree school traffic should be limited, but suggest there should be drop-off spaces on the Dorking Road so parents need not enter White Horse Drive, and the Abelea Green route to St. Joseph's should be reopened by Council action.

