

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)****DATE: 2 NOVEMBER 2020****LEAD OFFICER: ZENA CURRY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER****SUBJECT: EASTGATE, NORK – ONE-WAY****AREA(S) AFFECTED: NORK & TATTENHAMS****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

Following concerns raised by residents that there is insufficient on street parking in the vicinity of Nork Village shops, an investigation was carried out by Surrey County Council's parking team to look into opportunities for increasing on street parking in the area. This investigation found that it was not possible to use an area of grassland between Eastgate and A2022 Fir Tree Road, because this is common land. However, the section of carriageway on Eastgate which runs from the east to south east is wide, with a wide section of footway outside the local shops. By slightly narrowing this wide section of footway, in order to widen the carriageway, additional on street parking can be provided in the form of echelon parking. Echelon parking is parking that is angled diagonally from the kerb into the carriageway this proposed angled parking is shown in Annex 1. However, the creation of echelon parking bays will narrow the existing carriageway and will create parking bays that can only be reasonably and safely accessed by drivers travelling in a specific direction. Therefore in order to safely provide echelon parking bays to increase on street parking, Eastgate will need to be converted into a one-way street. This report seeks approval for a one-way system to be introduced in Eastgate in order to enable the construction of the echelon parking bays, which will create approximately 5 additional on street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to:**

- i) Note the reasons for the one-way system required to support the creation of echelon parking bays in Eastgate, Nork as set out under sections 2.1 & 2.2.
- ii) Agree that, a one-way system be installed on Eastgate, Nork in order to support the creation of additional on street parking spaces in the form of echelon parking bays.
- iii) Authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement one-way working in Eastgate, revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the change, and, subject to no objections being upheld, that the order be made;
- iv) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local divisional member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To install the one-way within Eastgate, Nork so that changes can be made to the existing on street parking so that additional on street parking within Eastgate is provided.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Eastgate, Nork is a residential road which runs west to east and then east to south east, connecting Nork Way at its western end with Green Curve at its south eastern end.
- 1.2 For several years residents have raised concerns that there is not sufficient on street parking available within the vicinity of Nork Village shops including in Eastgate, Nork. The lack of on street parking is exacerbated by Banstead train station, which has no car park, being within a very short walking distance of Eastgate. There are also several flats and several local shops within, and in close proximity to, Eastgate.

2. ANALYSIS:

Eastgate, Nork – on street parking

- 2.1 Due to ongoing concerns with the lack of available on street parking, discussions were held with Surrey County Council's parking team, county and borough members regarding how on street parking could be increased. Eastgate is mostly lined with residential and commercial properties, with an area of grass land on the northern side of Eastgate, between Eastgate and the A2022 Fir Tree Road. However, this land is designated as common land and is therefore unable to be built on to provide an off street car park.
- 2.2 However, the section of carriageway on Eastgate which runs from the east to south east is wide, with a wide section of footway outside the local shops. By slightly narrowing this wide section of footway, in order to widen the carriageway, additional on street parking can be provided in the form of echelon parking. Echelon parking is parking that is angled diagonally from the kerb into the carriageway this proposed angled parking is shown in Annex 1. This new parking layout will increase the number of on street parking spaces on Eastgate by approximately five. However, the creation of echelon parking bays will narrow the existing carriageway and will create parking bays that can only be reasonably and safely accessed by drivers travelling in a specific direction. Therefore in order to safely provide echelon parking bays to increase on street parking, Eastgate will need to be converted into a one-way street.
- 2.3 A scheme to create echelon parking bays and install a one-way system in Eastgate, Nork is included within the Integrated Transport Scheme list for possible future funding. However, it has not been a priority for funding from the limited funding available. Therefore in the 2018/19 financial year, the divisional member allocated £2,500 from his member's highways allowance for a scoping design to be produced in order for a bid to be submitted to Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for CIL funding to complete the design and construction of this scheme.

- 2.4 Following the successful bid to Reigate & Banstead Borough Council for CIL funding a detailed design has now been produced and safety audited. The detailed design of this scheme is shown in **Annex 1**.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Option 1

Install a one-way system in Eastgate, Nork as follows, in order to provide on street echelon parking:

- From its most western point at the junction with D1004 Nork Way, running in an easterly direction, for a distance of approximately 124m. Then running in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 114m to its junction with D1008 Green Curve. As shown in **Annex 1**.

Option 2

The road remains unchanged.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Consultation was carried out with residents in November 2019 regarding this scheme, and the majority of respondents supported the proposal. Consultation has also been carried out with Surrey Police, who have no objection to the proposed one-way system and echelon parking.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The cost of installing the one-way system includes legal advertisement costs associated with the statutory process, together with the costs of design and construction. All costs including the legal advertisement costs of the one-way system, design and construction costs of this scheme will be met by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's CIL funding.
- 5.2 The cost of the legal advertisement associated with the statutory process and the construction of this scheme will be in the region of £75,000.
- 5.3 If the Committee support Option 1 as set out in paragraph 3.1, works to install the one-way system and echelon parking as shown in **Annex 1**, can be implemented in this financial year.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications
Equality and Diversity	No significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	No significant implications

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Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	No significant implications

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 This report sets out the proposals for scheme to install echelon parking and a one-way system in Eastgate in order to increase the provision of on street parking. This scheme has been developed following concerns raised by residents that there is insufficient on street parking available.
- 7.2 This scheme is wholly funded through Reigate & Banstead's CIL funding.
- 7.3 It is recommended that Option 1 is implemented in order to provide additional on street parking within Eastgate.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 Should the Local Committee decide to proceed with Option 1, the proposal to make a Traffic Order for the one-way system will be advertised in the local press. If there are no objections to the Order to make the one-way, the Order will be made and the contractor will be instructed to construct the scheme and install the necessary signing as part of that scheme.
- 8.2 If the Local Committee does not agree with Option 1, then the scheme to install echelon parking cannot proceed for safety reasons and the road, and the on street parking facilities, will remain as currently.

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Consulted:

Residents
Surrey Police

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Detailed design of one-way and echelon parking in Eastgate, Nork.

Background papers:

- None.