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TITLE: MARK DISABLED PARKING SPACE AND 4 PARKING SPACES FOR MAXIMUM USE OF 30 MINUTES OUTSIDE OF 18-20 BUCKLAND ROAD

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to mark a disabled parking space and 4 separate parking spaces for maximum use of 30 minutes outside of 18-20 Buckland Road (Kingswood News).

Justification:

Petition for 5 parking spaces to be allocated (1 disabled and 4 normal for maximum use of 30 minutes) outside of 18-20 Buckland Road (Kingswood Post Office). The reason for this is that the shop is visited by many elderly customers that cannot walk long distances, and therefore need to park close to the shop for access purposes.

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RESPONSE:

In order to introduce any formal parking controls, whether waiting restrictions (indicated by yellow lines) or any sort of parking bay, which restricts either the use of the bay to certain users or the time that people can park in it, the county council has to make a traffic regulation order in order to provide a legal framework for the installation of the controls and allow for enforcement against people who do not adhere to the restriction. Because of the time and costs involved in making a traffic regulation order, it is not reasonable or practical for the council to introduce new parking controls at single locations in isolation, but instead it introduces new controls at many locations at the same time by way of a parking review. There is information about the parking review process on our website ([The parking review process - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)), where it explains that we consider what new parking controls should be introduced across the whole of each borough or district in turn on a rolling programme. The parking project team have therefore added this request for a formal disabled parking bay and additional time limited bays outside the post office in Buckland Road to the list of sites for possible new parking controls that will be considered in the next parking review in Reigate & Banstead that is due to start in September this year.

As well as formal disabled parking bays, the county council also installs advisory ones. These are just marked out on the road and not accompanied by a sign, which means that if a vehicle is parked in them without a blue badge on display, no enforcement action can be taken, but experience has shown that most people respect the bays and leave them for the use of blue badge holders. Because the parking review process takes quite a long time to complete and so any formal bays would not be likely to be introduced before mid to late 2025, the parking project team will look to introduce an advisory bay in the meantime, probably towards the end of the summer this year, with the aim of enabling blue badge holders to be more likely to be able to find somewhere to park outside the post office.

**Councillor Matt Furniss
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth
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