

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 8 December 2014



LEAD OFFICER: Rikki Hill, Parking Project Team Leader

SUBJECT: Petition for a resident permit parking scheme in Dorchester Road, Weybridge

DIVISION: Weybridge

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report provides a response to a petition received at the meeting of 8 September 2014, requesting the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme in Dorchester Road, Weybridge.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Elmbridge) is asked to note:

- (i) the contents of this report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 At the meeting on 8 September 2014, the committee received a petition from residents of Dorchester Road, Weybridge requesting the introduction of a resident parking permit scheme in the road.
- 1.2 At the meeting the lead petitioner addressed the committee and elaborated on the petition, explaining that it had been supported by 93% of the households in the road. He also said that since permit parking had been introduced in Elmgrove Road the situation had worsened and shoppers, local workers and visitors all park in Dorchester Road.
- 1.3 He added that with the opening of the new Morrisons store, the situation would be aggravated even further as Dorchester Road is the closest road to the store without any parking restrictions so staff and any overspill of customers would use it. He said that residents' permit parking needs to be provided to ensure that the residents of Dorchester Road do not have to walk miles to their front doors and so ensuring democracy and fairness for them.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 We carry out periodic reviews of parking in the borough of Elmbridge, where we consider requests for the introduction of new parking controls and changes to existing ones. In normal circumstances, this request in this petition would be considered in the next such review. The site visits and assessments for this review are currently scheduled to take place in June and July 2015, with a report on the outcome being presented to the committee in September. The request in this petition has been added to the list for consideration in this review.
- 2.2 However on 24 October 2014 at a meeting of the Parking Task Group, the group discussed changing the way that parking reviews are carried out in Elmbridge and adopting a longer term parking strategy that would take a more holistic approach to parking. This would involve taking a more comprehensive look at parking issues over broad areas. Such an approach would be appropriate for this part of north Weybridge given the changes to parking that have taken place in the area in recent years.
- 2.3 The strategy is being developed and it will be the subject of a report to this committee at its next meeting on 23 February 2015. Whether there is a change to when this request will be assessed will depend on decisions made at that meeting.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 None.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 None at this time.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 There are none arising from this report

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 There are none arising from this report

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 None at this time.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report

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

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The committee should note this report.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 The committee will receive a report on the future approach to parking in Elmbridge at its meeting in February after which progress with respect to the request in this petition will be clearer.

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Consulted: N/A

Annexes: None

Sources/background papers: none

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