Waitning Restriction Review – Cranbrook and Hawkhurst

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Recommendation:
- That the report be noted.

INTRODUCTION

1. Following a review of waiting restrictions in Cranbrook and Hawkhurst, it is proposed that a new traffic regulation order be made.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The vast majority of waiting restrictions in the Borough are within the urban nucleus of Tunbridge Wells, Southborough and Langton Green. Outside this area, restrictions have been introduced sparingly with the town centre of Cranbrook having some of the more extensive ones.

3. Hawkhurst, although having a relatively small amount of restricted waiting, does have a significant volume of through traffic which relies in part on restrictions to minimise congestion.

4. Current restrictions are, however, covered by a variety of traffic regulation orders some of which have their origins in ones made in the 1960’s. As a consequence there are several orders in existence and a number of anomalies have arisen between what is contained in those orders and what is marked on the ground.

PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION

5. Surveys have been undertaken to confirm the status of existing waiting restriction signs and lines in both Cranbrook and Hawkhurst. A number of anomalies have arisen which, in the normal course of events would necessitate either alterations to the markings and/or making of an updated traffic regulation order.
6. Before taking either course of action, however, the respective parish councils have been contacted for their views on what restrictions should be retained, whether any should be removed and whether any new ones should be implemented.

7. The views expressed are being taken into account in drafting a new traffic regulation order and, whilst there are no significant changes likely, the intention is to remove any restrictions which KCC Highways agree are not necessary for highway safety reasons and implement new ones where there is a demonstrable need for them. This work is still in progress but it is hoped that an order will be advertised later this year.

Appendices to the Report
  • None