

Review of Waiting Restrictions 2015

A joint report by the County Council's Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager and the Borough Council's Head of Communities and Wellbeing to the Tunbridge Wells Joint Transportation Board on 20 April 2015

SUMMARY

1. Following requests from members of the public for additional waiting restrictions, issues raised have been discussed between County and Borough officers with a number of new proposals being suggested.

Background/Introduction

2. Since the last review of waiting restrictions in 2014, a number of further requests have been made in respect of parking issues, predominantly in Tunbridge Wells.
3. The majority of the concerns being expressed relate to either safety or movement on the highway. As such, the responsibility for assessing problems and making proposals rests with the highway authority – KCC.
4. Since many of these issues are first raised with the Borough, and the Borough will ultimately undertake enforcement of any restrictions, there is an element of involvement by Borough staff when considering what action should be taken.

Proposals and Process

5. The locations involved, the nature of the problem and suggested actions are detailed below
 - **Major York's Road, TW** – Two issues have been raised, the first being vehicles parking near the junction with Nevill Park and obstructing visibility for drivers leaving the side road. The second issue concerns parking on the approach to the Langton Road junction where the carriageway becomes narrowed. There are fears that this creates a highway safety hazard. **Proposal** - extend double yellow lines from existing termination point past the Nevill Park junction by an additional 15m.
 - **Clarendon Way, TW** – proposals advertised last year received a high level of objection. The current intention, to deal with parking which obstructs through traffic and impacts on access to dwellings, is to scale this down to the minimum needed for highway safety purposes. **Proposal** – change restriction as requested.
 - **Molyneux Park Road, TW** – vehicles parked near the Earls Road junction restrict visibility. **Proposal** – extend existing double yellow lines to afford better visibility.
 - **High Brooms Road, TW** – vehicles parked near junction with Wolseley Road restrict visibility when leaving side road. **Proposal** – introduce double yellow lines at junction to provide improved visibility.

- **King George V Hill, TW** – vehicles parked at top of hill and near junction with Hilbert Road cause potential conflict points. **Proposal** – provide double yellow lines at bend in King George V Hill and around junction with Hilbert Road.
 - **Barden Road, Speldhurst** – Parish Council request that limited waiting be provided in vicinity of post office. **Proposal** – provide approximately two time limited waiting bays.
 - **Buckingham, Grecian, Norfolk and Arundel Road's, TW** – Following last year's proposals for Claremont Road, amendments are now proposed for these four residential streets which would see additional resident priority parking bays created through shortening of double yellow lines. **Proposal** – Reduce extent of double yellow lines in each street by approximately one vehicle length.
6. Concerns were also raised in respect of other roads but insufficient evidence of a problem was found and these have not been pursued at the present time. Amongst the roads which fall into that category are Frant Road, Sandhurst Road, Park Road, TW and Yew Tree Road, Southborough. The issues identified will continue to be monitored.
 7. Most of the above proposals have arisen from requests or suggestions made by members of the public and some of the proposals will be discussed in more detail with those concerned to ensure that their specific concerns are addressed before advertising any definitive proposals.
 8. Statutory notice will then be given and a period of consultation will follow. Any unresolvable objections to the proposals can then be referred back to this Board for a final decision.

Conclusions

9. The issues listed in this report have caused a number of complaints and relatively simple solutions are available. Properly detailed proposals can be advertised during the mid part of 2015 with any unresolvable objections being referred back to this Board at its next meeting in July.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report be noted.

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