

Waiting Restrictions on Norfolk Road, Tunbridge Wells

A report for information by the Borough Council's Parking Manager to the Tunbridge Wells Joint Transportation Board on 15 February 2016

SUMMARY

1. At the October meeting, members resolved not to accept the officer recommendation to amend a traffic regulation order (TRO) for waiting restrictions in Norfolk Road. The matter was subsequently referred to KCC Highways for a formal decision. This report explains the outcome of that process.

Background/Introduction

2. Members may recall that this item was discussed at the last meeting. Although it had been recommended that members agree the proposal to amend restrictions to reflect what had been marked on the ground, the resolution was to not endorse that action.
3. When informed of the Board's recommendation, the resident at 31 Norfolk Road approached KCC to request that this be reviewed.
4. Because JTB is not a decision making body it fell to the highway authority to accept or reject the Board recommendation. To ensure that the views of those affected by the decision were given due consideration, a meeting was organised by KCC's Parking Manager early in November 2015.

Outcome of Site Meeting

5. The meeting involved the resident directly affected by the disputed restriction plus representatives from the Borough Council, KCC Highways and the Grove Bowling Club.
6. KCC's Parking Manager heard the views of all concerned and took into account the fact that JTB had recommended against approval of the reduced length of double yellow line. She concluded, however, that the restriction as marked was appropriate for highway safety purposes. The extension across the driveway was not required to ensure safe access to or from the Bowling Club. This accords with the recommendation made to this Board in October. All parties present at the site meeting were informed of the decision.

Associated Issues

7. Whilst progressing the TRO a complaint against the Borough Council over its handling of the process has been ongoing. This concluded with a report by the Local Government Ombudsman stating that no fault was found in the way the matter had been dealt with.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That the report be noted.

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