

The Borough of Surrey Heath (Off Street Parking Places Order) 2017.

Summary

To implement the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017 and introduce the proposals laid out in this report. To authorise the Executive Head of Business to consider any objections arising from the public consultation.

Portfolio: Business

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 19 June 2017

Wards Affected: All

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE to

- (i) implement a 'No Return within 2 hours' restriction in pay and display car parks;
- (ii) to introduce a parking places order in St Georges Road car park in that all vehicles must park within the marked bays;
- (iii) to implement the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017; and
- (iv) authorise the Executive Head of Business to consider any objections arising from the public consultation

1. Background

- 1.1. There are four pay and display car parks that offer free parking for up to two hours, Bagshot car park, Burrell Road car park, Frimley, Chobham car park and Watchetts Road car park, Camberley. Motorists obtain a free 2 hour parking ticket by pressing the button on the pay and display machine and display the ticket in their vehicle.
- 1.2. When a motorist wishes to stay for longer than 2 hours they are expected to pay the relevant tariff, up to £2.50 for all day parking. However, some customers do abuse the 2 hour free parking facility by returning to the car park every 2 hours and obtaining another free 2 hour parking ticket.
- 1.3. Parking Services have received telephone calls from businesses in Chobham asking for this facility to be stopped.

- 1.4. St Georges Road car park is owned by Surrey Heath Borough Council with access in to the car park controlled by E & J Ground Rents, Winchester. E&J Ground Rents control access to ensure that only permitted vehicles park in the private permit bays within the service area.
- 1.5. The control system for this car park has been out of operation for several years and parking in the unregulated service area has become uncontrolled, unsightly and has resulted in the deterioration of the upkeep of the grassed areas and commercial waste facilities.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1. To revoke the existing Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2003 and the eleven amendments that have been incorporated in to said order and consolidate all these changes in to a new Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017.
- 2.2. The 'No Return within 2 hours' restriction incorporated in the new Order will need to be advertised on all pay and display car parks.
- 2.3. In these specific car parks customers do obtain a parking ticket for 2 hours free parking. They then return each 2 hours to obtain a new 2 hour free parking ticket and do so throughout the working day. Therefore they are get free parking for longer than the 2 hours and not paying the appropriate tariff for their stay.
- 2.4. The uncontrolled parking in St Georges Road car park has led to the deterioration of the appearance of this car park on a key pedestrian link between Knoll Road and High Street.
- 2.5. Introducing a parking places order on St Georges Road car park will enable Parking Services to install parking bays to control where vehicles are parked. This will also ensure access for waste vehicles and ensure the grassed areas are kept clear and tidy.
- 2.6. The introduction of the Order on St Georges Road car park will need to be advertised in this car park.

3. Resource Implications

- 3.1. Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017 will need to be advertised in the car parks and in the local paper starting a 4 week consultation period.
- 3.2. Any unresolved objections to be considered by the Executive Head of Business.
- 3.3. Should the Order be approved a Notice will need to be advertised in the car parks and in the local paper informing the public that the Order is in force.

- 3.4. Tariff boards will need to be amended, with one erected in St Georges Road car park to enable enforcement.

4. Proposals

- 4.1. It is proposed that the Executive approves:

- a) The introduction of a 'No Return within 2 hours' in all Pay and Display car parks as part of the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017;
- b) The introduction of parking controls in St Georges Road car park which will become a free, controlled car park in the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017;
- c) The introduction of the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017.
- d) To delegate authority to the Executive Head of Business to consider any unresolved objections.

5. Options

- 5.1. The options before the Executive are:

- a) To introduce or not introduce a 'No Return within 2 hours' in all Pay and Display car parks as part of the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017.
- b) To introduce or not introduce a parking places order on St Georges Road as part of the Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017.
- c) To delegate the authority to the Executive Head of Business to consider any unresolved objections.
- d) Not to delegate the authority to the Executive Head of Business to consider any unresolved objections and for all unresolved objections to be reported to the Executive for their consideration

6. Corporate Objectives and key priorities

- 6.1. Corporate Object 1: We want to make Surrey Heath an even better place where people are happy to live.

7. Policy Framework

- 7.1. Surrey Heath Car Parking Strategy Policy 5 – Off Street Provision in Local Centres calls for the review of the usage and occupancy of off-street car parks in local centres with regard to the views of local traders, parish councils and

community groups, who shall be consulted in regard to existing provision and car park management.

8. Legal Issues

8.1. All actions pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1988.

9. Sustainability

9.1. This will ensure that the parking regulations in all car parks are current, enforceable and allows for a more flexible Parking Service in light of future technologies.

10. Equalities Impact

10.1. No change.

11. Consultation

11.1. Order to be advertised in all car parks and in the local paper, members of the public will be able to support or object to the order.

Annexes	The Borough of Surrey Heath (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017
Background Papers	Surrey Heath Parking Strategy
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