Dear Sir or Madam,

Winchester Road / Highfield Road / Churchfield Road / Esher Avenue area parking consultation

As part of our review of parking in Walton on Thames and Hersham, we are undertaking a consultation with residents of a number of roads in the area about the idea of a permit parking scheme in their road. This has come about as we have received a number of requests for such a scheme in each location.

A scheme in this area would probably have to include all of the following roads: Winchester Road, Highfield Road, Churchfield Road, Esher Avenue, Royston Close, and Fir Close.

On the first four of these roads, we would mark out parking bays on the road with white paint. These would run across any driveways which would then be highlighted with a white ‘access protection marking’ to make other motorists aware of the driveway. Signs would also be needed similar to the example on the right. These would be quite small and we would keep the number of them and any new posts to a minimum, and locate them in the least obtrusive locations.

The two cul-de-sacs could be marked out in the same way to that explained above. Alternatively, they could be made a ‘permit parking area’ where no road markings are needed, and all space within that street would be for permit holders only. This would need a sign at the start of the road, similar to the example shown left, along with a couple of ‘reminder’ signs which would be similar to those above right. Permit holders would be able to park anywhere within the area (except of course on yellow lines or across other people’s driveways).
Please note, with both of the types of scheme mentioned above, you would need a permit to park on the road across your own driveway during the controlled hours.

At this stage all we want to do is gain an understanding of whether or not a sufficient number of residents are interested in the idea of having permit parking. If this consultation shows that there is enough support amongst residents, we would then refine the plans and formally propose to introduce the parking scheme, at which stage we would write to you again and there would be an opportunity to comment on the final proposals.

At the moment, we think that the best times and days of operation for a permit parking scheme in this location would be Monday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm. This would prevent all day parking by shoppers/commuters whilst minimising the impact on residents. Also this is the time period currently used in Thames Street, Dale and Harvey Roads and that appears to be working well, and it causes less confusion for motorists when operational times of parking controls are coordinated within the same area.

The current proposal for who would be eligible to apply for permits is:

- All residential properties on all of the roads mentioned, except for large new developments such as Ash Lodge, where planning permission was granted approval based on the off street parking provided on site.
- There would be no permits available for businesses.

There are further conditions as explained in the enclosed sheet of frequently asked questions (FAQs), some of which could be amended following feedback to this consultation.

Once you have read the FAQs, please fill in our very short questionnaire, which you can find online at: www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/elmbridge by following the link within the Walton and Hersham parking review section of the webpage. Please complete the survey by 6 November 2017.

If you do not have access to the internet, please call our contact centre on 0300 200 1003, and a member of the team there will be happy to go through it with you over the phone.

Once the consultation has closed, we will analyse the feedback received and decide what to do. We will publish the outcome of the consultation on the above mentioned page on our website. If the feedback is positive and we decide to proceed with a scheme here, we will write to you again to let you know further details and how you can comment on any formal proposals.

Yours faithfully,

Adrian Harris
Engineer

Enclosed: Frequently Asked Questions