

Woking Electric Vehicle Recharging Points 2023: Decision report

**A document explaining our final decisions on
proposed new Electric Vehicle Recharging
Points following public feedback**



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Introduction

This document sets out our final decisions about which locations should go ahead, as part of roll out of on-street Electric Vehicle Recharging Points in the Borough of Woking.

The proposals were 'advertised' by way of a press notice published in the Woking News and Mail on 2 February 2023, and there then followed a four week 'objection period' which ended on 2 March 2023, to allow for the public to make representations regarding the proposals. To raise awareness of the proposals, in addition to the press notice we also put up approximately 12 site notices near where the new sites were proposed, and notified people most directly affected by post. This included about 40 notification cards and letters to anyone at addresses at or close to the remaining proposal locations. Copies of the proposals were made available for inspection at Woking, West Byfleet and Knaphill Libraries, and the Surrey County Council Merrow Depot as well on our website, where there was also an online form for people to use to let us have their views.

We received a total of 35 individual responses and a 30 signature petition via our online form, letters and e-mails on the 5 proposals.

This report lists all the proposals and presents a summary of the type and number of comments received, our responses, and the final decisions and reasons for them for each one where appropriate. The report does not contain a transcript of each objection made, but, as required by the regulations, each comment and objection was read and considered before any final decisions were made.

Only themes considered relevant to the proposals have been mentioned in this summary report.

At locations where no objection or comments were received there is no analysis and the proposals will, unless otherwise stated, be introduced 'as advertised' i.e. without any changes from the advertised proposal. Where changes have been made, there will usually be a revised written description and the final 'as made' drawings will be changed to show the revised restrictions.

These decisions are now final and there is no appeal stage, although customers can ask us to reconsider any parking controls, whether old or new, at any time as part of the next parking review in the area.

Woking South East division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Liz Bowes](#). We have made the advertised [drawing available on our website](#) to accompany the written description below.

Old Woking

Hipley Street

Overview:

Install four on street Electric Vehicle Recharging Points on the southwest side of Hipley Street opposite Harvey Water Softeners.

- Drawing number: 20031_B
- Objections: **1**
- Other comments: 1
- Support: 1
- Final decision: **Proceed as advertised.**

Analysis

The one objection received is not specific to the proposal at this site, but a general objection to Electric Vehicle development and roll out. The one comment is requesting residents are not inconvenienced by the installation of these recharging points.

Manor Mews Car Park

Overview:

Install four Electric Vehicle Recharging Points in the southwest corner of this small car park.

- Drawing number: 20032_C
- Objections: **1**
- Other comments: None
- Support: 3
- Final decision: **Proceed as advertised.**

Analysis

The one objection received is not specific to the proposal at this site, but a general objection to Electric Vehicle development and roll out. Three expressions of support have been received agreeing with the proposal for this location.

Woking South West division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Ayesha Azad](#). We have made the advertised [drawings available on our website](#) to accompany the written descriptions below

Brookwood

Heath Drive

Overview:

Install four on street Electric Vehicle Recharging Points on the southeast side of Heath Drive, in place of four existing Monday to Friday 1 to 2pm permit holder only bays.

- Drawing number: 20003_B
- Objections: **18 and a 30 signature petition**
- Other comments: 1
- Support: 3
- Final decision: **Do not Proceed**

Analysis

Many objections have been received in response to this proposal, and according to the responses and petition received, demand for the on-street parking space is high, there is currently insufficient electric vehicle ownership in Brookwood at the current time for these recharging points to be introduced in Heath Drive during this phase of the project.

Suggestions have been made that the Electric Vehicle Recharging Points should be installed at Brookwood Rail Station Car. This would be a good idea, however the land does not belong to Surrey County Council, so we unable to fund or progress this suggestion.

The Byfleets division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Amanda Boote](#). We have made the advertised [drawings available on our website](#) to accompany the written description below.

West Byfleet

Lavender Park Road

Overview:

Four Electric Vehicle Recharging Points have been installed in the northeast corner of Lavender Park Road. They are operational and being used. A Traffic Regulation Order is required to make the recharging points legally enforceable.

- Drawing number: 20050_B
- Objections: **1**
- Other comments: None
- Support: 1
- Final decision: **Proceed as advertised.**

Analysis

The one objection received is not specific to the proposal for this site, but a general objection to Electric Vehicle development and roll out. The recharging points have been installed, are operational and data shows they are being used regularly. It is thought that now the equipment has been installed the local community has got used to it being there.

Woking South division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Will Forster](#). We have made the advertised [drawings available on our website](#) to accompany the written description below.

Kingfield

Rydens Way

Overview:

Install four on street Electric Vehicle Recharging Points on the north side of Rydens Way opposite properties 2 to 12.

- Drawing number: 20128_B
- Objections: **3**
- Other comments: None
- Support: None
- Final decision: **Proceed as advertised.**

Analysis

Despite 3 objections being received, the number of Electric Vehicles is going to increase in the coming years. Students at Woking College are of driving learning age and will increasingly be learning to drive electric vehicles. The visibility of recharging points outside the college will encourage local residents and college staff to switch to electric vehicles in the coming years safe in the knowledge they can recharge those vehicle close to their home and place of work when required.

Annex

This annex contains information about topics that are quite often raised by people when making comments in response to parking proposals but are generally things that are not considered within a parking review, or not possible to consider at that time.

Speed limits, traffic calming, and speed enforcement

Speed limits are introduced by the county council provided Surrey Police agree with the limit proposed. Further information about speed limits can be found on our website at the following page:

[Setting local speed limits policy](#)

Other highway concerns are considered by our Highway Teams, and you can raise queries regarding these subjects using the contact link below:

[Contact our roads and transport service](#)

The police are the only authority with powers to enforce speed limits.

Creation of additional parking space on verges or grassed areas

This is not something that is considered by the Parking Team or within a parking review. Unfortunately, the council has essentially no funding to carry out this type of work at the current time, but any requests for these types of schemes would need to be considered by the Traffic and Commissioning Team, who can be reached via the contact details below:

[Contact our roads and transport service](#)

Requests for permit parking schemes

We can consider introducing permit parking schemes under appropriate circumstances. However, such significant changes can't be considered based on only one or two comments. Anyone wanting to find out more about permit parking should first look at our webpage which explains where, why, and how a scheme could be introduced, and how they work.

[Information on Permit Parking Schemes](#)

Having read that information, any customers interested in pursuing the idea of permit parking further, should consider raising a parking scheme request form (petition), as explained on our website at:

[The parking review process](#)

Requests for additional parking controls

Due to the legal processes involved, we cannot generally consider further parking restrictions over and above those already 'advertised'. The best way to put forward any ideas for new parking controls is to raise them to be considered as part of the next parking review in the area. Information about parking reviews, including how and why we do them, and how to raise any further requests, is available on our website at:

[The parking review process](#)

General enquiries

Any other enquiries regarding highways can be raised via the electronic forms on our website:

[Contact our roads and transport service](#)

Or using the contact details below:

- **Telephone:** 0300 200 1003 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays. Emergencies only at all other times)
- **Email:** contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk
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