

Waverley parking review 2023: Decision report

A document explaining our final decisions on proposed parking schemes following public feedback

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Introduction

The Waverley Parking Review 2023 proposals, which were agreed by county councillors and the Parking Traffic and Enforcement Team manager in May 2023, were advertised from 1 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.

As part of this process, street notices were erected at each location, and notification cards were hand delivered to those properties immediately fronting proposed changes. In addition, a formal notice was published in the Surrey Advertiser.

All these documents referred members of the public to drawings and a statement of reasons document available online via the webpage: www.surreycc.gov.uk/waverleyparking

The Information was also made available to view at local libraries and council buildings.

Responses to the advertisement were received via an online form through the webpage above, or by letters being sent to the following address: Waverley Parking Review 2023, Parking Team, Hazel House, Merrow Lane, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 7BQ. Members of the public were asked to submit either a support, comment or objection response.

During the advertisement period, there were 34 support responses, 15 comment responses and 17 objections. All these responses have been read and considered in full, and the total number of responses for each location have been listed. However, for the purpose of this report, the responses have been summarised into key points only, followed by analysis and a decision on how to proceed following these considered responses.

The decisions made in this report are final and there is no appeal process. Any further requests for changes to these agreed restrictions will need to be submitted as part of a future [parking review of Waverley](#).

At locations where no objections 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 drawing in addition to the written description.

Farnham North division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Catherine Powell](#).

Farnham

Weybourne Road junction with Brook Avenue

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-01
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Badshot Lea Road and Junction with Low Lane

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-02
- Objections: 4
- Comments: 1
- Support: 6
- Final decision: Proceed with amendments.

Summary

The objections referred to the following points: -

- The angle of the junction is the problem not the parking.
- The loss of parking spaces will affect residents with limited or no off-street parking.
- Low Lane should be made one-way or have entry restricted.
- The double yellow lines extending on the straight section of road up to the county boundary are not necessary and will reduce parking for visitors, which will displace parking to outside residential properties.

The comment requested for the double yellow lines to be extended to outside 125 Badshot Lea Road to improve driveway sightlines and create more space for passing traffic.

Analysis

Whilst the angle of the junction will make exiting Low Lane more difficult in terms of turning and sight lines, the extensive on-street parking opposite and to the north of the Low Lane junction significantly adds to this difficulty, especially when trying to turn right onto Badshot Lea Road. As with any parking opposite a junction, it does not allow drivers exiting the junction to immediately join the far side lane when turning right, and so drivers require there to be a greater distance of clear traffic before they can commit to the turn. What makes this even harder here is that immediately to the north of the Low Lane junction is where Badshot Lea Road becomes a bend and where the carriageway gradually becomes wider towards Aldershot. Therefore, on this transitional section of Badshot Lea Road, two-way traffic is forced closer together whilst having to negotiate the bend and junction at the same time, which are additional factors that drivers turning right out of Low Lane must process. The proposed double yellow lines preventing parking opposite the Low Lane junction allow drivers to immediately join the far side lane when turning right out of Low Lane and allows them to continue in that lane until the carriageway becomes wide enough for two-way traffic to pass more comfortably.

Regarding the double yellow lines to the south of the Low Lane junction on Badshot Lea Road, these are to maintain turning and sight lines for the junction and not to maintain driveway sight lines. Whilst the comments regarding parking and passing traffic outside number 125 are understood, it

was not the intention of this proposal to extensively restrict parking outside residential properties any more than was necessary for the junction.

Regarding the proposed double yellow lines continuing up to the county boundary on Badshot Lea Road, and considering the objections received regarding the impact on residents and visitors, it has been decided to instead **terminate the double yellow lines at a point 40m south of the county boundary on this eastern side**. The carriageway is very wide along this part of Badshot Lea Road, and this new termination point will allow some parking to continue entirely on the carriageway, as it has been doing, along this straight section of road prior to the bend.

Upper Hale Road junction with Willow Way

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-03
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 2
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Upper Weybourne Lane and junction with Wellington Lane

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-04
- Objections: 6
- Comments: 5
- Support: 5
- Final decision: Proceed with amendments.

Summary

The objections related to the following points: -

- Parking problems only during weekend footway matches so the restrictions should just be Monday to Friday.
- Double yellow lines should also be on both sides of the entrance into Rowhills.
- The proposed restrictions will cause displacement parking into Rowhills which is already problematic and will put more parking pressure on residents wanting to find space.
- The proposed restrictions would make it impossible for sports teams to use the Heath End Recreation Ground.
- Restrictions should just be on the junctions of Rowhills and Wellington Lane.
- Restrictions are excessive as only a problem during football matches a few times a year.
- Some parking should remain on the recreation ground side.

The comments related to the following points: -

- The recreation ground could be forced to close and be sold off should parking be prevented.
- Displacement parking into Rowhills will likely occur.
- Parking impedes traffic flow but it's crucial for the recreation ground.
- There is already not enough parking for residents.
- Restrictions should extend further on the footway side in Wellington Lane for sight lines.

Analysis

The majority of the objections and comments are clearly in agreement regarding the need to maintain parking for the recreation ground and with regards to displacement into Rowhills. It is understood that many parking and traffic issues on Upper Weybourne Lane are linked to visitors to the recreation ground, especially during football matches, which only represent a small proportion of time in total. However, there are still persistent footway obstruction and traffic issues caused by parking opposite the petrol station and tool hire business (outside Whitethorns), and there are

similar parking related issues alongside the Hillcrest apartments, especially in the evenings. However, all things considered, and to allow time for discussions to take place between the county councillor and football club with regards to finding alternative and more suitable parking locations for their members and visitors, **it is decided to proceed with the following lengths of these advertised restrictions only as part of this parking review and for the following reasons:** -

- Proceed with double yellow lines on Upper Weybourne Lane for 10m either side of the Rowhills junction (measured from the start of the straight kerbs on Upper Weybourne Lane) to maintain junction sight lines, access, and road safety at all times.
- Proceed with double yellow lines on the junction of Wellington Lane on the west side of Upper Weybourne Lane only (i.e. not opposite the junction) to maintain junction sight lines, access, and road safety at all times.
- Proceed with double yellow lines opposite the petrol station and tool hire business (outside Whitethorns) to maintain footway access and two-way traffic flow and turning, especially by larger vehicles, in the vicinity of the petrol station entrance and on approach to the junction at all times.

Regarding Rowhills itself, following resurfacing work carried out by Waverley Borough Council in 2023, the part of the junction leading into Rowhills has been put onto the next Waverley parking review (the 2024 review) for consideration of double yellow lines extending into that junction as well.

The Fairway

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-04
- Objections: 2
- Comments: 3
- Support: 1
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Summary

The objections referred to the following points: -

- The restrictions will cause displacement further into The Fairway.
- The double yellow lines should only be placed on the inside of the bend.
- The parking issues are not being caused by residents of The Fairway.

The comments referred to the following points: -

- The restrictions will cause displacement further into The Fairway.
- Double yellow lines should be placed all along one side of The Fairway.
- The Fairway should just be made permit holders only for residents of The Fairway only.

Analysis

Since the previous Waverley parking review, there have been numerous complaints about parking issues and highway obstructions in The Fairway, including incidents involving fire engines. Parking on a bend is already prohibited under the Highway Code, but only enforceable by the police without parking restrictions being in place. The proposed layout has been deemed necessary to finally resolve the ongoing issues on this bend and up to its junction with Wellington Lane. Whilst displacement parking further into The Fairway is likely and it is a narrow road, it should not cause the level of obstruction and disruption that has previously been seen and recorded on the bend.

Regarding permit parking, such schemes are not considered for streets where the majority of properties have off-street parking. Regarding alternative yellow line layouts, the advertised restriction layout was the most favoured layout during preliminary consultation carried out by the county councillor.

Farnham Central division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Andy MacLeod](#).

Farnham

Stoke Hills

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-05
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 1
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Crosby Way

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-06
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 1
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

5 Alfred Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-07
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Farnham South division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Michaela Martin](#).

Farnham

Weydon Lane junction with Green Lane

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-08
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Frensham Road junction with Gold Hill (Private)

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-09
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 13
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Waverley Eastern Villages division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Kevin Deanus](#).

Bramley

Barton Road junction with Firs Avenue (Private)

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-19
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Haslemere division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [John Robini](#).

Haslemere

Derby Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-10
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 1
- Support: 3
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Summary

The comment referred to existing waiting restrictions being ignored and a request for restrictions by the entrance to Rosemary Court.

Analysis

Drivers are allowed to stop on single and double yellow lines to pick up and drop off passengers and to escort a vulnerable person (e.g. a child) to their destination. Parking restrictions on Church Road by the Rosemary Court entrance will be assessed as part of the next Waverley parking review.

Three Gates Lane

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-11
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Godalming South, Milford and Witley division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Paul Follows](#).

Wormley

Brook Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-12
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Witley

Wheeler Lane junction with Petworth Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-13
- Objections: 2
- Comments: 1
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Summary

The objections related to the following points: -

- There is space for 3 parking spaces on Petworth Road by the Star pub car park which will benefit pub visitors and residents.
- Parking is already limited.

The commented requested for the wide footway to have marked parking spaces.

Analysis

The footway parking taking place on Petworth Road alongside the Star car park was one of the reasons these restrictions were proposed, as this parking is often taking place entirely on the footway and restricting access for pedestrians and obstructing sight lines for both the junction and the Star's car park entrance. Footways are for people are not designed to take the weight of vehicles. The layby parking area on Petworth Road is where parking is intended to take place and has been for many years, but the more recent overflow parking on the footway is not acceptable and needs to be prevented for the reasons stated above.

Godalming North division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Penny Rivers](#).

Godalming

Station Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-14
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Pound Lane

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-15
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Chalk Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-16
- Objections: 1
- Comments: 1
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed with amendments.

Summary

The objection was against the revocation in the middle of the layby to allow two spaces to remain, and a request for the entire layby to be double yellow lined along the back instead. This is to maintain sight lines for drivers exiting their drives and to also allow space to pull in whilst preparing to reverse into their drives to allow them to drive out forwards, as the current situation involves holding up traffic to do so and this is difficult to communicate to other drivers, often resulting in driver frustration.

The comment requested bollards on the footway at either end to physically stop drivers overhanging it when parking, and that one space be left in the middle rather than two as advertised, to help maintain driveway access and sight lines, as often when two vehicles are parked in the middle, they can still overhang the driveways/dropped kerbs. No parking signs also requested.

Analysis

Following these two responses, **it has been decided that the unrestricted 8.5m gap advertised in the middle of the layby should be reduced to 6.5m.** This will provide an additional metre of double yellow lines beyond the end each driveway dropped kerb to improve sight lines and access and will only allow space for one large vehicle to park in the middle of the layby when necessary, such as a tradesman van for example. Regarding space to pull into the layby momentarily to wait to reverse into a driveway, there will be enough space to do this either side of this single vehicle space if neighbouring dropped kerbs are only stopped in front of momentarily whilst waiting to carry out this manoeuvre.

Regarding no parking signs, these are not prescribed signs for use on the public highway and double yellow lines have no signing requirement. As the proposed new double yellow line layout for this layby is intended to prevent overhanging parking at each end of the layby - and this will be enforced by Surrey's enforcement company NSL - bollards are not deemed to be necessary.

Catteshall Lane

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-17
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Farncombe

73 George Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-18
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 1
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Summary

The comment was not about the advertised revocation of a disabled bay but a request for residents parking.

Analysis

Residents parking was previously considered for George Road but did not receive majority support from residents, only the adjoining Grays Road received enough support for a scheme to be introduced.

Cranleigh and Ewhurst division proposals

The county councillor for this division is [Liz Townsend](#).

Cranleigh

Elmbridge Road junction with Elm Park

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-20
- Objections: 1
- Comments: 0
- Support: 1
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Summary

The objection referred to unrestricted parking for residents and visitors already being limited and a request for traffic calming measures.

Analysis

Parking on a junction is already prohibited under the Highway Code and should not be regarded by drivers as being parking space. The proposed restrictions aim to maintain sight lines, access and road safety on the junction at all times.

Elmbridge Road junction with Westdene Meadows

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-20
- Objections: 0
- Comments: 0
- Support: 0
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Horsham Road junction with Mount Road

Overview:

- Drawing number: 2023-21
- Objections: 1
- Comments: 2
- Support: 1
- Final decision: Proceed as advertised.

Summary

The objection related to concerns about displacement parking taking away on-street space outside properties further down the street.

The comments requested residents parking, issues with other local junctions and restrictions being pointless without enforcement.

Analysis

Whilst the concerns about displacement parking further into the street are understandable, parking on junctions is already prohibited under the Highway Code and these restrictions are aiming to maintain sight lines, access, and road safety on the junction at all times.

Resident permit schemes are not considered for streets where the majority of properties have off-street parking. Enforcement will be carried out by our enforcement company NSL as part of their routine patrols.