

Parking is a major concern for both residents and businesses. The increase in the number of cars per household allied with the increase in homes in the Village are seen as contributing to the problem. Residents also believe increased train travel from Tadworth Station has resulted in commuters parking for the whole day in the centre of the village.

People are particularly concerned about the impact congestion and lack of parking spaces will have on the local shops. Businesses report that their customers complain about the lack of available spaces and that vans and lorries parking at the kerb side block potential customers from seeing the shops. Some traders report falling customer numbers and see improved parking as a way of increasing trade.



Local schools appreciate that parents dropping children off at school creates problems. The schools stagger start times, promote safer routes to school and give the parents of new pupils help with dropping their children off, but the areas still become congested by illegal parking, particularly in the morning. This is a problem across the Borough which limits enforcement.

Parking restrictions designed to limit commuter parking result in parents dropping children at the Church of the Good Shepherd playgroups and Mother and Toddler groups receiving excess charge notices.

The parking area outside the Village Hall off the Dorking Road has been identified for closure by the Banstead Commons Conservators.

■ Main Areas

Shelvers Hill

- Businesses feel that the level of parking adversely affects trade. High-sided vehicles belonging to other traders block people's view of the shops. Some cars are parked all day before or after service. Traders would like some parking bays with 30 minute waiting. Residents live above the shops and have different needs for parking than traders.

Cross Road and surrounding area

- Respondents are concerned that commuters park all day outside the shops. Traders don't accept this happens because they monitor the spaces. The traders also work together to use the available staff parking behind the shops. For them the issues are around getting stock unloaded on a busy parade. Any decrease in parking spaces outside the shops would be detrimental and currently they believe that shoppers drive past if they can't see an easy parking place. Notwithstanding this, people travel from as far away as Epsom to use the range of traditional shops. People seem to be uncertain about the parking regulations and how long they can wait for.

Parking area in Corner Farm Close

- Neither Reigate and Banstead Borough Council nor Surrey County Council owns the car park land. There is discussion between Surrey County Council and the estate management who are considering making the road up to an adoptable standard. Until this happens SCC Highways would not adopt the road and the car park. Until this is resolved the further measures cannot be taken.
- People would like better signage to the car park but it is not RBBC or SCC land currently.

Parking in High Street

- This is described as being mainly commuters who then walk to the station. Commuters say that the increased level of parking is because rail fares have reduced and the frequency of trains has increased, increasing the number of commuters.

Parking outside Tadworth School

- Described as worse in September when parents are getting to grips with how to drop off their children. The school staggers starts to try and manage this. The Medical Centre has limited parking too and also has heavy use at the start of the day. There has been a suggestion that Legal and General employees park for the day in Heathcote, which adds to the problems.

Parking outside Chinthurst School, Mere Road

- Last year there were alterations to the waiting restrictions outside the school. These increased the yellow lines towards the traffic lights. However people are still reporting the parking as a problem.

Parking Station Approach Road

- Both sides of the road are used for drop off for the Nursery/ Mother and Toddlers groups run in the Church Halls every weekday morning. Station Approach Road has waiting restrictions that start at a time to discourage commuters parking. The restrictions end at 9.30am which means that parents dropping off at the nursery are at risk because starts at 9.00am-9.15am as parents drop off pre-work.

Shelvers Way for Legal & General

- Respondents suggest that the staff of Legal and General are only allowed to drive in to the company on 4 days per week. The other day they park elsewhere and walk or are picked up by colleagues. Residents identify this as happening at the A217 end of Shelvers Way and Tadworth Street.

■ Actions

- Surrey County Council Parking Implementation Team are putting Tadworth forward for annual review for the development of a whole area parking policy
- Yellow lines outside Farm Fencing are no longer current - agreed removal by RBBC
- Meet with local businesses to look at where traders and their staff park and identify alternatives for Shelvers Hill traders
- Investigate maximising the use of the parking bays near Tadworth Station for shoppers

- The Council to investigate a land to swap with Banstead Commons Conservators to regularise the parking area on common land outside the Village Hall
- Investigate with the owners of Corner Farm Close if we could put up a Car Park sign
- Increase enforcement
- Consider a loading bay in Station Approach

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:**

- Surrey County Council (SCC)
- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
- Surrey Police
- Corner Farm Close Management Company
- Banstead Commons Conservators

■ **Resources:**

- Actions in current programme of works
- Officer time

■ **Timescale:**

- Short to medium term

■ **Outcome Measuring/Reporting:**

- Increased understanding of the options available within the community

■ **Local Community : What you can do**

- Park with consideration and walk when your journey allows

