

TACKLING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Parking and traffic flow in local shopping parades

■ Background

Local people value the local shopping facilities in Woodhatch but have identified traffic and parking in the area as an issue requiring attention. The parking areas outside the shops are considered to be both inadequate and dangerous for a number of reasons which have been identified through one to one interviews, Traders Association meetings and through stakeholder meetings:

Western Parade

- The road is not wide enough to facilitate 2-way traffic.
- There are no speed calming measures to prevent motorists from using the slip road at dangerous speeds.
- Local people cannot park their car to shop locally and therefore go further a-field into the main shopping areas, thus affecting the viability of the local shops.
- Pedestrians cross the road in the gaps between the shrubs which separate the slip road from Prices Lane and a number of incidents have occurred as a result.
- Second hand cars are being sold from the parking bays.
- Lorries making deliveries on the slip road often damage parked cars.
- Inadequate parking arrangements lead to obstructive parking.

Dovers Green/Prices Lane Parade

- The road is not wide enough to facilitate 2-way traffic.
- There are no speed calming measures to prevent motorists from using the slip road at dangerous speeds.
- Local people cannot park car to shop locally and therefore go further a-field into the main shopping areas, thus affecting the viability of the local shops.
- Pedestrians (and especially children) cross the road in the gaps between the hedge, which separates the slip road, and Dovers Green Parade and a number of incidents have occurred as a result.
- Lorries making deliveries on the slip road often encounter problems due to the access road being blocked.
- Inadequate parking arrangements often leads to obstructive parking, including people parking right at the shop entrance on the public footpath.

Trehaven Parade

- The lack of marked bays leads to cars parking in an unorganised way and the available space is not best utilised.
- Traders feel that problems attributed to parking on Western and Dovers Green Parades has an impact on available spaces in Trehaven Parade.

- **Location(s)** Western, Dovers Green/
Prices Lane and Trehaven Parades



■ Actions and Responsible Agency

- Bid for funds to investigate possible solutions through public consultation and a feasibility study including the provision of a one-way traffic system, additional parking bays and parking restrictions as part of Borough Council's review of village shopping parades.

Responsibility Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Surrey County Council

- Realign Prices Lane and Woodhatch Road crossroads (over the A217) and introduce pedestrian crossings to make it safer and easier to cross the main roads.

Responsibility Surrey County Council

■ Resource

- Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Officer time to write the funding application.
- Surrey County Council funding to realign the crossroads.

■ Timescale 1 – 3 years

■ Outcome Measure/Reporting

- Report proposals to Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Executive and Surrey County Council Local Transport Programme through Surrey County Council Member Task Group and Local Committee.

■ Local Community : What you can do

- Support your local shops.
- Park sensibly in the roads adjacent to the shopping parades.
- Drive carefully in these areas and be aware of pedestrians crossing.
- Walk or cycle short trips to encourage both exercise and alternative ways to travel.

