

STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR MAKING A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

GUILDFORD ON-STREET PARKING MANAGEMENT REVIEW
MADE AMENDMENTS TO PARKING PLACES, WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND
PERMIT SCHEME WITHIN THE GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE CONTROLLED
PARKING ZONE

The reasons for making an Order giving effect to the various proposals described in the Public Notice are as follows:

- to increase payment opportunities by introducing pay by phone technology,
- to accommodate an access to off street parking facilities (Mountside),
- to improve traffic flow and increase parking opportunities for residents (South Hill),
- to assist with safety, access and traffic movements in the area and make local improvements.

More detailed information about the background to the proposals is set out in the attached reports, Item 8 considered by Surrey County Council's Guildford Joint Committee at its meeting held on 18 November 2020, and Item 8 considered by Surrey County Council's Guildford Joint Committee at its meeting held on 17 March 2021.

When the above Review was originally devised and advertised for receipt of objections and comments from local residents and business owners and other interested members of the public it included other proposals, briefly consisting of the designation of certain on-street parking places within the Guildford Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone to be used only by electric or hybrid vehicles whilst they are in the process of actually recharging the battery of that vehicle.

However, since the proposals were advertised in the local press (the Surrey Advertiser on Friday, May 7, 2021) and relevant documents placed on deposit at Guildford Borough Council Offices at Millmead and at Guildford, Ash and Horsley Libraries, some objections and adverse comments were received from certain members of the public and local residents and business owners regarding the location of the proposed electric vehicles parking place in Wodeland Avenue. As a result, it is now intended to re-locate this electric vehicles' parking place to a different location in Woedland Avenue and the further consultation required in connection with this re-location with local residents', business owners and members of the public has not yet been completed. The electric vehicles parking place cannot, therefore, be provided until such time as this additional consultation exercise has been completed and any further comments taken into consideration.

Additionally, problems and delays have arisen regarding the necessary electrical connections that have to be made by SSE and UK Power Networks to enable the electric vehicles parking places to be used for the purpose for which they are intended, namely the recharging of batteries of electric and hybrid vehicles. Additionally, certain civil engineering works are required to be undertaken, particularly the provision of kerb build outs on which to place the necessary electrical equipment or, in the case of the proposed electric vehicles parking place in Millmead, the provision of a small island site or similar structure on which to place the aforesaid electrical equipment. This is due to the narrowness of the footway (or in the case of Millmead the lack of a footway) in some of the proposed locations of the electric

vehicles parking places. Furthermore, in view of these problems, a further review of some of the sites chosen for the location of the electric vehicles parking places is being undertaken.

Therefore, in view of the above comments regarding the proposed designation of electric vehicles parking places in the Guildford Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone, it has been decided to place the proposals “on hold” for the time being to see what the result of the further consultation regarding the amended proposal in Wodeland Avenue is and also the result of the further review of some of the other proposed sites and to enable the necessary electrical and civil engineering works to be programmed and undertaken – if, as a result, it is considered that some (or all) of the proposed electric vehicles parking places can be introduced, then these parking places can be introduced without further advertising for receipt of objections for a period of two years from Friday 7 May 2021, though a further Order would have to be made to legally introduce them – if the electric vehicles parking places (or any of them) are not so introduced (for whatever reason) within that period, then they could not be so introduced without further advertising for receipt of comments and objections from local residents, business owners and other interested members of the public.