

12. SWANNS ROAD TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcomes of an 'on site' meeting, and to seek approval for parking restrictions and a "Give Way" control in Swanns Road.

BACKGROUND

As a result of a previous residents' meeting and subsequent discussions, the Board received a report at the 31 May 2004 meeting for the installation of a "Give Way" control on Swanns Road at Avonside Drive. Because there were wider issues, the Board decided:

1. That the matter be referred to the Environment and Traffic Committee and Councillor Denis O'Rourke for an onsite meeting with local residents, the local Member of Parliament and Council staff.
2. That the Environment and Traffic Committee report its recommendations back to the Board.

The onsite meeting took place on Monday 26 July 2004 at 4.30 pm and the following were the outcomes (see attached plans for details).

1. That two lanes be marked on the Swanns Road approach to Stanmore Road to separate the left turning traffic from the straight through and right turning traffic.
2. This requires the existing "no stopping" lines on the south side of Swanns Road to be extended.
3. Because of concern from the dairy owner it was agreed that the remaining two spaces between Stanmore Road and Sorensens Place would have a time limit of 10 minutes.
4. That the existing 30 minute parking restriction on the north side of Swanns Road by the Community Probation Service be changed to 10 minutes. Because the position of the existing sign is half a vehicle length from the entranceway, it is necessary to reposition the sign further to the east.
5. That a "Give Way" control be installed on the Swanns Road approach to Avonside Drive.
6. That a painted "flush median" be installed along Swanns Road to give the visual effect of narrowing the road. This will help slow the traffic speeds, give an area for vehicles to wait for traffic to clear when entering driveways on the other side of the road and will make it safer for pedestrians when crossing the road.

A copy of this report and a reply paid envelope was distributed to the residents and interested parties who attended the onsite meeting and also to the residents who would be directly affected by the proposed work.

One response suggested that a parking bay be installed on the north side of Swanns Road east of Stanmore Road to improve cyclist safety in this area. This would reduce the footpath in front of the Community Probation Service to an unacceptable width. The three replies generally supported the proposed work.

The Team Leader Enforcement supports the installation of these parking restrictions.

The proposed restrictions complies with the Parking Strategy. The P10 on the south side take priority over the commuter parking in Residential Areas (see chapter 7). The P10 on the north side takes priority over Residents Parking and Commuter Parking in Business Areas (see chapter 6).

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board approve the following:
 - i. That the existing "no stopping" restriction on the south side of Swanns Road commencing at the intersection of Stanmore Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 13 metres be revoked.

- ii. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Swanns Road commencing at its intersection with Stanmore Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
 - iii. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the south side of Swanns Road commencing at a point 28 metres from its intersection with Stanmore Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
 - iv. That the existing "P30" on the north side of Swanns Road commencing at a point 20 metres from its intersection with Stanmore Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 20 metres be revoked.
 - v. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the north side of Swanns Road commencing at a point 20 metres from its intersection with Stanmore Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 28.5 metres.
 - vi. That a "Give Way" sign be placed against Swanns Road at its intersection with Avonside Drive.
2. That the Board support the following:
- i. That a painted "flush median" be installed in Swanns Road.
 - ii. That two lanes be marked on the Swanns Road approach to Stanmore Road to separate the left turning traffic from the straight through and right turning traffic.

**Chairperson's
Recommendation:**

That the recommendations be adopted.