

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006  
**SUBJECT:** LONDON ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - PETITION  
**BY:** Engineering Services Manager  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** This report informs Members of the petition received highlighting parking problems for residents of the North side of London Road, Sittingbourne, between Elvy Court and the Esso garage on the corner of Staplehurst Road

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**Implications:**

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Human Resources Implications

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Finance Implications

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Legal Implications

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Crime & Disorder Implications

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Sustainability Implications

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Risk Implications

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**Decision Required:** **That Members note the petition and recommend that no further action be taken at this time, but for this section of London Road to be added to the areas for monitoring following implementation of the Sittingbourne Controlled Parking Zones.**

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Introduction/Background

1. A petition containing 33 signatures was submitted by post to Swale House. The petition states:

*'The residents listed below are in agreement that there is a problem with parking along London Road, and we are therefore asking Sittingbourne County Council for a solution. Residents parking has been suggested with a cost per car per year and the names listed below agree with this action.'*

A location plan of the site is shown in Annex A.

2. This section of London Road, Sittingbourne, is located between the town centre and the Key Street roundabout, and is a heavily trafficked section of road. To prevent obstructing the movement of traffic, parking on the opposite side of the road, i.e. the South side is generally avoided in this area, although there are no parking restrictions along this section. Most properties on the South side of the road do have off street parking facilities.

3. The accompanying letter from the petitioners' representative states that the problem is caused by residents from the opposite side of road parking on this side of London Road, and also the fact that many residents on this side of the road possess at least two vehicles.

4. The letter also states that this particular resident feels that permit parking may not be the answer, but that a designate parking area is required.

5. With no apparent land available nearby, and the associated cost implications of purchasing suitable land and maintaining it, the option of a designated parking area is not viable. There would also be complications in ensuring that such land is only used by these residents, and there would be the possibility of parking spaces being taken by non-residents.

#### Issue for decision

6. It is felt that the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme for this area would not be viable, as this would be isolated from the main Sittingbourne CPZ Area. Also, the fact that the majority of vehicles parked in this area appear to be residents' vehicles, permit parking may be ineffective in solving the parking problems currently experienced.

#### Recommendation

7. That Members note the petition and recommend that no further action be taken at this time, but for this section of London R be added to the areas for monitoring following implementation of the Sittingbourne Controlled Parking Zones, and that the petitioners representative is informed accordingly.

Reasons for the Recommendation

Monitoring of the parking situation following the introduction of the Sittingbourne Controlled Parking Zones would be beneficial.

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List of background documents – Petition and Covering Letter. File Ref T7