

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 18th September 2006

SUBJECT: Various Waiting Restrictions

BY: Head of Technical Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Report for members to consider results of recent consultation exercises carried out with residents in various areas of proposed waiting restrictions.

Implications: Human Resources Implications – None

Finance Implications – None

Legal Implications – Proposed Traffic Orders to be Considered

Crime & Disorder Implications – None

Sustainability Implications – None

Risk Implications – None

Decision Required: That Members note the report and recommend that officers implement the following waiting restrictions:

- Brewery Road/Cross Lane, Milton Regis (with amendments)
- Heard Way, Sittingbourne
- Strobe Crescent, Sheerness
- Edenbridge Drive and Hawthorn Avenue, Sheerness

Further discussions to take place with Minster Parish Council and Kent Highway Services with regard to extending Minster Road and Scrapsgate Road proposals, prior to implementation.

Further discussions to take place with Kent Highway Services with regard to possible reduction in length of proposed double yellow lines in Winstanley Road and Invicta Road, Sheerness to minimise impact on residents' parking.

The proposed double yellow lines in Connaught Road, Sittingbourne, not be implemented in view of high number of objections.

That Members note the objections raised against the proposed double yellow lines in the Shortlands Road area and Kestrel Close/Highsted Road area of Sittingbourne, and recommend that the scheme is progressed as advertised.

Introduction/Background

1. Consultation has been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the introduction of new waiting restrictions within the Borough. These proposals have come from various sources such as residents' letters, parish/town council correspondence and recommendations from Kent Highways.
2. The consultation material has been included in Annex A
3. In addition to these proposals, this Board have previously given approval for the introduction of double yellow lines at various locations including junctions in the Shortlands Road area, and the junction of Kestrel Close and Highsted Road, in Sittingbourne. The traffic order was published on 31st July 2006, and notices were placed on site to this effect. The publication of the traffic order requires a 21 day period for persons to register any objections they may have before the order is made. The Borough Council received 2 objections to the order during this period. The objections are summarised in Annex B with a commentary on the particular points of the objection.

Issue for decision

4. Based on the results of the consultation, decisions are requested as to whether to implement these proposed waiting restrictions. The results of the consultation have been included within Annex C. Each of the locations will be discussed in turn in the following paragraphs. Where corner protection measures are being introduced, Kent Police have requested that a minimum waiting restriction distance of 10 metres should be adopted. However, in areas where parking demand is high this will greater reduce local parking capacity. The proposals for corner protection in this report do meet the requirement where possible, however in some locations the need for a waiting restriction has been balanced against the need for parking, so in some instances the corner protection has been reduced to 5 metres

Recommendation

5. Brewery Road/Cross Lane, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed in Cross Lane, between the junctions of Brewery Road and Oyster Close, to alleviate problems of parked vehicles obstructing vehicular access to and from Oyster Close. Of the 9 consultation letters sent out, 7 were returned, 4 in agreement with the proposals and 3 against. The main concern raised by those opposing to the proposals was the impact on residential parking in Cross Lane, and for this reason we recommend that these waiting restrictions are introduced on the East side of Cross Lane only.

6. Heard Way, Eurolink Industrial Estate, Sittingbourne

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed in Heard Way, at the junctions of Bonham Drive, Castle Road, and the two accesses off of Heard Way leading into the industrial units' parking areas, to improve visibility and safety at these junctions and alleviate problems experienced with lorries negotiating parked cars. Of the 13 consultation letters sent out, 2 were returned, both in agreement with the proposals. We therefore recommend that these waiting restrictions be introduced.

7. Strode Crescent Area, Sheerness

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the corners of Strode Crescent and Newcommen Road, and the junction of Strode Crescent, Trinity Road and Winstanley Road,

to improve the visibility and movement of traffic using these junctions. Of the 28 consultation letters sent out, 7 were returned, all in agreement with the proposals. We therefore recommend that these waiting restrictions be introduced.

8. Edenbridge Drive and Hawthorn Avenue, Sheerness

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the corner of Edenbridge Drive and Hawthorn Avenue, in the vicinity of the Crawford Day Care Centre. The Centre has requested these restrictions to alleviate problems with their visitors' parking in a dangerous manner in the vicinity of the Centre and on the junction of Hawthorn Avenue. Of the 11 consultation letters sent out, 1 was returned, agreeing to these proposals. We therefore recommend that these waiting restrictions be introduced.

9. Minster Road and Scrapsgate Road, Minster

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed at the junction of Minster Road and Scrapsgate Road, to alleviate problems with parked vehicles obstructing ambulance access to the Nursing Home in Minster Road, and also to improve visibility and safety at this junction. Of the 16 consultation letters sent out, 11 were returned, 10 in agreement with the proposals and 1 against. The objection was raised by the Parish Council, who stated that they believed the proposals would not resolve the safety problems at this junction, and have requested a site meeting. We therefore recommend that these waiting restrictions be introduced, but that a site meeting and discussion takes place with Minster Parish Council prior to implementation.

10. Winstanley Road and Invicta Road, Sheerness

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the junction of Winstanley Road and Invicta Road, as part of the recommended crash reduction measures from Kent Highway Services. Of the 20 consultation letters sent out, 5 were returned, 2 in agreement with the proposals and 3 against. The main objection to the proposals is the loss of parking spaces available to residents, and for this reason we recommend that the proposals are introduced, but that further discussion takes place with Kent Highways prior to implementation to explore the possibility of reducing the lengths of these markings.

11. Connaught Road, Sittingbourne

Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the North side of Connaught Road, between the junction of Ufton Lane and Park Road, to remove parked vehicles from this side of the road and improve the movement of traffic. Of the 19 consultation letters sent out, 12 were returned, 3 in agreement with the proposals and 9 against. Objections related to lack of parking for residents, and it was felt that introducing these restrictions in the close proximity of the forthcoming residents' parking scheme would exacerbate parking problems. We therefore recommend that these proposals are not implemented.

12. Shortlands Road Area, Sittingbourne

Original proposals as recommended by this Board consist of double yellow lines at various junctions in the Shortlands Road area of Sittingbourne, to provide corner protection to improve safety and the movement of vehicles at these junctions. Prior to the objection to the advertised order, 21 consultation letters were sent out. 10 of these letters were returned, 7 in agreement with the proposals and 3 against. We therefore recommend that these proposals be implemented as advertised.

13. Kestrel Close/Highsted Road, Sittingbourne

Original proposals as recommended by this Board consist of double yellow lines to be introduced at this junction to improve safety and visibility at this junction. Prior to the objection

to the advertised order, 7 consultation letters were sent out. 8 letters were received, 4 in agreement with the proposals and 4 against. We therefore recommend that these proposals be implemented as advertised.

Reasons for the Recommendations

14 Brewery Road/Cross Lane, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne

Revised proposals be implemented to keep access to Oyster Close clear, whilst allowing for residents' parking on West side of Cross Lane.

15 Heard Way, Eurolink Industrial Estate, Sittingbourne

Proposals to be implemented to improve safety and vehicle movement.

16 Strode Crescent Area, Sheerness

Proposals to be implemented to improve safety and vehicle movement.

17 Edenbridge Drive and Hawthorn Avenue, Sheerness

Proposals to be implemented to improve safety at junction and in vicinity of Day Care Centre.

18 Minster Road and Scrapsgate Road, Minster

Proposals to be implemented to improve safety at junction.

19 Winstanley Road and Invicta Road, Sheerness

Proposals to be implemented to improve safety at junction.

20 Connaught Road, Sittingbourne

Proposals not to be implemented in view of lack of parking facilities for residents.

21 Shortlands Road Area, Sittingbourne

Proposals to be implemented to provide corner protection at these junctions.

22 Kestrel Close and Highsted Road, Sittingbourne

Proposals to be implemented to improve safety at junction.

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List of background documents –

Annex A – Copies of Consultation Material

Annex C - Results of Consultation

Annex B – Summary of Objections