

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 18th December 2006
SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
BY: Head of Technical Services
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update report to members informing them of the progress of various Traffic Regulation Orders. Also, members to consider the results of recent consultation exercises carried out in various locations in relation to new waiting restrictions.

Implications: Human Resources Implications – None
Finance Implications – None
Legal Implications – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made
Crime & Disorder Implications – None
Sustainability Implications – None
Risk Implications – None

Decision Required: **Members to note information supplied in Annexes A and B with regard to Traffic Regulation Orders**
Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the following waiting restrictions are installed:

- South Avenue, Sittingbourne
- Scrapsgate/Minster Road, Minster
- Dark Hill junction with Davington Hill, Faversham
- London Road, Sittingbourne

The following locations will need to be the subject of further consultation with local residents:

- Little Glovers, Sittingbourne
- Hinde Close/North Street, Sittingbourne

The consultees are notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. This report forms a summary of progress with various waiting restrictions currently being developed by the Borough Council. The report will allow progress of the implementation of the restrictions to be tracked. Each new waiting restriction (double or single yellow line, parking bay or other waiting restriction) needs to have a traffic order made to make the new restriction enforceable. Each order needs to be published and advertised, so it makes good financial sense to advertise these orders in batches to reduce these costs. Because of this approach, there may be a delay in this board agreeing to implement an order before it is implemented.

2. This report is split into 3 sections; new restrictions that have been made and the traffic orders published, traffic orders for new waiting restrictions that are going to be made, and the outcome of consultations for proposed waiting restrictions.

New Traffic Regulation Orders

3. Traffic Regulation Orders have recently been made for various waiting restrictions in the Borough, following consultation with local residents and statutory consultees, and subsequent recommendations from members at previous Joint Transportation Board meetings. Full details of these traffic orders can be found in Annex A.

New Traffic Regulation Orders to be Made

4. New Traffic Regulation Orders are to be made for various waiting restrictions in the Borough, following consultation with local residents and statutory consultees, and subsequent recommendations from members at previous Joint Transportation Board meetings. Full details of these traffic orders, including extending one taxi rank and installing another, can be found in Annex B.

5. These orders are in the process of being published and should be in place by the end of the year. This will then allow us to introduce the new road markings on site and commence enforcement.

6. We will implement the orders listed in Annexes A and B in a single works package for completion early in the new year.

Proposed Waiting restrictions consultation results

7. Consultation has been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the following sites within the Borough:

Location	Comments
South Avenue, Sittingbourne	These proposals have come from correspondence from the school with regard to safety concerns of vehicles parking near the schools
Scrapsgate/Minster Road, Minster	At the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 18 th September 2006, members recommended that further discussions take place with the Parish Council and Kent Highways with regard to extending these restrictions. A site meeting subsequently took place with Kent Highways, and amended proposals were submitted to and approved by the Parish Council
Dark Hill, Junction with Davington Hill, Faversham	Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the junction of Dark Hill and Davington Hill, to improve visibility for motorists using this junction.
London Road, Sittingbourne	Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed in the vicinity of 183 – 201 London Road, to alleviate the visibility problems
Little Glovers, Sittingbourne	A petition from a resident was received asking for double yellow lines within the Close. The petition stated there were problems with accessing properties at the end of the Close due to poor parking. There was also poor visibility at a bend in the road

Hinde Close Junction with North Street, Sittingbourne	Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the junction of Hinde Close and North Street and extending up to number 74 North Street.
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8. Copies of the consultation material, including plans of the proposals, can be found in Annex C

Issue for decision

9. Based on the results of the consultation, Members need to decide if they agree with the officers recommendations in the following section. The recommendation takes on board the responses from the consultation process, the results of which can be found in Annex D.

Discussion

South Avenue, Sittingbourne

10. Proposals consist of installing single yellow lines in the vicinity of the two vehicle entrances to the schools, with a waiting restriction prohibiting parking between 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm Monday to Friday, to improve visibility and safety during school drop off and collection times. In addition to this, it is proposed to install a bus clearway in the existing bus stop to prevent motorists parking in this designated bay. Of the 12 consultation letters sent out, 7 were returned, all in agreement with the proposals.

Scrapsgate Road/Minster Road, Minster

11. Proposals consist of installing double yellow lines on the corners of Minster Road and Scrapsgate Road, and opposite the Scrapsgate Road junction. In addition to this, it is also proposed to install bus clearways at the two bus stops on either side of Minster Road near the Scrapsgate Road junction. This is to alleviate the current problems of parked vehicles obstructing visibility at this junction, and follows a recommendation by Kent Highway Services. Of the 16 consultation letters sent out, 11 were returned, 10 in agreement with the proposals and 1 against.

Dark Hill, Junction with Davington Hill, Faversham

12. Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the junction of Dark Hill and Davington Hill, to improve visibility for motorists using this junction. Of the consultation letters sent out, 12 letters were returned, 11 in agreement with the proposals, including emergency services and 1 undecided

London Road, Sittingbourne

13. Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed in the vicinity of 183 – 201 London Road, to alleviate the visibility problems. Vehicles currently park partially on the footways reducing visibility for vehicles accessing/exiting driveways. Residents on the northern side of London Road have noted in their consultation comments that they had previously drafted a petition in regards to permit parking and submitted the petition to the council. Of the consultation letters sent out, 11 were in agreement with the proposals, 2 undecided and 6 objected.

Little Glovers, Sittingbourne

14. A petition from a resident was received asking for double yellow lines within the Close. The petition stated there were problems with accessing properties at the end of the Close due to poor parking. There was also poor visibility at a bend in the road. The proposal consisted of double yellow lines from the bend up to and including the turning head. Of the consultation letters sent out, 4 supported the proposals (including 3 from emergency services) and 8 objected.

Hinde Close Junction with North Street, Sittingbourne

15. Proposals consist of double yellow lines to be installed on the junction of Hinde Close and North Street and extending up to number 74 North Street. Vehicles currently park close to the junction reducing visibility and opposite the parade of shops sometimes blocking access to and from driveways in North Street. We have received letters from residents in Hinde Close stating if the proposals go ahead then vehicles using the shops will park in Hinde Close using it as a car park. Of the consultation letters sent out, 12 supported the proposals (including 2 from emergency services), 9 objected (of which 3 were from residents of Hinde Close) and 2 were undecided..

Recommendation

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5. Reasons for the Recommendation

17. Proposals in South Avenue, Sittingbourne will improve safety of school children because of improvements in visibility between drivers and pedestrians.

18. The proposals at Scrapsgate Road/Minster Road, Minster, Dark Hill junction with Davington Hill, Faversham and London Road, Sittingbourne will all improve the operation of the junctions by preserving the visibility splays.

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List of background documents –

Annex A – Table of Traffic Regulation Orders made.

Annex B – Table of Traffic Regulation Orders to be made.

Annex C – Copies of Consultation Material.

Annex D – Results of Consultation.