

ANNEX B

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Dear Mike,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me on the phone at the beginning of the week. I have enclosed a copy of the reply to the comments that you made to the Faversham News last week. I am so please that you agree with me on the issues of parking in the area and I would be grateful if you would forward this letter along with your report to the JTB.

Many thanks

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So, the powers that be have deferred the problem of parking in this town to yet another Joint Transportation Board meeting to be held in June. For those who don't know, this Board's sole purpose is to fill any traffic related problems in Swale with enough hot air that they just float away. I was foolish enough to attend the last meeting in order to voice my thoughts on the continuing problem in the Luton/ Westgate / Cyprus Road area. I found that the meeting (which is comprised of Swale councillors, Town councillors, Parish councillors and representatives from the KCC) had some 30 items on the agenda and the Chairman made it clear from the outset that each item was to get around three minutes worth of discussion.

After 2 hours I left with the Board only having covered 6 items on the agenda. Clearly all the items deemed less important by the Chair have been deferred to this next meeting where I have no doubt that once again the JTB will try to make these issues float away (at least until the next meeting!)

So just to remind Swale Borough Council

The problem is this.

1. The lack of on street parking in certain areas of Faversham.

The solution is

2. Removal of parking restrictions in areas where they are genuinely not necessary, particularly where the one way systems have been introduced in the past but the restrictions for two way traffic are still in place and are being enforced by the Parking Attendants.

3. Until this work can be completed, instruct Parking Attendants to use a degree of common sense (for they are intelligent people) and only issue penalties to vehicles that are genuinely causing an obstruction and not to those that are parked on outdated road markings.

While I agree that proposals for the extension of the one-way system, marked parking bays and zone parking will need further discussion and planning. The removal of redundant yellow lines that should have been scrubbed when the one-way system was introduced surely can be implemented without further ado.

In the words of Elvis Presley

"A LITTLE LESS CONVERSATION AND A LITTLE MORE ACTION"

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