

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 25th June 2007

SUBJECT: Residents Petition – London Road, Sittingbourne

BY: Head of Technical Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report informs Members of a second petition received highlighting parking problems for residents of the north side of London Road, Sittingbourne, in the vicinity of numbers 174 and 180. This report was originally submitted in the March JTB but deferred to the June JTB 2007.

Decision Required: **That Members note the second petition and recommend that no further action be taken at this time. The approved double yellow lines on the south side are to be installed because of visibility problems due to parked vehicles and that parking on the north side to be monitored once the double yellow lines are installed.**

The consultees are notified accordingly

Introduction

1. A petition containing 13 signatures was submitted by post to Swale House on the 29th January 2006. The petition states:

"We were very disappointed and upset to receive your letter regarding the installation of double yellow lines.

The initial reason given for the lines was for safety of the south side residents exiting their driveways. According to the Highway Code it is actually illegal to reverse onto a main road.

Residents on the north side do not park on the south side out of choice, but only as a last resort. This being evenings or night and are moved as soon as possible the next morning.

We do not feel we have been treated fairly in this matter and are left wondering just how much consideration was given to our comments, suggestions and objections.

We ask you to look again at our suggestions, which include traffic calming measures and resident only parking on the north side and suggest that you do so before the installation of the yellow lines.

We would be pleased to meet you and your representative to explain our problems more fully”.

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

Discussion

3a. A petition has previously been received from the residents on the north side of London Road between Elvy Court and the Esso Garage, London Road in regarding parking problems on that side of the road. This Petition was submitted in a report to the JTB in June 2006. The conclusion was to monitor the situation following the implementation of the Sittingbourne Residents Parking Scheme.

3b. A request followed from a resident on the southern side of London Road opposite the petition area asking for parking restrictions to be installed to stop vehicles parking half on the pavement outside the drives reducing visibility and making exiting their driveways dangerous.

It was agreed that there could be a problem with visibility and a consultation took place proposing double yellow lines on the southern side. Objections were received during the consultation and a report was submitted to the JTB in December 2006. The parking restrictions were approved and the restrictions will be installed once the Traffic Regulation Order is completed.

3c. The justification for the installation of double yellow lines on the northern side of the road remains valid on the safety grounds previously reported.

4. A plan of the agreed double yellow lines is shown on Annex B

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the petition and recommend that no further action be taken at this time, but for this section of London Road to be monitored after the installation of the parking restrictions and the effects from the Residents Parking Scheme.

The consultees are notified accordingly.

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List of background documents – Residents Petition