

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**SUBJECT:** VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS – CONSULTATION RESULTS

**BY:** Head of Technical Services

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** Members to consider the results of recent consultation exercises carried out in various locations in relation to new waiting restrictions

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

- Little Glovers, Sittingbourne
- Hinde Close Junction With North Street, Sittingbourne
- Ambleside, Sittingbourne

**The consultees are notified accordingly**

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### Introduction

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 residents' petitions.

2. The plans of the proposed restrictions have been included in Annex A

### Discussion

3. The objections from the consultations have been included within Annexe's B - D. 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 greatly 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 may have been reduced to 5 metres.

#### 4. Little Glovers, Sittingbourne

A petition from a resident was received in 2006 asking for double yellow lines within the Close. The petition stated there were problems with accessing properties at the end of the Close and poor visibility at a bend in the road due to poor parking. An initial consultation preceded proposing double yellow lines and a majority of objections were received. A report was submitted in the December 2006 JTB with a recommendation to investigate the matter further and the original proposals not to be implemented.

A further consultation has now taken place, taking on board resident's comments. Of the consultation letters sent out, 7 supported the proposals (including 2 from the emergency services) and 1 objected. It is therefore recommended that these waiting restrictions be installed, as they will improve vehicle movements and safety at this location. The objections from this consultation are included in Annex B.

#### 5. Hinde Close Junction with North Street, Sittingbourne

An original consultation took place in Autumn 2006 proposing double yellow lines opposite the shops in North Street and at the junction with Hinde Close to alleviate visibility restrictions and driveways being blocked. A majority of objections were received. A report was submitted in the December 2006 JTB with a recommendation to investigate the matter further and the original proposals not to be implemented.

A further consultation has taken place to implement corner protection with double yellow lines at the junction with North Street and Hinde Close. Of the consultation letters sent out 14 supported the proposals (including 2 from the emergency services), 12 objected and 2 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that these waiting restrictions be installed, as they will improve the visibility at the junction with North Street and Hinde Close. The objections from this consultation are included in Annex C.

#### 6. Ambleside junction with Keswick Avenue, Sittingbourne

A consultation has been carried out in regards to corner protection with double yellow lines at the above location. Residents stated that large vehicles parking near the junction reducing visibility for road users. Of the consultation letters sent out 7 supported the proposals (including 2 from the emergency services), 2 objected and 1 was undecided. It is therefore recommended that these waiting restrictions be installed, as they will improve the visibility at the junction with Ambleside and Keswick Avenue. The objections from this consultation are included in Annex D.

### Recommendation

7. Members are asked to note the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the following waiting restrictions are installed.

- Little Glovers, Sittingbourne
- Hinde Close junction with North Street, Sittingbourne
- Ambleside junction with Keswick Avenue, Sittingbourne

The consultees are notified accordingly.

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Date 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007

List of background documents –