

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 17th September 2007
SUBJECT: THE STREET, OARE – BUS STOP/ON-STREET PARKING ISSUES
BY: Divisional Manager Mid Kent
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update on the Bus Stop/Parking issues in The Street, Oare
Decision Required: That members note the report.

Introduction:

1. At a joint meeting, Oare Parish Council, Swale Borough Council and Kent Highway Services discussed improvements to facilitate better access to buses and prevent footway parking.

Discussion:

2. Buses are currently not able to stop parallel with the kerb due to parked vehicles. The lay-by outside Nos.27 - 33 cannot be used by buses because of parked resident's vehicles.
3. It is intended to relocate the bus stop in the lay-by to the northern end outside of the lay-by.
4. Some vehicles are not parking fully on the road as it is too narrow without causing obstruction. As a consequence vehicles park partially on the footway and cause obstruction to pedestrians.
5. The solution to the problem was for a Traffic Regulation Order to be introduced by Swale Borough Council to prevent parking in the immediate vicinity of the bus stops.
6. To supplement the introduction of the parking restrictions, raised bus borders would be constructed to help passengers to board and alight the bus. These would have to be included in a future bid for capital works under the PIPKIN assessment.
7. The bus stop locations are shown in appendix 1.

Decision required:

1. That members note the report.

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Background documents: Appendix 1 – Location Plan