

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 17th December 2007
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, members also 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: **That Members note the report and recommend that officers implement the following waiting restrictions:**

- **Brenchley Road, Sittingbourne**
- **Capel Road, Sittingbourne**
- **Charlotte Street, Sittingbourne**
- **Stockers Hill, Boughton**
- **The Street, Oare**
- **Central Avenue, Sittingbourne – Extension to Taxi Rank**
- **Winstanley Road/Strode Crescent/Newcommen Road, Sheerness**
- **5 Rock Road, Sittingbourne – Disabled Bay to remain**
- **6 Linden Drive, Sheerness – Disabled Bay to remain**

That Members note the report and recommend that officers do not implement the following amendments to waiting restrictions:

- **Rose Street/Granville Road, Sheerness – Proposed Double Yellow Lines**
- **Dark Hill/Davington Hill, Faversham**

The consultees are notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. Following on from the previous report in September 2007, this report provides an update on progress of various waiting restrictions currently being developed by the Borough Council.
2. As with the previous report, this document is split into 3 sections; new waiting 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. As reported at the previous Joint Transportation Board meeting, Traffic Regulation Orders were advertised for the Sittingbourne and Faversham Areas. However, our contractor, Roger Casement, reported that there were outstanding queries for the Sheppey Area which had prevented him from progressing the Sheppey Consolidation Order. A meeting therefore took place between Roger Casement and Officers from Swale, to discuss these outstanding issues. These issues have now been resolved and the Sheppey Consolidation Order will be progressed shortly. In the meantime, to avoid further delay in implementing new restrictions, a separate Traffic Regulation Order has now been advertised to cover all new restrictions in Sheppey, and details of these restrictions can be found in Annex A.

Following the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders for the Sittingbourne, Faversham and Sheppey Areas, we received several formal objections to the proposals, and these are detailed in Annex A. As the statutory period for formal objections for the Sheppey Traffic Regulation Order has not passed at the date of writing this report, a tabled report will be submitted to the Joint Transportation Board if additional objections are received.

New Traffic Regulation Orders to be Made

4. Consultation has been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the following sites within the Borough. As no objections have been received during this consultation, these proposals have now been added to the new traffic regulation orders to be made, details of which can be found in Annex B.

Proposed Waiting Restrictions Consultation Results . Objections Received

5. Consultation has also been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the following sites within the Borough. Objections have been received to these proposals and details of these objections, and the consultation results, can be found in Annex C.
6. Copies of the consultation material, including plans of the proposals, can be found in Annex D.

Issues for Decision

Proposed Double Yellow Lines . Rose Street/Granville Road, Sheerness

7. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the Sheppey Area, a formal objection was received. A copy of this objection can be found in Annex E.
8. Proposals consist of the installation of double yellow lines on the junction of Rose Street, Granville Road and Pepys Avenue to provide corner protection. The objection made the point that as Granville Road was one way from this junction in an Easterly direction, there was no need for these restrictions. It is felt that this is a valid objection, and that further investigations should be carried out before implementing any restrictions at this junction.
9. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that further investigations be carried out at this junction prior to the implementation of any restrictions.

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions . Brenchley Road, Sittingbourne

10. Following a previous consultation with residents earlier this year, amendments were made to the proposed changes to parking restrictions in Brenchley Road, Sittingbourne, and a second consultation was carried out. Of the 15 consultation leaflets sent out, 7 were returned, 6 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.
11. Proposals consist of installing double yellow lines on both sides of Brenchley Road near the junction of Bell Road, and on the south side of Brenchley Road on the bend leading to the new housing estate to the east of Fulston Manor School. In addition to this, it is proposed to install restrictions along the road to prevent parking between 08:00-09:30 and 14:00-15:30 Monday to Friday to alleviate problems caused by parked vehicles during school drop off and collection times. The second consultation took on board previous comments made by residents, reducing the number of objections from 3 to 1.

12. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objection made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions . Capel Road, Sittingbourne

13. Again, following a previous consultation with residents earlier this year, amendments were made to the proposed changed to parking restrictions in Capel Road, Sittingbourne, and a second consultation was carried out. Of the 28 consultation leaflets sent out, 13 were returned, 11 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting.
14. Following a previous consultation to install timed waiting restrictions along Capel Road and double yellow lines on junctions for corner protections, we received 5 objections to these proposals. As a result of further investigations and the differing opinions from residents on either side of the road, the revised proposals were just to install the double yellow lines for corner protection, and to monitor the situation following the installation of these restrictions. This reduced the number of objections from 5 to 2.
15. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Parking Restrictions . Charlotte Street, Sittingbourne

16. Following a request from a resident of Charlotte Street, proposals were drawn up and consulted on to install double yellow lines on the corner of Charlotte Street, adjacent to the railway footbridge, to improve the safety of road users by removing parked cars currently forcing drivers into the centre of the carriageway on this bend. Of the 10 consultation leaflets sent out, 7 were returned, 6 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.
17. There was one objection to these proposals, stating that it is already hard to park in the area due to the volume of cars, but it is felt that the need to remove the hazard of vehicles meeting in the centre of the carriageway whilst negotiating parking vehicles outweighs this objection, and that there is capacity for parking in the adjoining road, Jubilee Street.
18. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objection made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Parking Restrictions . Stockers Hill, Boughton-under-Blean

19. Following a request from a resident of Stockers Hill, proposals were drawn up and consulted on to install double yellow lines on both sides of Stockers Hill, on the section of road leading into The Street, Boughton, to remove parked vehicles currently forcing road users into the centre of the carriageway, creating a hazard. Of the 11 consultation documents sent out, all 11 were returned, 10 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.
20. The proposals to install double yellow lines on either side of the road on the entrance to The Street were met with only one objection, which was from a resident stating that they currently park in this location. However, it is felt that that the safety implications outweigh this objection, and several residents have expressed their concern at the number of near misses occurring along this section of road.
21. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objection made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Parking Restrictions . The Street, Oare

22. Following a request from Oare Parish Council, a site meeting took place between representatives from the Parish Council, Kent Highway Services and Swale Borough Council, to discuss proposed parking restrictions in The Street, Oare. Proposals were drawn up by the various parties to install various waiting restrictions. Of the 40 consultation leaflets sent out, 17 were returned, 12 supporting and 5 objecting.
23. An initial consultation took place with residents in 2005 proposing to re-locate the existing bus stop in The Street, Oare to allow residents to park in the layby used by the buses. As there were an overwhelming number of objections received, the proposals were abandoned. The Parish Council then contacted us to report continued problems with parking in this area, and a meeting subsequently took place on site with Kent Highway Services, the Parish Council and Swale Borough Council representatives. The Parish Council's main concern was the threat of the bus company cancelling their service through the village due to problems experienced with obstruction from parked vehicles. Proposals were drawn up at this meeting, based on local knowledge and input from the parties, and a consultation took place with residents. Of the 5 objections received, 4 of these objections stated there would be insufficient parking available for residents and the remaining objection stated that the proposed single yellow line should be a double yellow line. It is acknowledged that available parking will be reduced, but in view of the need to retain a bus service to the village it is felt that these proposals should go ahead, with further monitoring to be carried out following the implementation of the restrictions.

24. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented. Further monitoring to take place following introduction of restrictions.

Proposed Extension to Taxi Rank . Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

25. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to extend the taxi rank in Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, we received two formal objections. Copies of these objection letters can be found in Annex E.
26. Proposals consist of extending the existing taxi rank outside of the Post Office in Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, by approximately 5 car lengths, following a request from local taxi operators. This will replace 5 public car parking spaces currently restricted to 30 minute waiting. An original consultation for the proposed taxi rank was carried out in the summer of 2006, with a closing date for comments of 23rd August 2006. One objection was received during this initial consultation, and the Joint Transportation Board recommended the progression of these proposals at the meeting on 18th September 2006. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, we have received a further two objections to the taxi rank extension. Both objectors have stated that the existing parking spaces for private vehicles should remain for use by members of the public visiting the Post Office for 5-10 minutes, and felt that the existing taxi rank is already under-used by taxis. Taxi operators have argued that due to the current insufficient space in the taxi rank, it is not being used by taxis, but would be if these proposals go ahead.
27. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that these proposals are implemented. Also, following implementation to monitor the use of the taxi rank and report back to JTB at future meetings.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines . Winstanley Road/Strode Crescent/Newcommen Road, Sheerness

28. Following the formal advertising of the Sheppey Traffic Regulation Orders, we received one objection to the above proposals. A copy of the objection letter can be found in Annex E.
29. Proposals consist of double yellow lines on junctions to provide corner protection and improve safety and visibility at the junctions by removing parked vehicles currently parking up to the junctions. It is felt that the need to maintain safety and access at these junctions outweighs the objection with regard to loss of parking spaces, and it is therefore proposed to continue with these restrictions.
30. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objection made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay . 5 Rock Road, Sittingbourne

31. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to install a disabled persons parking bay in Rock Road, Sittingbourne, we received two formal objections.
32. An application for a disabled persons parking bay was received and a consultation took place in autumn 2006. Objections were received and a report was submitted to the Joint Transportation Board on 18th December 2006 for a decision. The Joint Transportation Board decided the bay be installed. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, we have received a further two objections to the disabled persons parking bay. Objectors have stated that the applicant has no mobility problems and the bay should for other disabled peoples benefit as well. Copies of the letters received from the objectors are included in Annex E.
33. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the disabled persons parking bay remain.

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bay . 6 Linden Drive, Sheerness

34. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to install a disabled persons parking bay in Linden Drive, Sheerness, we received two formal objections.
35. An application for a disabled persons parking bay was received and a consultation took place in 2006. Objections were received and a report was submitted to the Joint Transportation Board on 27th March 2006 for a decision. The Joint Transportation Board decided the bay be installed. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, we have received a further two objections to the disabled persons parking bay. Objectors have stated that the existing disabled persons parking bay is causing problems with other residents in regards to limited parking spaces, also, applicant has no mobility problems and the bay should for other disabled peoples benefit as well. Copies of the letters received from the objectors are included in Annex E.

36. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the disabled persons parking bay remain.

Proposed Parking Restrictions . Dark Hill Junction With Davington Hill, Faversham

37. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to install parking restrictions at the junction with Dark Hill and Davington Hill, Faversham, we received two formal objections.
38. A request from a resident was received in regards to improving the visibility and vehicle movements at the junction of Dark Hill with Davington Hill, Faversham. A consultation was undertaken in 2006 proposing to install double yellow lines at the junction, no objections were received. Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, we have received two objections to the double yellow lines being installed. One of the objectors is a Councillor from St Annæ Ward, The Councillor has stated that the proposed restrictions could be reduced and that Faversham Town Council was not included in the consultation. The other objector states that the public notices installed on site were misleading and the address was incorrect. Copies of the letters received from the objectors are included in Annex E.
39. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the restrictions not be implemented at this time, but further consultation to take place with residents and Faversham Town Council.

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List of background documents .

Annex A . Details of Traffic Regulation Orders made
Annex B . Details of Traffic Regulation Orders to be made
Annex E . Letters Received From Objectors

Annex C . Copies of Consultation Results
Annex D . Copies of Consultation Material