

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 17th December 2007

SUBJECT: VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS – CONSULTATION RESULTS

BY: Head of Amenities

Classification: Unrestricted

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 the following waiting restrictions are implemented:

- Cricketers Close Junction with Pavilion Drive, Sittingbourne
- Queenborough Road (cul-de-sac), Halfway, Sheerness

That Members note the report and recommend that the following restrictions are not implemented and further consultation is undertaken:

- Oad Street, Sittingbourne
- Peregrine Drive, Sittingbourne

The consultees are notified accordingly

Introduction

1. A 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 Annex B. 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. Cricketers Close Junction With Pavilion Drive, Sittingbourne

A resident of Cricketers Close informed us that there was a problem with vehicles parking on or close to the junction with Pavilion Drive making visibility poor and affecting safe vehicle movements at the junction.

A consultation took place proposing corner protection in the form of double yellow lines to improve the current problems. Of the consultation letters sent out, of which all residents living in Cricketers Close were included, 10 supported the proposals, 3 objected and 1 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed, as they will improve visibility and vehicle movements at the junction of Cricketers Close and Pavilion Drive. The objector's comments are included in Annex B.

5. Oad Street, Sittingbourne

A resident informed us that the customers of the public house park directly opposite the junction with Mungore Lane making vehicle movements difficult when exiting the junction.

A consultation has been carried out in regards to double yellow lines at the above location. The proposals include double yellow lines at the junction with Oad Street and Mungore Lane continuing east and west for a distance in Oad Street. The public house has a car park a short distance away that can be used by its customers. Also, vehicles parking at the junction of Mungore Lane reduce visibility. Have received a letter from Kent Highway Services stating that in principle they agree with restrictions being installed for corner protection, and opposite the junction if necessary, however, the extent of the proposed double yellow lines in Oad Street near the traffic calming would be unnecessary. A copy of Kent Highway Services response letter is included in Annex C. Of the consultation letters sent out 8 supported the proposals, 3 objected and 2 were undecided. It is recommended that further consultation take place and an amended layout be agreed with Kent Highway Services. The objector's comments are included in Annex B.

6. Peregrine Drive, Sittingbourne

A request for parking restrictions at this bend was received by a resident who commented on a reduction of visibility due to vehicles being parked at this location.

A consultation has been carried out in regards to double yellow lines at the above location. The proposals include double yellow lines on both sides of the carriageway on a bend near the junction with Osprey Court. Of the consultation letters sent out 5 supported the proposals, 8 objected and 0 were undecided. Due to the amount of

objections received it is recommended that these proposals are not implemented and further consultation with residents take place. The objectors comments are included in Annex B.

7. Queenborough Road (cul-de-sac), Halfway, Sheerness

A resident informed us there was a problem with vehicles parking at the junction reducing visibility and affecting vehicle movements.

A consultation has been carried out in regards to double yellow lines at the junction with Queenborough Road (cul-de-sac) and Queenborough Road. The proposals include double yellow lines at the junction with the cul-de-sac. Of the consultation letters sent out 10 supported the proposals, 3 objected and 2 were undecided. It is recommended that the restrictions be installed to improve visibility and vehicle movements at this location. The objector's comments are included in Annex B.

Recommendation

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

- Cricketers Close Junction with Pavilion Drive, Sittingbourne
- Queenborough Road (cul-de-sac), Halfway, Sheerness

8. Members are asked to note the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the following waiting restrictions are not installed and a further consultation progress. Consultees are to be notified accordingly.

- Oad Street, Sittingbourne
- Peregrine Drive, Sittingbourne

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List of background documents –