

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 17th December 2007
SUBJECT: FAVERSHAM PARKING REVIEW – UPDATE
BY: Head of Amenities
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update report to members informing them of the progress of the Faversham Parking Review, following the recommendations of the Joint Transportation Board at their meeting on 25th June 2007.

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 together with objections/comments from consultees and recommend that officers implement the following waiting restrictions/amendments:**

- **Abbey Street/Abbey Road – Double Yellow Lines**
- **Abbey Street/Abbey Place – Amendments to existing**
- **Athelstan Road – Non permit holders from 4 hours to 2 hours, plus small section of Double Yellow Lines**
- **Makenade Avenue/Canterbury Road – Double Yellow Lines**
- **Preston Avenue/Bramley Avenue – Double Yellow Lines**
- **Preston Avenue/Canterbury Road – Double Yellow Lines**
- **St John’s Rd Area – Non permit holders from 4 hours and 2 hours parking**

That Members note the report together with objections/comments from consultees and recommend that officers do not progress the following waiting restrictions/amendments:

- **Abbey Street – Double Yellow Lines**
- **Roman Road – Amending Single Yellow Line to Bays**

The consultees are notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. Following on from the previous report in June 2007, this report provides an update on progress of the Faversham Parking Review.
2. As a result of the recommendations from the June 2007 JTB meeting, consultation took place with residents on various proposals brought about through the original parking review questionnaires. Details of these proposals can be found in the table in Annex A, and details of the consultation documents can be found in Annex B.

- Details of the results of the consultations can be found in Annex C, and where no objections were received, proposals have been added to the "Traffic Regulation Orders to be made" table in Annex D. Faversham Town Council have commented that they agree with the majority of residents' views, but there is concern that marking individual parking bays will restrict parking capacity.

Proposed Waiting Restrictions/Amendments to Existing Restrictions – Objections Received

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – Abbey Street/Abbey Place

- Following suggestions made during the initial stage of the parking review, a consultation took place with residents to replace the existing double yellow line on the South side of Abbey Place with a single yellow line restricting parking 8:00am-6:30pm Monday to Saturday, and also to extend the existing parking bay outside No.77 Abbey Street. Of the 20 consultation leaflets sent out, 4 were returned, 1 supporting the proposals and 3 objecting.
- Despite the poor response to the consultation, 20%, and the fact that only one person supported the proposals compared to 3 objectors, it is proposed to proceed with these amendments to increase parking capacity for residents in the area, whilst maintaining safety at the junction.
- Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that these proposed amendments be implemented.

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Proposed Installation of Short Sections of Double Yellow Lines – Abbey Street/Abbey Road

- Following requests from residents during the initial stage of the parking review, a consultation took place to install two short sections of double yellow lines in Abbey Road across garage entrances, and one short section across the entrance to The Maltings parking area in Abbey Street. Of the 34 consultation leaflets sent out, 13 were returned, 10 supporting the proposals and 3 objecting.
- The 3 objectors commented that they had never witnessed parking across these entrances and stated that parking in the area was already limited, but it is felt that the installation of the proposed restrictions will not have an adverse effect on parking as vehicles should not be parking across these entrances.
- Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Installation of Double Yellow Line Across Vehicle Crossing – 13 Abbey Street

- Following a request from a resident during the parking review, a consultation took place to install a short section of double yellow line across the vehicle access to No.13 Abbey Street. However, we then received a telephone call from the householder to say they had not requested such restrictions and the proposals were therefore aborted.
- Recommendation: Members are asked to note the above comments with regard to abandoning these proposals.

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – Athelstan Road

- During the initial stage of the parking review, comments were received from residents of Athelstan Road to reduce the waiting time for non-permit holders within the scheme from 4 hours to 2 hours, and a consultation therefore took place proposing these changes, and also the installation of a short section of double yellow line across a vehicle access at the side of No.16 Athelstan Road. Of the 60 consultation leaflets sent out, 25 were returned, 17 supporting the proposals and 8 objecting.
- Proposals consist of changing the existing waiting limit within the residents' parking scheme from 4 hours to 2 hours for non permit holders. Although there were 8 objections to the proposals, representing 32% of the returned leaflets, it is felt that the proposals should be implemented and the effects monitored.

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

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Makenade Avenue/Canterbury Road

15. Following suggestions made during the initial stage of the parking review, a consultation took place with residents to install double yellow lines on the junction of Makenade Avenue and Canterbury Road. Of the 10 consultation letters sent out, 7 were returned, 3 supporting the proposals and 4 objecting.
16. For safety reasons, it is felt that the proposals should go ahead, but in view of the objectors' comments on loss of parking spaces, it is proposed to reduce the length of the double yellow lines to an absolute minimum.
17. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Preston Avenue/Bramley Avenue

18. Another area where we received requests for double yellow lines was on the corner of Preston Avenue and Bramley Avenue, and a consultation took place with residents proposing these restrictions. Of the 12 consultation letters sent out, 5 were returned, 4 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.
19. Proposals consist of the installation of double yellow lines on the corner leading from Preston Avenue into Bramley Avenue. This follows requests from some residents to say that parked vehicles on this corner obstruct visibility and force vehicles into the centre of the carriageway into the path of oncoming vehicles. Although there was one objection stating that vehicle speeds will increase with the removal of these parked vehicles, it is felt that safety will be improved on this corner and that the proposals should go ahead.
20. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objection made by the consultees and recommend that the proposed restrictions be implemented.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Preston Avenue/Canterbury Road

21. The initial stage of the parking review brought about requests for double yellow lines to be installed/extended at the Preston Avenue junction with Canterbury Road, and a consultation therefore took place with residents. Of the 5 consultation letters sent out. 4 were returned, 3 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.
22. Proposals consist of the installation of double yellow lines on the East side of the Preston Avenue junction with Canterbury Road, and the extension of the existing double yellow lines on the West side of Preston Avenue, following requests from residents. One objection was received, stating that the proposed restrictions would not help visitors, but it is felt that the need to keep this junction free of parking vehicles to improve the safety of road users outweighs this objection.
23. 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 – Roman Road

24. Requests were received during the initial stage of the parking review for the existing single yellow line on the West side of Roman Road near the junction of Stone Street to be replaced with parking bays to match the opposite side of the road. A subsequent consultation took place and 10 consultation leaflets were sent out. 3 leaflets were returned, 1 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting.
25. The 2 objectors stated that the proposals would create a bottle-neck effect at this junction, and as only 1 return of support was received it is NOT proposed to continue with this amendment.

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26. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that these proposed amendments NOT be implemented.

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – St John’s Road Area

27. A common request received during the initial parking review was for the existing waiting time for non-permit holders to be reduced from 4 hours to 2 hours in St John’s Road and the surrounding areas, including St Mary’s Road, Park Road, Orchard Place, Chapel Street, William Street and Beaumont Terrace. Of the 550 consultation letters sent out, 107 were returned, 80 supporting the proposals and 27 objecting.

28. Although there were 80 supporters and 27 objectors to these proposals, there was a low return of 19% of the consultation leaflets, the majority of which were from St Mary’s Road. However, it is felt that the proposed amendments should go ahead, with a possible further review in two year’s time.

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

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List of background documents –

Annex A – Details of Proposals
Annex B – Copies of Consultation Material

Annex C – Copies of Consultation Results
Annex D – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made

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