

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: Monday 17th December 2007

SUBJECT: SITTINGBOURNE RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME REVIEW
(OUTSKIRTS)

BY: Head of Amenities

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report informs Members of the formal consultation undertaken with respect to the residents comments on a proposed expansion of the Sittingbourne Residents Parking Scheme to the area of Chalkwell Road north of the railway bridge

Decision Required: **That Members note the results of the survey and recommend that:**

- **The scheme not be implemented at this time due to the low response rate of the consultation.**

Introduction

A consultation has taken place recently regarding a proposal to expand the Sittingbourne Residents Parking Scheme. The consultation was aimed at the areas that are within a close vicinity of the existing scheme north of the railway bridge in Chalkwell Road.

The consultation asked whether residents would like to be part of the scheme. This was undertaken during November 2007. A space for the resident's comments was included within the leaflet. A copy of the consultation leaflet has been included in Annex A and a location plan of the areas consulted has been included in Annex B.

Consultation Results

The roads included within this consultation were:

Chalkwell Road (from number 14 – 124)
Church Street (from number 11 – 51)
Watsons Hill
Jubilee Street
Charlotte Street
Waterloo Road
Springfield Road
Eastwood Road
Walmer Gardens
Hythe Road

Romney Court
Periwinkle Close

The response rates have been broken down into each individual street. The response rate is the proportion of households that responded to the consultation. The support or objection percentages are the views expressed in the responses received and the support as a percentage of households in each street.

The results of the consultation is shown in the tables below:

Road Name	Response rate %	Support %	Object %	Support as % of households
Chalkwell Road	17	50	44	8.5
Church Street	0	0	0	0
Watsons Hill	13	40	40	5
Charlotte Street	13	42	50	5.5
Waterloo Road	12	0	75	0
Springfield Road	18	11	89	2
Eastwood Road	14	57	43	8
Walmer Gardens	17	100	0	17
Hythe Road	16	70	20	11
Romney Court	6	100	0	6
Periwinkle Close	14	40	20	7
Summary	14	46	42	7

Discussion

Overall, there is support from residents who returned their comments form for the introduction of the scheme. However, there was a low response rate from the consultation at just 14% of households consulted. In the existing area, which was installed last year, there was a good response rate achieved of approximately 30%.

The results of each individual road and resident's comments are included in Annex C.

Recommendation

That Members note the results of the survey and recommend that:

- The scheme not be implemented at this time due to the low response rate of the consultation.

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List of background documents –
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