

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 16th June 2008
SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for members to consider 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 (Section 17) - None

Equalities & Diversity Implications – None

Sustainability Implications – None

Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None

Corporate Plan Implications – Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

Decision Required: That Members note the report together with objections/comments from consultees and recommend that officers implement the following waiting restrictions/amendments:

- London Road, Teynham – Single Yellow Line
- Minster Drive/The Leas, Minster – Extension of Double Yellow Lines
- Portland Avenue, Sittingbourne – Double Yellow Lines (with amendments)
- Wises Lane Area (North end), Sittingbourne – Various Parking Restrictions
- Wises Lane/Brier Road (South end), Sittingbourne – Double Yellow Lines

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

- Garfield Place, Faversham – Additional Parking Spaces
- Makenade Avenue, Faversham – Double Yellow Lines
- Murton Place, Graveney – Single Yellow Line

The consultees are notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. Following requests from various residents and Parish Councils, a number of new waiting restrictions and amendments to existing restrictions were developed by the Borough Council, and consultation documents were sent out to formal consultees and residents in the vicinity of the proposals.
2. Copies of the consultation material can be found in Annex A. Details of the proposed restrictions and amendments can be found in Annex B, together with a summary of the consultation results and recommended action from officers. Full details of each individual consultation can be found in Annex C.

Issue for Decision

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – Garfield Place, Faversham

3. Following a request from a resident of Garfield Place in Faversham, a consultation took place to install two additional parking bays at the end of Garfield Place to increase parking capacity for residents. Of the 27 properties consulted, 25 responded, 6 supporting and 19 objecting to the proposals. A petition was also submitted from traders and residents of properties included in the consultation, objecting on the grounds that the proposals would seriously affect access to off-street parking. Having considered the views of the consultees, it is agreed that the additional bays would restrict off street parking.
4. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers do not progress this proposal.

Proposed Parking Restrictions – London Road, Teynham

5. Following a request from a property owner of London Road in Teynham, a consultation took place to install a single yellow line in the vicinity of the entrance to the car park to the rear of Nos. 169-175 London Road, to restrict parking between 8:30am – 6:30pm Monday to Saturday, and improve the sightline and safety of vehicles exiting this car park onto the A2. Of the 9 properties consulted, 7 responded, all supporting the proposals. The Parish Council objected to the proposals on the grounds that the car park is private and not public. However, the restrictions are proposed on the Public Highway to improve safety at the access point.
6. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers proceed with the proposals.

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Makenade Avenue, Faversham

7. Following a request from a resident of Makenade Avenue in Faversham, a consultation took place to install a short length of double yellow lines in the turning circle at the end of the road to assist vehicle movements. Of the 6 residents consulted, 3 responded, 1 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting. In view of the comments made during the consultation, and the fact that this situation is typical of many areas in the Borough, it is proposed not to proceed with the installation of the restrictions at the present time.

8. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers do not proceed with the proposals.

Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – Minster Drive/The Leas, Minster

9. Following a request from a resident of Minster Drive, a consultation took place to extend the existing double yellow lines on the junction of Minster Drive and The Leas, to the end of the made up section of Minster Drive, to improve safety at this junction by removing parked cars in the close vicinity. Of the 3 residents consulted, 1 response was received, supporting the proposals.
10. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers proceed with the proposals.

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Murton Place, Graveney

11. Following a complaint from a resident of Murton Place in Graveney, a consultation took place to install a single yellow line on the south side of the road, with timed restrictions between 8:30am – 6:30pm Monday to Saturday. This was to alleviate problems with vehicles parking partly on the footway, obstructing pedestrian access along Murton Place. Of the 7 residents consulted, 8 responses were received, all objecting to the proposals. This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting with residents, where it was noted that the majority of residents were against the proposals and stated that any complaints had been made by a small minority and did not reflect the views of the majority of residents. Furthermore, the nearby school is planning to construct a car park in the summer and it is felt that these works will alleviate any problems currently experienced.
12. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers do not proceed with the proposals.

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Portland Avenue/Tonge Road, Sittingbourne

13. Following a request from a resident of Portland Avenue in Sittingbourne, a consultation took place to install double yellow lines on the junction of Tonge Road to improve the sightline by removing parked vehicles. Of the 19 residents consulted, 7 responses were received, 3 supporting the proposals and 4 objecting. In view of the comments received with regard to existing problems with parking capacity, and the possibility of displacing parked vehicles and causing other issues, it is felt that the proposed restrictions should be shortened to 7 metres either side of Portland Avenue to minimise the impact on parking capacity.
14. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers proceed with amended proposals.

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Wises Lane/Brier Road South Junction, Sittingbourne

15. Following a request from Borden Parish Council, a consultation took place to install double yellow lines on the south junction of Brier Road and Wises Lane, to improve safety at this location by removing parked vehicles. Of the 5 residents consulted, 2 responses were received, 1 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting. Although opinions on the scheme were split 50/50, it is felt that the proposals should go ahead to alleviate parking near this junction, and the results of the new restrictions be monitored.

16. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers proceed with the proposals.

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Wises Lane Area (Northern end), Sittingbourne

17. Following requests from Borden Parish Council and residents, a consultation took place to install various waiting restrictions at the northern end of Wises Lane in Sittingbourne. The proposals consist of extending the existing double yellow lines into the junction of Grove Park Avenue and Cherryfields, and opposite the junction of Cherryfields, with the installation of double yellow lines on the northern junction of Brier Road and Wises Lane. To improve visibility along this section of road whilst minimising inconvenience to residents, it is also proposed to introduce a short section of single yellow line on the east side of Wises Lane, north of Brier Road, with waiting restrictions between 8:00am and 6:30pm Monday to Saturday. Of the 14 residents consulted, 6 responses were received, 5 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.
18. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by the consultees and recommend that officers proceed with the proposals.

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List of background documents –

Annex A – Copies of Consultation Material

Annex B – Details of Proposed Restrictions and Amendments with Summary of Consultation

Annex C – Details of Consultation Results