

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 16th June 2008

SUBJECT: Residents Petition – Winstanley Road Area, Sheerness

BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Members are asked to consider a residents petition for residents parking to be introduced in the Winstanley Road area.

Implications: Human Resources Implications - None

Finance Implications – None

Legal Implications – None

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 of the residents’ petition and recommend this area is included in the forthcoming parking review.**

Introduction/Background

1. A petition was received in February 2008 from a resident in Winstanley Road, Sheerness. It states that parking in Winstanley Road near the junction with Alma Road has become impossible since the free parking at the water tower has stopped. Included in the petition were residents from Winstanley Road, between Strode Crescent and Alma Road. The petition supports the implementation of a “residents parking only” area. The covering letter also asks if the road could be made “one way”. A copy of the petition and the covering letter is included in Annex A.

Issue for Decision

2. It is not clear from the petition and information given that the residents or non-residents are creating the parking problem. Winstanley Road is situated near Sheerness High Street and it is possible town centre visitors park here to access the shops. Due to the high density housing in the Winstanley Road area, parking for residents maybe difficult at times, this could be due to the amount of vehicles residents own. “Residents only parking” would not improve the situation if the problem was being created by the residents themselves, but may reduce parking by non-residents. Of the 30 households consulted in that part of Winstanley Road, 18 signed the petition.
3. A review of parking in various locations around Sheerness, including the Winstanley Road area took place in the past. The results were submitted to the Joint Transportation

Board and it was recommended that a residents parking scheme should not be progressed as it was not supported by the majority of residents..

4. A new review of parking in Sheppey will commence sometime in 2009. This review will identify areas where there are parking problems. The results of the review will be submitted to the Joint Transportation Board for a recommendation.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the petition and letter sent by the resident and recommend that a survey of Winstanley Road and surrounding area's commence during the parking review of Sheppey to identify the cause of the parking problems and the petition author is notified accordingly.

Reasons for the Recommendation

6. To identify the cause of parking problems in Winstanley Road and surrounding areas.

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Date: 16th May 2008

Report approved by -

List of background documents --

Annex A – Residents Petition

ANNEX A

TO:-BRETT O'CONNELL
ASSISTANT ENGINEER
SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

26TH FEB 08

DEAR SIR

REGARDING YOUR LETTER DATED 8/11/07 WHERE I HAD NOT OBJECTED ABOUT DISABLE BAY I MENTIONED ABOUT RESIDENT PARKING. I DONE A PETITION FROM STRODE CRESCENT TO ALMA RD JUNCTION. YOU SAID YOU WOULD SUBMIT A PETITION AT THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING. THE PEOPLE CONCERNED WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DO THIS . NOT ONLY ABOUT THE PARKING BUT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE SAID ABOUT BEING ONE WAY A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE HAD NEAR MISSES WHERE OTHER DRIVERS SPEED UP THIS ROAD TO GET TO OTHER ROADS ALMA,BERRIDGE ETC.

IF THE ONE WAY WAS REVERSED IT WOULD SLOW A LOT OF TRAFFIC DOWN.

I HOPE THIS CAN BE SORTED AS WHEN THE WATER DEVELOPMENT IS FINISHED I THINK THERE WILL BE MORE CAOS PARKING IN OUR RD DAY AND NIGHT.

YOUR SNCKERELY

ANNEX A

PETITION FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING WINDSTANLEY RD

The signatures below, are residents whom live in the bottom of Windstanley rd, leading from Trinity Rd/Sirrode Crescent, and live up to the cross junction at Alma Rd. The reason for this petition is that since the Free Parking has been shut off, i.e. The Water Tower parking in our road both, Day and Night is impossible! Therefore, having this end of Windstanley Residential Parking ONLY would give us a chance to park outside our own homes.

Once completed this petition will be passed onto Mr Brett O'Connell, Assistant Engineer at Swale Borough Council.

NAME	HOUSE NO.	SIGNED
18 Households signed this petition		