

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 8th September 2008

SUBJECT: SHEERNESS PARKING REVIEW

BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for members to outline proposals for the forthcoming Sheerness Parking Review

Implications: Human Resources Implications - Resources to be found within team

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 and recommend that the Sheerness Parking Review proceeds as proposed

Introduction/Background

1. A review of parking in Sheerness was undertaken in 2005. This review demonstrated that there was not majority support for a residents parking scheme as there did not appear to be a significant commuter parking problem. A number of minor changes were made to the existing parking restrictions and corner protection restrictions were introduced to improve highway safety.
2. Following various requests from Members and residents in the town centre area of Sheerness, it is now proposed to carry out a further parking review of the Sheerness Area.

Issue for Decision

3. The initial stage of this review will consist of a consultation with local residents to determine the existing problems experienced with parking in the area, and to obtain views on possible solutions to these issues, including the possible introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme in some areas.
4. To assist in the collation of information and feedback from residents, it is proposed to send out questionnaires to be completed and returned, and the first draft version of this document can be found in Annex A. Included in this questionnaire is a section of

“frequency asked questions” to clarify the benefits and limitations of similar Residents Parking Schemes already in place in Faversham and Sittingbourne areas.

5. Included in the forthcoming parking review will be investigations into the provision of a new car park at Neptune Terrace, and the use of the existing car park in Delamark Road.
6. The proposed area to be included in the parking review is shown in Annex B. The area has been split into 5 sub-areas to assist in the information collation, but the boundary of these areas is not intended to be absolute or definite. Based on this area, the review will cover approximately 2,500 properties.
7. With the existing resources and commitments of the engineering team it is proposed to undertake the review during October/November, and report the outcome to the JTB in December.

Recommendation:

8. Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that the Sheerness Parking Review continue as proposed.

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Date : 19th August 2008

Report approved by - Brian Planner

List of background documents –

Annex A – Copy of Questionnaire & Frequently Asked Questions

Annex B – Plan Showing Proposed Area for Inclusion in Parking Review