

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 8th September 2008

SUBJECT: Sittingbourne Residents Parking Scheme (Update)

BY: Head of Amenities

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update report to Members informing them of the progress with the scheme.

Implications: Human Resources Implications - None

Finance Implications – None

Legal Implications – None

Crime & Disorder Implications - None

Sustainability Implications - None

Risk Implications - None

Decision Required: This is an update report

Introduction/Background

1. The extension to the existing residents' parking scheme has now been installed and went 'live' on the 4th August 2008. Parking so far seems to have declined during the daytime due to the scheme being implemented, therefore, improving the chances of residents being able to park near their property.
2. We have had several comments from residents on the outskirts of the extended scheme area stating the scheme has displaced parking into their roads and made parking worse. A review of the scheme, which will include a consultation with residents within the scheme area and on the outskirts, is planned for January 2009. However, a consultation with residents on the outskirts of the scheme may need to be progressed sooner depending on the amount of requests we receive to review the parking before our intended date.
3. Some minor amendments have been made to the scheme layout due to residents' comments during construction. The changes mainly involve the deletion of double yellow lines at vehicle drop crossings and the installations of a white "dog bone" marking. This adds valuable parking spaces for road users when local agreements of parking exist between the residents of the road and the owner of the vehicle drop crossing. We are also currently investigating the possibility of extending the double yellow lines at the junction of Connaught Road and Ufton Lane at the boundary of the scheme. Some residents at this location have commented that vehicles now park on both sides of the road, therefore, restricting visibility for road users turning out of Connaught Road into Ufton Lane travelling south.

Recommendation

4. That Members note the report.

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