

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
**SUBJECT:** PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
**BY:** Head of Amenities & Environmental Services  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** A report for members to consider results of recent consultation exercises carried out in various locations in relation to new waiting restrictions.

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**Implications:**

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Human Resources Implications - None

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Finance Implications – None

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Legal Implications – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made

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Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) - None

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Equalities & Diversity Implications – None

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Sustainability Implications – None

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Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None

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Corporate Plan Implications – Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

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

- **Ashford Road, Faversham**

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

- **Bysing Wood Road, Faversham**
- **Priory Road, Faversham**

**The consultees are notified accordingly.**

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## **Background**

1. Previous consultations have taken place with residents and formal consultees for the introduction of waiting restrictions in Ashford Road and Bysing Wood Road in Faversham, and also for the amendment of existing restrictions in Priory Road, Faversham. As a result of the feedback from consultees, the proposals were amended and second consultations took place.
2. Copies of the first and second consultation documents can be found in Annex A. Details of the proposals at each location and the results of the consultation can be found in

Annex B, together with recommended action from officers. Full details of each individual consultation can be found in Annex C.

## **Issue for Decision**

### **Proposed Parking Restrictions – Ashford Road, Faversham**

3. Following requests from residents, Kent Highway Services were asked to consider the installation of double yellow lines on the east side of Ashford Road, along the front of the properties opposite the M2 junction to the north of the M2 bridge, to prevent parked vehicles obstructing the sightlines of vehicles exiting driveways. Kent Highways responded by saying that they would not consider installing restrictions on highway safety grounds and that the issue was one for the Borough Council to consider as a parking matter. Swale Borough Council therefore developed a scheme and carried out a consultation with residents and formal consultees.
4. However, during this consultation, Kent Highways advised the Borough Council that they had since attended a site meeting with local Councillors and residents, and had agreed proposed restrictions consisting of double yellow lines, a single yellow line, a bus clearway and the re-location of the existing bus stop which differed from the scheme that had been circulated for consultation.
5. A second consultation therefore took place based on these proposals. Details of the original and revised proposals can be found in Annex A. Of the 13 properties consulted on the revised proposals, 11 responded, 9 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting. One of the objections stated that the proposals will not prevent vehicles parking on the footway outside of their property. There are no driveways in this particular area, and therefore there is no issue of obstructed sightlines which was one of the main reasons for the proposals. The other objection was from a resident who opens his garden to the public for charity around 10 weekend days a year, and expressed concern that the proposals will reduce the amount of available parking for these events. Following a similar objection during the first consultation, the original proposals for double yellow lines along the whole stretch of road were amended to a revised plan of single yellow lines with no weekend restriction along part of the road to accommodate additional parking. This forms part of the current proposal and it is felt that this is the best compromise available at the present time.
6. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by consultees and recommend that officers proceed with the proposals.

### **Proposed Parking Restrictions – Bysing Wood Road, Faversham**

7. Following requests from residents, a consultation took place with residents and formal consultees on proposals to install double yellow lines on the south side of Bysing Wood Road, east of the junction of Wildish Road.
8. Previously, the Borough Council had received complaints that a high number of vehicles, presumed to be employees of the factory on the north side of Bysing Wood Road, were parking along this section of road, obstructing the sightline on the bend and creating a hazard.
9. The initial consultation received a 50/50 response, with the two objectors expressing concern at the lack of available parking should the restrictions be installed. A second consultation therefore took place on proposals to install a single yellow line with restricted parking between 8:30am and 6:30pm Monday to Friday, to accommodate parking for residents in the evenings and at weekends. Of the 11 properties consulted, 6 responded, 4 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting. Concern was expressed that

the proposed restrictions could force parked vehicles further along Bysing Wood Road to areas already heavily parked. Also, on several separate occasions it was noted that there were no vehicles parked within the area of the proposed restrictions, and it seems that correspondence with the Police and the factory owners has alleviated the problems previously experienced at this location.

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

### **Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions – Priory Road, Faversham**

11. Following the recent installation of double yellow lines in Priory Road at the request of residents, the Borough Council received a letter from one of the original consultees to say that they objected to the restrictions being placed outside of their property. At the time of the consultation, an objection was not made as the resident thought the proposals did not affect her. The resident has now stated that the recently installed restrictions are causing her much distress and inconvenience, and the Borough Council has also received correspondence from the Church requesting that all of the double yellow lines be replaced with a single yellow line with daytime restrictions Monday to Friday, to allow parking for visitors to church services, weddings and funerals, etc.
12. An initial consultation took place to remove the double yellow lines outside of No.2 Priory Road, and 6 responses were received, 2 supporting the proposals and 4 objecting. The main objection to the proposal was the fact that the double yellow lines had alleviated congestion at this location during school drop off and collection times, and it was felt that the removal of restrictions was a retrograde step.
13. A further consultation therefore took place to replace approximately 25 metres of the double yellow line outside No.2 Priory Road with a single yellow line restricting parking between 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 5:00pm Monday to Friday to alleviate parking issues during school times whilst minimising inconvenience to residents. Of the 6 residents consulted, 5 responded all objecting to the proposals. In addition to these responses a petition has been submitted stating that the 12 signatures do not object to the removal of the double yellow lines outside No.2 Priory Road. Of the 12 signatures on the petition, 8 are residents of Priory Road and 4 are from properties backing onto Priory Road or from relatives who visit residents in Priory Road.
14. It is felt that a stalemate has been reached with regard to the restrictions in Priory Road, with any proposed amendments to the existing restrictions certain to receive a number of objections at the formal advertising stage of any traffic regulation orders. In view of this, and the amount of officer time spent on this particular issue, it is felt that the proposed amendments not be progressed at the present time, and for the parking situation in Priory Road to be monitored.
15. Recommendation: Members are asked to consider the comments made by consultees and recommend that officers do not proceed with the proposals at the present time.

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Report approved by - Brian Planner

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