

**TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DATE: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**SUBJECT: VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services**

**Classification: Unrestricted**

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**Summary:** A report for members to consider results of recent consultation carried out in various locations in relation to new waiting restrictions, and to provide update on other planned 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 and recommend that officers implement the following waiting restrictions:**

- **College Road, Sittingbourne**

**The consultees are notified accordingly**

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Introduction/Background

1. A consultation has been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the introduction of new waiting restrictions within the Borough. These proposals have come from various sources such as residents' letters, parish/town council correspondence and residents' petitions. In addition to this, a second consultation has taken place with residents in the vicinity of Stocker's Hill, Boughton-under-Blean following previous formal objections raised to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines at the western end of The Street.
2. The plans of the proposed restrictions have been included in Annex A.

Issue for Decision

3. The objections to the proposals have been included within Annex B. The locations will be discussed in the following paragraphs. Where corner protection measures are being introduced, Kent Police have requested that a minimum waiting restriction distance of 10 metres should be adopted. However, in areas where parking demand

is high this will greatly reduce local parking capacity. The proposals for corner protection in this report do meet the requirement where possible, however in some locations the need for a waiting restriction has been balanced against the need for parking, so in some instances the corner protection may have been reduced to 5 metres.

4. College Road, Sittingbourne

A request was received from a resident that lives in College Road stating parking in College Road (Burley Road end) had deteriorated since the Residents Parking Scheme was introduced to the Rock Road area. The resident specified that non residents were now using College Road as all day parking instead of Rock/Burley Road. This often causes problems when vehicles park on both sides of the road restricting vehicle movements.

Residents were consulted back in October 2008 in regards to proposed restrictions being installed in the above road. The proposal consisted of extending the existing double yellow lines on the south east side of the road for approximately 10 metres and install a single yellow line on the north west side up to the junction with Medway Close.

The proposed extended double yellow lines would move parked vehicles further away from the junction with Burley Road/Basset Road improving visibility and the single yellow lines would remove parking on the north west side of the road again improving visibility and therefore improving vehicle movements.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the following waiting restrictions are installed and that the consultees are notified accordingly.

- **College Road, Sittingbourne**

Reasons for the Recommendation

6. The proposed restrictions will improve vehicle movements and visibility

7. Stocker's Hill, Boughton-under-Blean

Following the advertising of a traffic regulation order which included proposals to install double yellow lines on both sides of Stocker's Hill, Boughton-under-Blean, formal objections were received and a second consultation subsequently took place. As a result of discussions with some residents, the proposals on the second consultation consisted on the installation of double yellow lines on the south side of Stocker's Hill and a single yellow line with restrictions between 10:00am-11:00am Monday to Friday, on the north side of the road.

In view of the formal objections received when the traffic regulation order was advertised, the consultation area was increased to include properties to the east of the planned restrictions. Of the 19 residents consulted, 9 responses were received, 3 supporting the proposals and 6 objecting. Several requests were received for a residents' parking scheme to be introduced, but this would be difficult to enforce within current resources and may displace the parked vehicles to other areas not covered by such a scheme.

To progress this matter as soon as possible it is now proposed to meet residents on site to discuss the current problems experienced with a view to reaching a solution that is acceptable to the majority of residents. A final consultation could then be carried out, and the results of this could be submitted to the Joint Transportation Board for consideration.

8. Salters Lane/Canterbury Road, Faversham

A request for made via the Faversham Local Engagement Forum for double yellow lines to be installed on the junction of Salters Lane and Canterbury Road in Faversham, to improve safety by removing vehicles currently parking on the junction. Kent Highway Services were asked to consider the implementation of these restrictions but they have subsequently responded by saying that as there is no record of personal injury crashes at this location any restrictions would need to be progressed by the Borough Council.

Proposals to install double yellow lines in Salters Lane, at the junction with Canterbury Road, will therefore be included in the next round of consultations due to take place in the spring.

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Report approved by – Head of Amenities

List of background documents – Annex A – Copy of consultation plan

Annex B – Copy of the objector's comments and responses