

**TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DATE: MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**SUBJECT: VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**BY: Head of Environmental Services**

**Classification: Unrestricted**

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**Summary:** Report to update Members on various waiting restrictions in the Swale area.

**Decision Required: For information only**

### Introduction

1. Following recommendations from previous Joint Transportation Board meetings, proposals for waiting restrictions at various locations have been included in the latest Sittingbourne Traffic Regulation Order, currently being prepared. Details of these proposals can be found in Annex A, together with the date of recommended action from the Joint Transportation Board.

### Discussion

#### Wises Lane, Sittingbourne

2. In addition to these new restrictions, the Traffic Regulation Order includes a short section of extended double yellow lining in Wises Lane. Following the previous consultation with residents and subsequent Traffic Regulation Order, double yellow lining was installed in Wises Lane at various points between the northern junction of Brier Road and the A2 London Road. There was also a section of single yellow line installed on the east side of Wises Lane between Brier Road and Cherryfields. Although this new restriction has alleviated problems of sightline obstructions for vehicles exiting Brier Road into Wises Lane, it has resulted in some vehicles now parking on the west side of the road, opposite the driveways of 9 Wises Lane and 1 Brier Road.

3. In normal circumstances this parking would not cause a problem, and the introduction of the single yellow line has assisted residents by keeping driveway entrances free of parked vehicles. However, there are a couple of factors in this instance that have introduced other issues. The householder of 9 Wises Lane is disabled, and whilst he would not be eligible for a disabled persons parking bay as the property has off street parking, he is unable to gain access to and from the vehicle when it is parked on the drive. His wife therefore parks the vehicles outside of the property to allow access to and from the vehicle, before parking on the driveway. Now

that vehicles are parking opposite the driveway, complete obstruction is caused in Wises Lane when the vehicle is parked outside of the property. In addition to this, the occupant of 1 Brier Road uses a 6 metre long van for his business, and now that vehicles are parking opposite his driveway he is unable to manoeuvre this vehicle on and off the secured driveway.

4. To alleviate these problems, temporary “No Waiting” cones have been placed on site opposite these two driveways, and we now need to extend the existing double yellow lines along this section of Wises Lane, up to a point opposite the northern junction of Brier Road, to formalise these arrangements. There is obviously some urgency to address this issue, as without these restrictions in place vehicles can park opposite these driveways and create the problems detailed above. The temporary cones are effective, but are subject to movement and are not legally enforceable without a Traffic Regulation Order. For this reason, the extension of the existing double yellow lines has been included in the current Sittingbourne TRO. Although an informal consultation has not taken place with residents in this instance, there will be the formal advertising on site in due course, and anyone will have the opportunity to object to the proposals during this formal consultation period. As stated in the previous report to the Joint Transportation Board back in March 2009, we will continue to monitor parking in this area following implementation of the recent restrictions, following the request from County Councillor Ferrin and Councillor Baldock for double yellow lines to be installed on both sides of Wises Lane from the A2 London Road to a point passed the junction of Dental Close.

#### Church Farm Road, Upchurch

5. Following the recommendation at the Joint Transportation Board meeting in March 2009, we are in the process of arranging a meeting with residents, through Upchurch Parish Council, to discuss the previously requested double yellow lines in Church Farm Road, at the junctions of Chaffes Lane and Forge Lane. Following this meeting we will report back to the Joint Transportation Board.

#### Conyer Road, Barrow Green

6. Previous consultations have taken place with residents and formal consultees on proposals requested by Teynham Parish Council for waiting restrictions to be installed on the junction of Conyer Road and Lower Road, at Barrow Green. As there were many objections to these proposals, the restrictions were never progressed, but as the Parish Council has continued to express concern at access problems caused by parked cars at this location, it is proposed to meet with residents and the Parish Council to discuss the issue further. The meeting is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7:30pm at Teynham Community Hall. Unfortunately, Kent Highway Services has advised the Parish Council that they will not be attending the meeting as it is policy not to attend evening meetings. We will report back to the Joint Transportation Board following this meeting.

## Recommendation

7. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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List of background documents – Annex A – Details of Proposals Included in TRO