

Progress Report for Information Only

The following sites have been included in this report to update the Joint Transportation Board and do not require decisions at this time:-

1. Grovehurst Road Layby, Sittingbourne

A request was received from one of the Borough Council's Street Wardens for a single yellow line to be installed in the layby on the west side of Grovehurst Road, between the Newman Drive and Grovehurst Avenue roundabouts. For some time problems have been experienced with vehicles being parked in this layby for long periods of time, advertised for sale. It was therefore requested that some form of waiting restriction be introduced to enable greater enforcement of these vehicles.

It is proposed to introduce a single yellow line in the layby, with a one hour parking restriction between 10am and 11am Monday to Friday. By installing a restriction such as this, vehicles will be prohibited from parking all day long, whilst minimising inconvenience to residents and other road users who may wish to use the layby.

A consultation took place, and of the 14 residents consulted, 5 responses were received all supporting the proposals. These restrictions will therefore be included in the next Sittingbourne Traffic Regulation Order.

2. Lynmouth Drive/Wards Hill Road, Minster

A report was received from a resident of Lynmouth Drive in Minster, expressing concern that vehicles were parking close to the junction of Lynmouth Drive and Wards Hill Road. This was causing sightline problems, and also forcing vehicles into the centre of Lynmouth Drive, into the path of vehicles travelling in the opposite direction in the close vicinity of the junction.

A consultation therefore took place with residents to install double yellow lines on either side of Lynmouth Drive and into Wards Hill Road, for a distance of 7.5 metres in each direction, to provide corner protection to the junction.

A consultation took place, and of the 8 residents consulted, 6 responses were received all in support of the proposed restrictions. These restrictions will therefore be included in the next Sheppey Traffic Regulation Order.

Similar restrictions were proposed for the Seathorpe Avenue/Wards Hill Road junction, but as one objection was received from a resident in Seathorpe Avenue, further discussions will take place with the objector prior to progressing any restrictions at this location.

3. Grayshott Close, Sittingbourne

Several requests were received from the PCSO for the area following PACT meetings with residents, for a double yellow line to be installed down one side of Grayshott Close in Sittingbourne, to improve the movement of vehicles in the area.

A consultation subsequently took place with residents, with a view to installing restrictions for the full length of Grayshott Close on the eastern side of the road, and around the turning circle at the end of the road.

Of the 29 residents consulted, 21 responses were received, 14 supporting the proposals and 7 objecting. In view of the high percentage of objections received further investigations and consultations will take place with residents prior to progressing the installation of any restrictions in the area.

4. Church Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne

A request was received for parking restrictions to be installed by a resident to improve vehicle movements and stop commuters parking directly outside her driveway access.

A consultation took place with residents to propose double yellow lines at south eastern end of the road at a narrow point and in part of the turning head.

No objections were received, but the resident requesting the restrictions informed us that the proposed restrictions needed adjusting slightly. As there are only 2 residents in this area of road, 1 being the requester, no second consultation will take place with an amended drawing, but a site meeting is to progress with the residents concerned to agree on an amended layout.

5. Homewood Avenue junction Berkeley Court, Sittingbourne

A request was received from Cllr Willicombe via a resident to investigate problems with vehicle movements due to parking at various junctions off Homewood Avenue. Site surveys progressed and it was identified that the Berkeley Court junction had problems with parked vehicles, especially at school drop off/pick up times.

A consultation with residents took place with residents proposing double yellow lines at the junction with Homewood Avenue.

No objections were received; therefore, these restrictions will be included in the next Sittingbourne Traffic Regulation Order.

6. Northwood Drive junction Bell Road, Sittingbourne

A request was received to re-paint an existing single yellow line at the above junction as it had faded. Having looked at the site it was felt it would benefit if the single yellow lines were replaced by double yellow lines as the junction is very busy due to the close vicinity of shops in Northwood Drive. Several times vehicles have been seen parking on this junction causing visibility problems for vehicles exiting Northwood drive into Bell Road.

A consultation progressed with residents proposing double yellow lines at the junction of Northwood Drive and Bell Road.

No objections were received: therefore, these restrictions will be included in the next Sittingbourne Traffic Regulation Order.