

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**SUBJECT:** Proposed No Waiting At Any Time Parking Restrictions  
A2 London Road, Sittingbourne

**BY:** Transportation and Development Manager - Swale

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** An report on a revised proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time between 126 – 140 London Road, Sittingbourne

**Decision Required:** Approval of proposed plan

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**Introduction**

1. The proposed Waiting Restrictions outside Wickes store were reported to the Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 with a recommendation to implement them as proposed.
2. Numerous objections were received complaining that the unrestricted parking they have enjoyed outside their property will be lost and they will be forced to park elsewhere.
3. Members of the Joint Board recommended:
  - a. That the petition be noted.
  - b. That the proposed no waiting at any time parking restrictions on London Road are not implemented.
  - c. That a letter is written to the Highways Advisory Board and Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways advising them of this decision
4. A report was prepared for the Highways Advisory Board asking Members to recommend implementing the parking restrictions as originally advertised. If the scheme did not go ahead, the junction into the development could be potentially hazardous by virtue of the mix of right turning and through traffic acting contrary to the road layout and carriageway markings.
5. The former Cabinet Member decided to uphold the Boards recommendation and the parking restrictions were not implemented.

**Discussion**

6. Kent Police have now submitted a Highway Information Report. These are sent to Kent Highways when the Police consider that there is a problem/safety issue on the public highway. The report states that there are visibility issues with vehicles exiting the Esso services into London Road (annexe B). Drivers cannot see past the vehicles parked on the north side of the road, and drivers approaching from the west cannot see vehicles exiting Esso because of the parked vehicles.

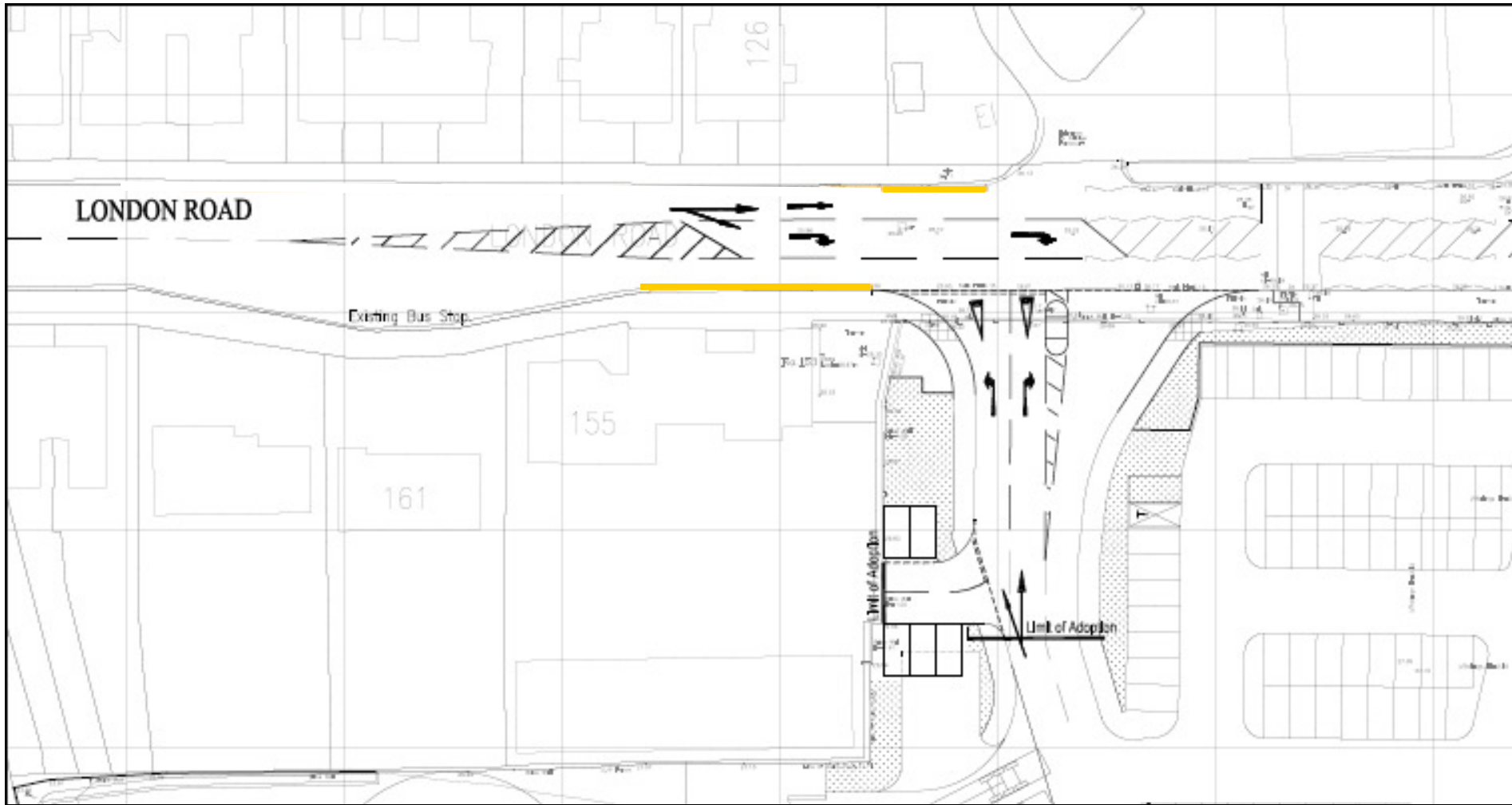
7. The recommendation from the Police is to install parking restrictions on both sides of the A2 for several metres west of the Wickes development. This will allow eastbound traffic to safely pass stationary vehicles in the right turn lane, and also improve visibility for traffic exiting the petrol station forecourt.
8. Although there are no reported personal injury crashes at this location since the opening of the Wickes store, parking at this location, when vehicles are waiting to turn right, will result in congestion and increased omissions from vehicles stopping and starting.
9. Two of the objectives and priorities of KHS are **Tackling Congestion** by managing the highway network more effectively and better **Air Quality** by reducing the environmental impact of traffic, especially in urban areas.
10. A revised plan is attached at annexe A that reduces the extent of the parking restriction to an area between the access to the Esso garage and the access to 126 for a distance of 11 metres. The parking restriction on the south side to be implemented as originally proposed.

### **Decision Required**

11. Members are asked to approve the revised plan to overcome the concerns of the Police and alleviate hazards created by on-street parking.
12. The Order to be made without further public consultation as these proposals will not affect residents on street parking.

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Background documents:  
Annexe A – revised parking restriction plan  
Annexe B – Police photo



A2 LONDON ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE

Rev A

— Proposed double yellow lines

Annexe A

Annexe B

