

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed No Waiting At Any Time Parking Restrictions  
Canterbury Road, Sittingbourne  
**BY:** Transportation & Development Manager - Swale  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** A report on the proposal to introduce *No Waiting At Any Time* at the junction of Canterbury Road and Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne

**Decision Required:** Approval of proposed plan

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### Introduction

1. As part of the developer's planning obligation to extend Swanstree Avenue, traffic signals have been installed at the junction of the A2 Canterbury Road, Swanstree Avenue and Vincent Road.
2. To maintain the efficiency of the traffic signals, *No Waiting At Any Time* restrictions are proposed to be installed at the junction (annexe A).

### Discussion

3. Consultations were undertaken in August 2009 by placing an advert in the local press and displaying a public notice on site. This resulted in six objections from residents on the north-west side of Canterbury Road affected by the proposal and complaining that the unrestricted parking they have enjoyed outside their property will be lost and they will be forced to park elsewhere. Loading and unloading will still be permitted.
4. The signals became operational during late October. The loss of one lane, by not introducing parking restrictions, will reduce the efficiency of the junction which could result in longer queues. As with any new signal junction it will take some weeks to settle down. In the long term, the removal of the nearside lane will affect the capacity of the junction and drivers may experience longer delays than if two lanes are available.
5. Although there are no reported personal injury crashes at this location since the commissioning of the traffic signals, parking at this location with vehicles waiting to turn right, will result in congestion and increased omissions from vehicles stopping and starting.
6. Two of the objectives and priorities of KHS is **Tackling Congestion** by managing the highway network more effectively and better **Air Quality** by reducing the environmental impact of traffic, especially in urban areas.

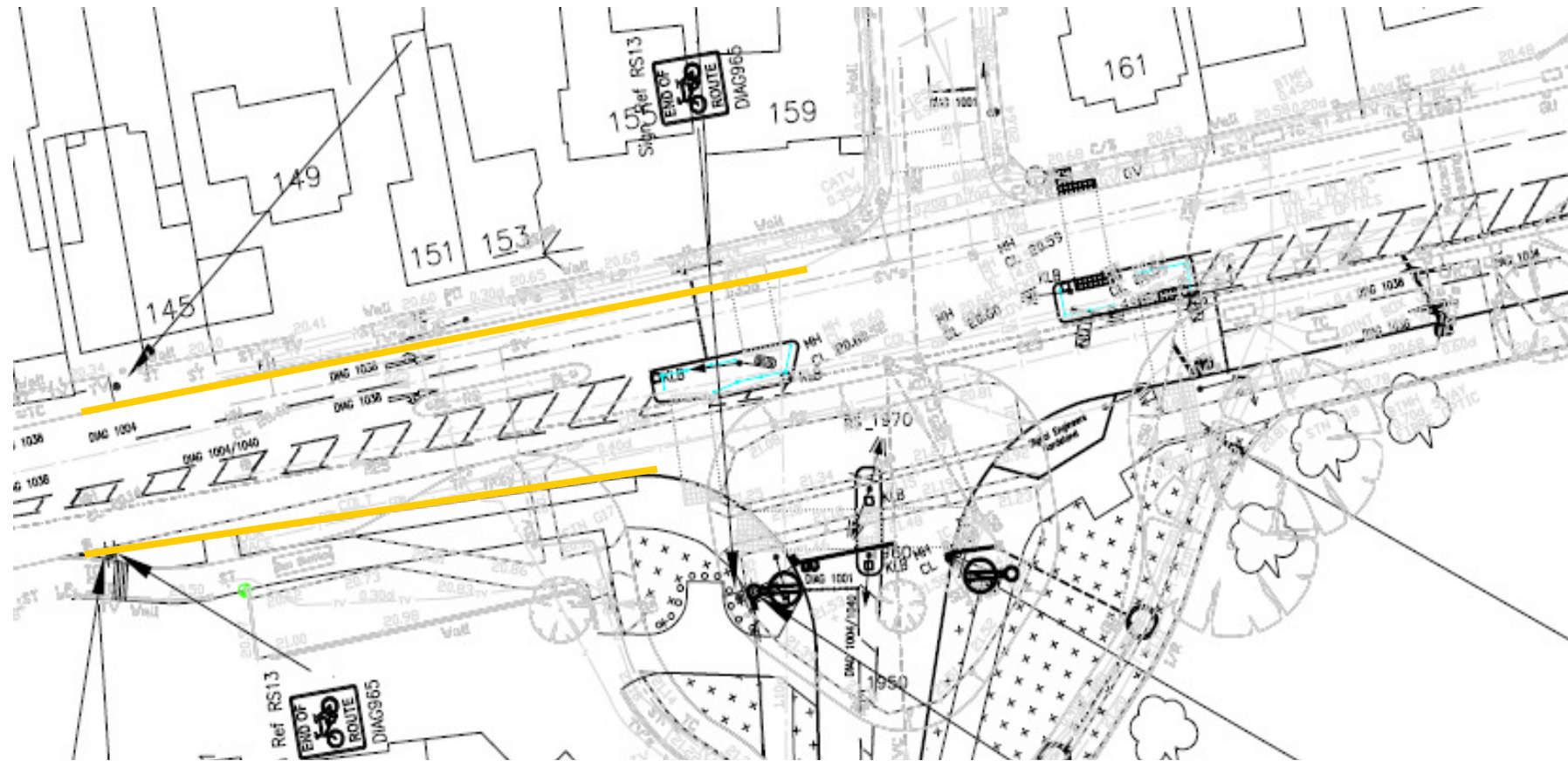
### Decision Required

7. To recommend implementation of the scheme as consulted on. The objectors to be notified of the decision and advised that there is no legal right to park a vehicle on the publicly maintained highway.

Annexe A – Proposed parking restrictions

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Annexe A



Proposed parking restriction