

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: Monday 14th December 2009

SUBJECT: FAVERSHAM PARKING REVIEW UPDATE

BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update report to members informing them of the initial results of the recent consultation with residents in Faversham with regard to the Parking Review.

Implications:

Human Resources Implications - None

Finance Implications – None

Legal Implications – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made

Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) - None

Equalities & Diversity Implications – None

Sustainability Implications – None

Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None

Corporate Plan Implications – Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

Decision Required: Members to note the information supplied in the report.

Introduction/Background

1. A Parking Review took place in the central area of Faversham at the end of 2006, where the views of residents were sought on the existing on-street parking arrangements.
2. We received a 35% response from the previous consultation and were able to carry out a number of changes to the existing parking restrictions.
3. Since the last review, a number of comments and suggestions have been received from residents and a further review has therefore taken place. A total of 3250 leaflets were delivered to properties in the latest review, and a total number of 668 responses were received, giving a response rate of 21%. A copy of the consultation leaflet can be found in Annex A.

Discussion

4. As with the previous review, to assist in the collation of responses, the consultation area has been split into different areas. This review is made up of 7 areas, and details of these can be found on the plan in Annex B.

5. Many comments received were consistent with all of the roads included in the consultation area. These included:-
- Parking bays should be marked to maximise space available
 - Parking permits are currently too expensive
 - Better enforcement of existing restrictions is required
 - Some double yellow lines could be reduced to increase parking capacity
 - Not enough capacity for the number of residents' vehicles
 - Parking scheme enforcement times should be increased to cover evenings
 - Scheme times should be extended
 - Overspill from adjoining roads
6. As well as these comments, other more specific comments were received from the individual areas with the review area. Details of response statistics and some of the comments received for each area can be found in Annex C.

Recommendation

7. With such a large number of comments and suggestions received, further detailed analysis is required, and a report will therefore be submitted to the next meeting of this board to recommend possible cases of action to address the comments received.

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Report approved by - Brian Planner

List of background documents –

Annex A – Copy of Questionnaire

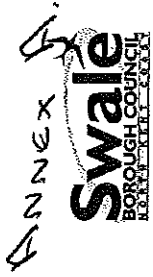
Annex B – Plan of Parking Review Areas

Annex C – Details of Responses from Each Area



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Faversham Parking Review 2009

Dear Resident/Occupier

You may recall the previous Faversham Parking Review undertaken in 2006, where the views of residents were sought on the existing on-street parking arrangements in the central area of Faversham.

We received a good response from this consultation and as a result carried out a number of changes to the existing parking restrictions.

There were some roads included in the consultation where residents had very different views on the suitability of a residents parking scheme for their particular road, and in cases where there was no clear majority view major changes were not introduced.

Since the last review, we have received various comments and suggestions from residents on the parking arrangements, and we are therefore now carrying out a further review to obtain up to date views on these issues.

As with the previous review, the first stage is to seek the views of residents to find out what works and what could be improved. Obviously, there is limited on street parking in the central area of Faversham, and as such it is important that we make the best use of the parking capacity available.

Once the first stage of this consultation has been completed, we will contact residents again with the results and possible options for change that will form the basis of further consultation.

I would be most grateful if you could complete and return the survey by **Wednesday 11th November 2009**, and I thank you taking the time to respond.

Questionnaire

Responses – please write your road name below and circle your responses to the questions on the left. Please detach this side and post back to us – no stamp required

What is the name of your road?

How many vehicles do you have in your household?

1 2 3 4+

Do you feel that there are parking problems in your road?

Yes No

Are you usually able to park within a reasonable distance from your property?

Yes No

If you feel that there are parking problems in your road, are these generally caused by too many residents' vehicles for the spaces available, commuter parking, or a combination? (please circle all answers that apply)

Residents Commuters Shoppers Other (please specify)

Problems with parking may not exist at all times of the day. When would you consider that the parking problems are worst? (please circle all answers that apply)

During the Day Evenings/Night time Weekends No Problems

Is your road within the residents parking (permit) scheme?

Yes No

For Residents Within Existing Scheme
Would you say that the scheme works well?

Yes No

If not, what changes to the scheme do you feel should be considered?

For Residents Outside of Existing Scheme
Do you feel that the residents parking scheme should be extended to include your road?

Yes No

Are there any other comments you wish to make?

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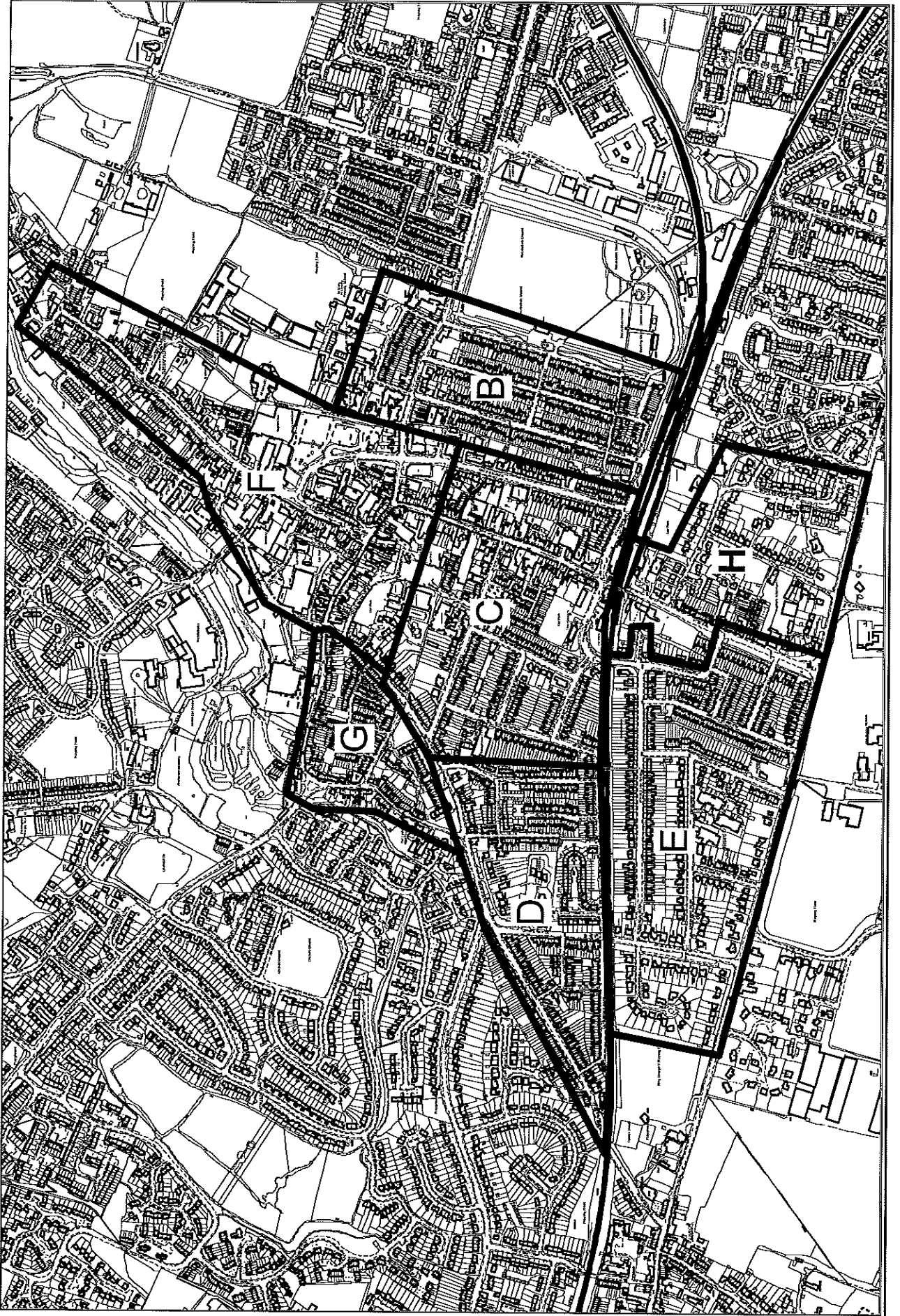
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Please return completed questionnaires by Wednesday 11th November 2009. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

Faversham Parking Review Areas



Details of Responses from Each Area

B. St John's Road Area

Response rate: 15%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 87% No 13%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 54% No 46%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 48% Commuters 23% Shoppers 29%

Problems problems occur: During the day 11% Evenings 50% Weekends 38%
Never 1%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 98%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 46% No 54%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes
73% No 27%

- Problems experienced with overspill from recreation ground parking
- Free visitors parking permits should be returned
- Size of Zone B should be reduced
- Parking should be for residents only

C. Roman Road Area

Response rate: 19%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 68% No 32%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 72% No 28%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 52% Commuters 17% Shoppers 31%

Parking problems occur: During the day 16% Evenings 41% Weekends 38%
Never 5%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 99%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 66% No 34%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes
42% No 58%

- Make nearby car parks free for permit holders
- Enforcement of scheme needed after 4pm
- One free book of visitors permits per year would be fair
- Scheme working well – do not change

D. Nightingale Road Area

Response rate: 32%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 58% No 42%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 78% No 22%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 64% Commuters 24% Shoppers 12%

Parking problems occur: During the day 9% Evenings 50% Weekends 33% Never 8%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 8%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 57% No 43%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes 23% No 77%

- Opposed to Residents Parking Scheme – would not help
- Mark bays but do not introduce scheme
- Car parks to be free for permit holders

E. Athelstan Road Area

Response rate: 33%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 65% No 35%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 67% No 33%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 38% Commuters 49% Shoppers 13%

Parking problems occur: During the day 25% Evenings 44% Weekends 25% Never 6%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 21%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 61% No 39%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes 43% No 57%

- Mixed views on extending Residents Parking Scheme
- Town need commuters – encourage to use trains not hinder them
- One permit per household

F. Abbey Street Area

Response rate: 11%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 85% No 15%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 73% No 27%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 49% Commuters 8% Shoppers 43%

Parking problems occur: During the day 11% Evenings 45% Weekends 40%
Never 4%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 87%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 49% No 51%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes
50% No 50%

- Approximately 154 permits issued for 103 spaces in road
- Restrict parking to 30 mins as per Napleton Road
- Restaurant and Brewery Visitors parking in roads
- Zone A too small – insufficient capacity
- Properties with designated parking should not be entitled to permits

G. Tanners Street Area

Response rate: 12%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 90% No 10%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 55% No 45%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 69% Commuters 10% Shoppers 21%

Parking problems occur: During the day 10% Evenings 55% Weekends 35%
Never 0%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 97%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 35% No 65%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes
100% No 0%

- No provision for motorcycle parking
- Zone B should be split into smaller zones
- Premium should be introduced on second permit
- Zone B should be West Street and surrounding area as before

H. Preston Grove Area

Response rate: 26%.

Perceived problems with parking in road: Yes: 47% No 53%

Able to park within reasonable distance from property: Yes 85% No 15%

Parking problems caused by: Residents 45% Commuters 37% Shoppers 18%

Parking problems occur: During the day 24% Evenings 35% Weekends 24%
Never 17%

Responders within existing parking scheme: 30%.

For those within scheme, does it currently work well? Yes 47% No 53%

For those outside of scheme, would they like their road included in scheme? Yes
12% No 88%

- Nelson Street – should be entitled to permits in adjoining roads
- 10am – 11am restriction works well
- Suggest 2pm – 3pm restriction for later commuters
- Much improved parking situation since introduction of Scheme
- Consider changing layout of some parking bays in The Mall to increase capacity