

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: Monday 14th June 2010
SUBJECT: VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS
BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for members to consider results of recent consultation carried out in various locations in relation to proposed waiting restrictions, and also to consider formal objections received following the recent advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders in Swale.

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: That Members note the report and recommend that officers implement the following waiting restrictions:

- **Tavistock Close Junction Johnson Road, Sittingbourne**
- **Barrow Grove Junction Homewood Avenue, Sittingbourne**
- **Lydbrook Close Junction London Road, Sittingbourne**
- **St George's Avenue Junction Botany Close, Sheerness**
- **Eastchurch Road, Sheppey**
- **Various Junctions off Main Road, Queenborough**
- **Brewery Road, Milton Regis – with amendments**
- **Conyer Road, Barrow Green**
- **Bellevue Road, Minster**
- **Key Street Layby, Sittingbourne**

That Members note the report and recommend that officers do not install the following waiting restrictions.

- **Davington Hill, Faversham**
 - **Preston Avenue, Faversham**
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Introduction/Background

1. A consultation has been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the introduction of new waiting restrictions within the Borough. These proposals have come from various sources such as residents' letters, parish/town council correspondence and residents' petitions. In addition to this, following previous consultations with residents on various waiting restriction proposals, a formal Traffic Regulation Order has now been progressed and advertised on site. At the time of writing this report, formal objections have been received to proposals at Bellevue Road, Minster and Key Street Layby, Sittingbourne, and these are detailed in the report. However, as the closing date for objections is 7th June it is possible that further objections could be received, and a verbal update will therefore be provided at the Joint Transportation Board meeting.
2. The plans of the proposed restrictions have been included in Annex A.

Issue for Decision

3. The objections to the proposals together with a response to the issues raised have been included within Annex B. The locations will be discussed in the following paragraphs. Where corner protection measures are being introduced, Kent Police have requested that a minimum waiting restriction distance of 10 metres should be adopted. However, in areas where parking demand is high this will greatly reduce local parking capacity. The proposals for corner protection in this report do meet the requirement where possible, however in some locations the need for a waiting restriction has been balanced against the need for parking, so in some instances the corner protection may have been reduced to 5 metres.

4. Tavistock Close junction Johnson Road, Sittingbourne

A request was received from a Police Community Support Officer to install parking restrictions at the junction with Tavistock Close and Johnson Road, Sittingbourne. It has been reported that parents picking up their children from a nearby school are parking at this junction restricting visibility for pedestrians crossing the road.

Out of the 26 properties consulted, 3 supported the proposals, 1 objected and 0 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines be installed at this junction to improve visibility and vehicle movements.

5. Barrow Grove junction Homewood Avenue, Sittingbourne

The request was received by a resident to install parking restrictions at the junction of Barrow Grove and Homewood Avenue. The resident states that parking near the junction takes place, making vehicular access to the entrance of the road difficult as there is also a bend just after the junction.

Out of the 22 Properties consulted, 7 supported the proposals, 4 objected and 0 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines are installed at this location to improve vehicle movements and visibility.

6. Lydbrook Close junction London Road, Sittingbourne

A request to install parking restrictions in this area was received from a local business that uses this road for access to their premises. It was highlighted that vehicles park close to the junction, creating a problem with access for larger vehicles when deliveries take place.

Out of the 27 Properties consulted, 5 supported the proposals, 2 objected and 0 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines are installed at this junction to improve vehicle movements and visibility.

7. St George's Avenue junction Botany Close, Sheerness

A request was received by a resident for parking restrictions at the junction of St George's Avenue and Botany Close, Sheerness. The resident stated that there are problems with vehicles parking close to the junction creating problems with visibility.

Out of the 24 properties consulted, 7 supported the proposals, 1 objected and 1 was undecided. It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines be installed at this junction to improve vehicle movements and visibility.

8. Eastchurch Road, Sheppey

A request from a resident was received to install parking restrictions in the vicinity of Shoebury Terrace, Eastchurch Road. The resident stated that vehicles park close to the bend on the north side, so eastbound traffic has to overtake parked vehicles meeting westbound traffic on the wrong side of the road.

Out of the 22 properties consulted, 6 supported the proposals, 1 objected and 2 were undecided. It is therefore proposed that double yellow lines are installed to prevent vehicles parking near and on the bend improving visibility and promoting safer vehicle movements.

9. Various Junctions off Main Road, Queenborough

A request was received by a Police Community Support Officer for parking restrictions at various junctions off Main Road, Queenborough. There have been incidents in this area which relate to poor visibility. Although the original request looked at a few junctions, a consultation commenced covering all junctions in this area.

Of the 195 properties consulted, 28 supported the proposals, 13 objected and 5 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines be installed at all junctions to improve vehicle movements and visibility as detailed on the relevant plan.

10. Brewery Road, Milton Regis

Following a request from two local Councillors, a consultation took place to extend the existing School Keep Clear markings in Brewery Road, and to install double yellow lines on the junction of Cooks Lane for corner protection.

Of the 17 properties consulted, 9 responses were received, 7 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting. As the objections related to the proposed double yellow lines affecting the parking capacity for residents in the area, it is recommended that these proposals go ahead for safety reasons, but that the double yellow lines be reduced outside of Albion Terrace to 5 metres instead of the proposed 10 metres to minimise the impact on parking for residents.

11. Conyer Road, Barrow Green

Following an original request from Teynham Parish Council for waiting restrictions to be introduced on the junction of Conyer Road and The Crescent in Barrow Green, two previous consultations and a public meeting have taken place in an effort to reach a mutually beneficial solution to the parking in this area. Using the feedback from the public meeting, a third consultation has now taken place with residents on revised proposals. In addition to this, at the request of the Parish Council, the original requested restrictions were also consulted on once again.

Of the 21 residents consulted, 12 responses were received. 2 residents supported the proposals from the Parish Council and 6 objected to these proposals. 6 residents supported the third proposals from the Borough Council and 1 resident objected to these proposals. It is therefore recommended that the third proposals, detailed as "Plan B" on the consultation document in Annex A, be progressed, whilst considering any suggestions and comments made during the consultation.

12. Bellevue Road, Minster – Formal Objection to Traffic Regulation Order

Following a previous consultation with residents on the installation of School Keep Clear markings in Bellevue Road, a Traffic Regulation Order was progressed and subsequently advertised. A formal objection has now been received from a resident of Bellevue Road, stating that the pedestrian access to the school has been in place for 10 years and vehicles do not park in the proposed area for School Keep Clear markings. A copy of the objection letter can be found in Annex C. As these restrictions will only apply between 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm-5:00pm during school term times Monday to Friday, and in view of the concerns from residents on parked vehicles in the vicinity of this entrance and the safety of school children, it is recommended that these proposed markings are installed.

13. Key Street , Sittingbourne – Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order

Following a previous consultation with residents as a result of a request to install a Single Yellow Line in the Key Street layby to the east of Key Street roundabout, a Traffic Regulation Order was progressed and subsequently advertised. A formal objection, signed by 3 residents, has now been received, and a copy of this objection can be found in Annex D. Legally, this would not represent a formal objection as the residents concerned are not objecting to the installation of the Single Yellow Line, but are requesting an extension to the proposed restriction times, from 10am-11am Monday to Friday to 7am-11pm 7 days a week. The proposals for an hour restriction were designed to prevent vehicles being left in the layby for a number of days, advertised for sale, whilst minimising the impact on the use of the layby for other road users and residents. Changing the proposals would require a new consultation and associated Traffic Regulation Order which will take a considerable amount of time, and for this reason it is recommended that the original proposals go ahead and that the parking situation be monitored following installation.

14. Davington Hill, Faversham

A request from resident was received in regards to installing parking restrictions near Davington Cottages and at the bend in the road further north. The resident stated that when cars park at the bend, west bound traffic was met by vehicles on the wrong side of the road overtaking parked vehicles.

Of the 10 properties that were consulted, 1 supported the proposals, 6 objected and 0 were undecided. It's therefore recommended the restrictions are not installed as there have been no reported accidents in this area and the restrictions would reduce residents parking in an already limited parking area.

15. Preston Avenue, Faversham

A petition was received from 13 residents of Preston Avenue requesting the installation of a Single Yellow Line on both sides of the road from the junction with A2 Canterbury Road to the boundary of No.21/23 Preston Avenue, with a one hour restriction between 10am-11am Monday to Friday to alleviate reported problems with commuter parking. A consultation subsequently took place with residents.

Of the 43 properties consulted, 36 responses were received, 13 supporting the proposals and 23 objecting. From the feedback received, it is obvious that this is an emotive issue, with concerns from both sides of the argument. Following the consultation, one resident has asked for their signature to be removed from the petition. In view of the high number of objections received it is recommended that these proposals are not progressed.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the following waiting restrictions are installed and that the consultees are notified accordingly.

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- **Barrow Grove junction Homewood Avenue, Sittingbourne**

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Reasons for the Recommendation

The proposed restrictions will improve vehicle movements and visibility, and/or associated safety issues.

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List of background documents –

Annex A – Copy of consultation plans

Annex B – Copy of the objector's comments and responses

Annex C - Copy of objection received to School Keep Clear markings, Bellevue Road, Minster

Annex D – Copy of objection received to Single Yellow Lines, Key Street Layby, Sittingbourne