

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: Monday 6th September 2010
SUBJECT: VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS
BY: Head of Service Delivery
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for members to consider objection/comment received following the recent advertising of the Faversham Traffic Regulation Order, and to provide an update on various waiting restrictions 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:**

- **Whitstable Road/Millfield Road junction, Faversham – single yellow lines to double yellow lines.**

Introduction/Background

1. Following previous consultations with residents on various proposed waiting restrictions in the Faversham area, a Traffic Regulation Order was prepared and recently advertised on site. The closing date for formal objections was 9th August 2010. During this formal consultation period, the Borough Council did not receive any formal objections, but did receive a letter from a resident of Whitstable Road expressing concern at the lack of parking capacity that would be caused as a result of the proposed restrictions on the junction with Millfield Road.
2. A plan of the proposed restrictions has been included in Annex A, and a copy of the letter received can be found in Annex B.

Issue for Decision

Whitstable Road/Millfield Road, Faversham

3. The proposals to replace the single yellow lines on the junction of Whitstable Road and Millfield Road followed a request from the Police, and an informal consultation took place with residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposals. No objections were received at this time.

4. Kerb build outs were installed at this junction some time ago by Kent Highways, to prevent vehicles parking close to the junction and obstructing the sightline of vehicles exiting Millfield Road onto Whitstable Road. At the time, single yellow lines were also installed around these build outs, but we have been requested by the Police to replace these restrictions with double yellow lines to prevent parking at all times.
5. A response has been sent to the resident, advising that whilst it is appreciated that there is limited parking capacity along Whitstable Road, the kerb build outs were installed by Kent Highways for safety reasons and the double yellow lines in Whitstable Road have been kept to the kerb build outs only, to minimise impact on residents' parking.
6. The letter has also suggested marked bays for each property, and residents only parking between 6pm and 6am. Our response advises that we cannot reserve areas of the Public Highway for individual properties, and that Residents Parking Schemes are introduced to tackle commuter parking problems and would not improve capacity when the majority of vehicles are owned by residents.

Various Waiting Restrictions

7. For Members' information, a table of the restrictions included in the recently Traffic Regulation Orders for Faversham, Sheppey and Sittingbourne can be found in Annex C. These Traffic Orders are due to be sealed shortly, and the restrictions can then be installed on site.

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.

- **Whitstable Road/Millfield Road junction, Faversham – single yellow lines to double yellow lines.**

Reasons for the Recommendation

The proposed restrictions will ensure the junction is kept clear of parking vehicles which can cause a safety hazard by obstructing the sightlines.

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Report approved by – Head of Service Delivery

List of background documents –

Annex A – Plan of proposed double yellow lines

Annex B – Copy of letter received

Annex C – Table of Restrictions to be installed