

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: Monday 6th September 2010
SUBJECT: FAVERSHAM PARKING REVIEW UPDATE
BY: Head of Service Delivery
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for to update Members on progress of the recent Faversham 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: Information Only

1. Following the decision of the Joint Transportation Board on 14th June 2010, letters have been sent out to all residents in the Abbey Street area to advise them of our proposals to extend the existing operating times of the Residents Parking Scheme from 8:30am-6:30pm to 8:30am-10:30pm (Monday to Saturday).
2. In response to these letters, officers have received several calls from residents objecting to these proposals, stating that Abbey Street itself should be treated as two different sections as the current parking problems only occur between Quay Lane and Abbey Place.
3. In reply to these comments, officers have confirmed that there was a majority support for the extension to the operating times of the scheme from both sections of Abbey Street, 86% of responders in favour between Quay Lane and Abbey Place and 74% of responders in favour between Abbey Place and Abbey Road. Also, if the Scheme operating times were extended in only half of Abbey Street, this would inevitably displace parked vehicles into the other section of Abbey Street, creating further parking problems.
4. With regard to the proposed extension of the existing Residents Parking Scheme to cover Edith Road, Canute Road, Kingsnorth Road and Belmont Road, officers are now in the process of preparing a draft design for the proposed layout of parking within this area. Once completed, this design will be sent out to residents within these roads for comments and any minor amendments, before work on the Traffic Regulation Order commences.
5. It is currently planned to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order around November, so that any formal objections can be reported back to the Joint Transportation Board in December for consideration.

6. Letters have been sent out to residents in Edith Road, Canute Road, Kingsnorth Road and Belmont Road advising them of this process. Again, several calls have been received from residents in the area objecting to the introduction of the Scheme within their road, and there has been the suggestion of a petition being prepared. If received, this petition will be reported to the Joint Transportation Board at a later date for consideration.
7. With regard to the existing voucher parking in the Briton Road to Stone Street area, as detailed in the report to the Joint Transportation Board in June 2010 further detailed investigations are required, and these will be completed as soon as resources allow.

Recommendation

8. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

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