

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: Monday 13th December 2010
SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXTENSION TO RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME
FAVERSHAM
BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report to summarise the results of the consultation with residents, and a subsequent petition, on proposals to extend the existing Residents' Parking Scheme to include Kingsnorth Road, Canute Road, Edith Road and Belmont Road in Faversham.

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 contents of the report and recommend that Officers either proceed with the proposed extension of the existing Residents' Parking Scheme to include Kingsnorth Road, Belmont Road, Edith Road and Canute Road or abandon the proposals.**

That the consultees be notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. Based on the feedback received from the initial consultation with residents as part of the Faversham Parking Review, a consultation took place in May 2010 on proposals to extend the existing Residents' Parking Scheme to include Kingsnorth Road, Edith Road, Belmont Road and Canute Road. A copy of the consultation material can be found in Annex A.
2. The results of this consultation were reported to the Joint Transportation Board in June 2010, and details of these responses can be found in Annex B.
3. Based on the results of this consultation, Members recommended that Officers proceed with the proposed extension to the Residents' Parking Scheme, and an initial design commenced to form the basis of further consultation with residents. However, prior to the Joint Transportation Board meeting in September, a petition was received from residents within the area of the proposed parking scheme extension. This petition was verbally reported to Members at the meeting, and further details are now included in this report.

Issue for Decision

4. The petition received from residents consisted of a total of 110 signatures, representing 86 properties in the area. The petition was made up of property addresses and whether householders supported or objected to the proposed extension to the existing Residents' Parking Scheme. Details of the responses received from the petition can be found in Annex C.
5. The results of the consultation have been added to the feedback received from the petition to give overall totals for each road. To provide the most accurate information, where households have responded to both the consultation and petition in the same way, these duplications have been removed to prevent distortion of the results.
6. In some cases, residents have responded differently on the petition than to our original consultation. Three residents of Kingsnorth Road who supported the proposals at the consultation stage have subsequently objected in the petition. Similarly, four residents of Belmont Road who had originally supported the proposals at the consultation stage have objected in the petition.
7. Following the receipt of the petition, and the subsequent verbal report to Members at the Joint Transportation Board meeting in September, letters were sent to all consultees within the area to advise them that a full report would be submitted to the Joint Transportation Board in December for a decision to be made on whether to continue or abandon the proposed parking scheme extension.
8. Although responses to this letter were not requested, feedback was received from some residents. Copies of the written responses can be found in Annex E. Several comments were made expressing concern over the submitted petition. Some residents have stated that they felt pressured into signing the petition and have argued that it is not representative of the majority of residents' opinions.
9. A separate petition has been received from residents of the nearby Ethelbert Road for single yellow lines to be installed with a one hour parking restriction, between 10am and 11am Monday to Friday, to tackle reported problems of vehicles parking for long periods of time. Details of the consultation results can be found in the "Various Waiting Restrictions" report submitted to the Joint Transportation Board at this meeting. Based on feedback received during the consultation, Members have been asked to consider the comments and recommend that these restrictions are not implemented but that the parking in Ethelbert Road be considered with that of surrounding roads such as the Kingsnorth Road, Belmont Road, Edith Road and Canute Road areas. As such, any further consultation with residents over the proposed extension of the parking scheme should also include those residents in Ethelbert Road.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that Officers either proceed with the proposed extension of the existing Residents' Parking Scheme to include Kingsnorth Road, Belmont Road, Edith Road and Canute Road or abandon the proposals.

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Report approved by – Head of Amenities & Environmental Services

List of background documents –

Annex A – Copy of consultation material

Annex B – Results of June 2010 consultation

Annex C – Summary of Responses – consultation and petition

Annex D – Copy of letter sent to residents October 2010

Annex E – Written responses to October 2010 letter