

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
**SUBJECT:** PETITION FOR RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME  
DAVINGTON HILL, FAVERSHAM  
**BY:** Head of Amenities & Environmental Services  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** A report to consider the recent petition for Davington Hill to be included in Residents' Parking Scheme.

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**Implications:**

Human Resources Implications - None
Finance Implications – Traffic Regulation Order & Associated Signing/Lining
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.

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**Decision Required:** **That a Residents Parking Scheme is not progressed in Davington Hill.**  
**That the residents be notified accordingly.**

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### Introduction/Background

1. At the Joint Transportation Board meeting in March 2011, a petition was presented from residents of Davington Hill in Faversham, and a copy of this petition can be found in Annex A. The request, signed by residents from 5 of the 7 properties located at the bottom of Davington Hill, is for a Residents' Parking Scheme to be introduced in this section of the road. A copy of the petition can be found in Annex A.

### Issue for Decision

2. The petition from residents states that because of limited parking near the town centre, people are parking both all day and all night in the stretch of Davington Hill adjacent to the row of cottages opposite Stonebridge Pond. It also states that there was recently the problem of a car parked in front of the cottages for two weeks.
3. A parking survey was completed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to determine parking patterns in this section of Davington Hill, and also the section of West Street between Davington Hill and Twyman's Mill. A plan showing the survey area can be found in Annex B.
4. The results of the parking survey can be found in Annex C. The area was surveyed at 5 separate intervals during one day, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011. The intervals were between 05:45 – 05:55, 09:55 – 10:05, 13:55 – 14:05, 17:55 -18:05 and 22:00 – 22:10.

5. The results of the survey suggest that the majority of vehicles parked in Davington Hill are owned by residents as opposed to being commuter vehicles or owned by people visiting or working in the town centre area. In West Street, the number of parked vehicles is fairly consistent, with residents' vehicles being replaced during the day with commuter and visitor vehicles.
6. Residents Parking Schemes are introduced to tackle problems with commuter vehicles and problems associated with visitors and workers in nearby town centres. As the survey results suggest that the majority of vehicles parked in Davington Hill are owned by residents, the introduction of such a scheme would have little affect on the parking in the road. It is possible that residents from the surrounding area are parking outside these cottages and not just the cottage residents. However, the survey shows there to be space in West Street which would be closer to the other residential areas. Also any visitors to the cottages would impact on the limited space available which would not be solved by a residents parking scheme.
7. From the survey results it is recommended that a residents scheme is not progressed in Davington Hill. However, should Members of the Joint Transportation Board recommend that Davington Hill be included in a Residents' Parking Scheme, the existing nearby scheme would need to be extended to include this section of West Street as well as Davington Hill, to avoid an isolated Parking Scheme. A consultation would then need take place with those residents affected prior to any change in the existing restricted area, and the results reported to the Joint Transportation Board for consideration.

### **Recommendation**

8. Members are asked to note the contents of the report and the associated parking survey and recommend that a Residents Parking Scheme is not progressed in Davington Hill.

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Report approved by – Head of Service Delivery

List of background documents –

Annex A – Copy of petition received from residents

Annex B – Plan of parking survey area

Annex C – Parking survey results