

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: Monday 18th June 2012
SUBJECT: VARIOUS WAITING RESTRICTIONS
BY: Head of Service Delivery
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for members to consider results of recent consultations carried out in various locations in relation to proposed waiting restrictions.

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 install the following waiting restrictions:**

- **Capel Road/Whitehall Road, Sittingbourne**
- **Mount Field, Faversham**
- **West Ridge/Windsor Drive, Sittingbourne**
- **Frognal Gardens/Station Road, Teynham**
- **Colegates Road/Close/The Street, Oare**

That Members note the report and recommend that officers abandon the proposals to install the following waiting restrictions:

- **Dark Hill, Faversham**
- **Unity Street, Sheerness**

That Members note the comments with regard to proposed waiting restrictions in Cranbrook Drive and Tunstall Road in Sittingbourne.

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..
2. The plans of the proposed restrictions have been included in Annex A.

Issue for Decision

3. Comments and objections to the proposals are 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. **Dark Hill, Faversham**

Following a request from a resident, the possibility of extending the double yellow lines on the northern side of Dark Hill near the junction with Davington Hill has been investigated. It had been reported that problems with visibility occur when vehicles park on the north eastern side of Dark Hill near the junction with Davington Hill.

The request was to extend the existing double yellow line further into Dark Hill to allow better visibility for vehicles exiting Davington Hill onto Dark Hill. The existing double yellow lines at this location extend to approximately 10 metres which is the minimum a vehicle should park from a junction according to the Highway Code.

Consultation plans were sent to 28 properties, this included properties in Dark Hill, Davington Hill, St Stephens Close and Stonebridge Way who are all in the near vicinity. Of the 28 letters sent out only 9 responded. The results showed 5 supported, 3 objected and 1 was undecided, and although there was more support than objections to the proposals the response rate was quite low.

According to KCC there have been no reported crash incidents at this location, and it is therefore recommended that due to the low response rate and information received from KCC the proposals not be implemented at this time and that the location be monitored.

5. **Capel Road/Whitehall Road, Sittingbourne**

A request from a resident was received to investigate the possibility of installing parking restrictions in part of Capel Road and Whitehall Road.

Capel Road - It has been reported that there were problems with vehicles parking on the north side of Capel Road in the area between numbers 19 – 29 due to the road width being quite narrow. It has been requested that double yellow lines are installed along the full length of the southern side of the road and intermittently on the northern side to reduce parking and create passing points for vehicles travelling in opposite directions.

Whitehall Road – Although there are already double yellow lines at the junction with Capel Road and Whitehall Road, It had been reported that vehicles entering the junction from Capel Road are forced out into the middle of the road due to vehicles parking in close proximity to the junction. This was witnessed during an on-site meeting. It is proposed to extend the double yellow lines on the south east side to provide space for vehicles entering Whitehall Road to give way to oncoming traffic. It has also been proposed to extend the double yellow lines on the north west side up to and covering the junction with Hanover Close to improve visibility and traffic movements.

The consultation plans were sent to 28 properties, this included properties in Capel Road, Whitehall Road and Hanover Close who are all in the vicinity of the proposals. Of the letters sent out 20 responded. The results showed 14 supported, 4 objected and 2 were undecided.

It is therefore recommended that double yellow lines be installed as per the consulted plan to improve vehicle movements and visibility in Capel Road, Whitehall Road and Hanover Close.

6. **Unity Street, Sheerness**

A request from the Estates Manager at the Isle of Sheppey Academy was received to investigate the possibility of installing parking restrictions near the entrance to the Academy. It has been reported that parked vehicles near the entrance have in the past impeded access to the Academy, especially with delivery vehicles and coaches.

It was proposed to extend a length of double yellow line on the north side between the junction of Richmond Street and Jefferson Road and on the south side just outside the entrance of the Academy. It was also proposed to install a single yellow line on the north side outside the entrance area with a restriction of 07:00hrs – 09:00hrs and 14:00hrs – 16:00hrs which are the core delivery/drop off times.

The consultation plans were sent to 62 properties, this included properties in Jefferson Road, Richmond Street and Unity Street who are all in the vicinity of the proposals. Of the letters sent out only 9 responded. The results showed 1 supported and 8 objected to the proposals.

According to KCC there have been no reported crash incidents at this location and it is therefore recommended that due to the low response rate, objections received and information provided by KCC, the proposals are not implemented.

7. **Mount Field, Faversham**

A request was received from a resident of Mount Field who lives at the bend in the road. It has been reported that vehicles park on the north side of the bend restricting access to larger vehicles, especially deliveries and refuse freighters. There have been reports that larger vehicles have to overrun the footway on the south side, damaging the footway and on one occasion the water service pipe to a resident's property. The owners of the vehicles causing the problem have apparently been notified by the Borough Council's Waste Team to refrain from parking there on rubbish collection days, but apparently these requests have been ineffective.

It is proposed to install a short length of double yellow lines on both sides at the bend in the road to keep this area clear of parked vehicles.

The consultation plans were sent to all 21 properties in Mount Field. Of the letters sent out 17 responded. The results showed 10 supported, 5 objected and 2 were undecided.

It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed as this will improve vehicle movements and promote sensible parking.

8. **West Ridge/ Windsor Drive, Sittingbourne**

A request was received from Councillor Alan Willicombe for corner protection measures to be introduced on the junction of West Ridge and Windsor Drive in Sittingbourne to tackle problems with vehicles parking on this junction, obstructing sightlines and hindering vehicle movements.

It has been proposed to install two short sections of double yellow lines on this junction to keep the area clear of parked vehicles.

The consultation plans were sent to 12 properties in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions. Of the letters sent out 5 responded. The results showed 4 supported and 1 objected.

It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed as this will improve vehicle movements and promote sensible parking.

9. Frognaal Gardens/Station Road, Teynham

At a recent site meeting, Teynham Parish Council requested corner protection measures for the junction of Frognaal Gardens and Station Road in Teynham, to tackle problems with vehicles parking on the junction obstructing sightlines and hindering vehicle movements.

It has been proposed to install two short sections of double yellow lines around the corners of this junction, and these have been kept to a minimum to reduce the impact on parking capacity in the area.

The consultation plans were sent to 12 properties in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions. Of the letters sent out 3 responded. The results showed 1 supported and 2 objected.

Although we received more objections than supporting responses, it is recommended that the restrictions be installed to ensure the junction is kept clear of parked vehicles.

10. Colegates Road/Close/The Street, Oare

At a recent site meeting, Oare Parish Council requested the installation of two short sections of double yellow lines to address problems with parked vehicles obstructing sightlines and creating a hazard for road users.

It has been proposed to install double yellow lines on the inside of the corner of The Street/Colegates Road and on one side of the junction of Colegates Close/Colegates Road. These restrictions have been kept to a minimum to reduce the impact on parking capacity in the area.

The consultation plans were sent to 20 properties in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions and 8 responses were received, all supporting the proposals.

It is therefore recommended that these restrictions be installed as this will improve vehicle movements and promote sensible parking

11. Cranbrook Drive/Tunstall Road, Sittingbourne (Information Only)

Requests have been received from Tunstall Parish Council and a couple of residents in the area for waiting restrictions to be introduced near the junction of Cranbrook Drive and Tunstall Road in Sittingbourne. It has been reported that vehicles parking close to the junction are forcing motorists over the centre of the carriageway in Cranbrook Drive, where they are meeting vehicles travelling in the opposite direction.

It has been proposed to install double yellow lines around this junction, extending on the west side of Cranbrook Drive to protect the entrance to Bramble Down Place.

The consultation plans were sent to 19 properties in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions. 13 responses were received, 8 supporting the proposals and 5 objecting. In view of the objections and comments received, it is intended to revise the proposals with a reduction in the length of double yellow lining and carry out a second consultation with residents.

The results of this second consultation will be reported back to the Joint Transportation Board in September.

Recommendation

12. 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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 - Mount Field, Faversham
 - West Ridge/Windsor Drive, Sittingbourne
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 - Colegates Road/Close/The Street, Oare
13. Members are asked to note the comments/objections made by the consultees and recommend that the following waiting restrictions are abandoned and that the consultees are notified accordingly.
- Dark Hill, Faversham
 - Unity Street, Sheerness

Reasons for the Recommendation

14. The proposed restriction will improve vehicle movements and visibility. .

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Report approved by – Head of Service Delivery

List of background documents –

Annex A – Copy of consultation material

Annex B – Copy of results of consultation