

To: Swale Joint Transportation Board
By: Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager
Date: 10 June 2013
Subject: Tunstall School Parking Restrictions
Classification: Decision

Summary: This report seeks a decision on implementation of parking restrictions in vicinity of Tunstall C.P. School, Tunstall Road, Tunstall.

Decision Required: That Members consider the issues surrounding the proposed scheme and recommend whether or not the restrictions should be implemented on site.

Introduction

1. A report was submitted to Swale JTB at its 12 December 2011 (agenda item 6) following representations from Tunstall Parish Council and local residents who considered parking near the school to be an ongoing problem. At that meeting, it was recommended that residents be consulted about options for parking restrictions outside the school and the outcome of the consultation be considered when a decision had been made about additional land being made available for parking (minute 417).
2. An informal public consultation was carried out in July 2012, funded from Mr Mike Whiting's Member Highway Fund allocation. The report into the results of the consultation was tabled at 10 September 2012 JTB (item 262). The number of votes for each option is shown below:

Do you consider parking outside Tunstall School to be a problem?	Tunstall Parish
Yes	74
No	15

If <u>Yes</u> , which of the following would you support?	Tunstall Parish
1. School Keep Clear Markings	6
2. Double Yellow Lines	10
3. School Keep Clear Markings + Double Yellow Lines	26
4. Single Yellow Lines	7
5. School Keep Clear Markings + Single Yellow Lines	23
6. No Parking Restrictions	0

Members agreed to proceed with option 3, School Keep Clear zig-zag markings with Double Yellow Lines.

3. In November 2012, Swale B.C. advertised formal intent to make a parking restrictions order. The outcome of the formal consultation was reported to the 10 December 2012 JTB (agenda item 5). Two letters of objection were received, three letters of support were received from addresses within Tunstall Parish and two from outside the parish. Please see Appendix 1 for copies of these letters. A public representation was made at the meeting (item 441) and members recommended the decision be deferred until KCC had considered a planning application for temporary car parking provision on private land.
4. A formal complaint was received on 22 December 2012, from a resident whom supports the proposed scheme, in response to the JTB recommendation to defer the decision. Please see Appendix 2 for a copy of the complaint. The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager responded to the issues raised in the complaint, please also see Appendix 2 for a copy.
5. Further correspondence was received on 18 and 29 January 2013, from residents whom do not support the scheme. The Swale MHF Traffic Engineer responded to the issues raised, please see Appendix 3 for the letters received and the engineer's responses.
6. Correspondence was also received on 17 December 2012 and 15 January 2013 from residents whom support the scheme. The Director of Highways and Transportation responded to the first and the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager responded to the issues raised in the second on behalf of the member, please see Appendix 4 for the e-mails and responses.

7. Tunstall Parish Council made a representation, received on 28 January 2013. The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager responded, please see Appendix 5.
8. KCC Planning Applications Committee refused permission for the car park on 13 March 2013.

Matters for Consideration

The following matters should be considered by members before making a decision.

1. Strong representations have been made by residents both for and against the proposed parking restrictions.
2. The proposed combination of School Keep Clear and double yellow line markings is designed to prevent all day parking and short term loading and unloading of passengers outside the school at peak times, which neither type of restriction is able to do alone.
3. Double yellow lines prevent parking at all times, making visits and deliveries to properties affected difficult. This, in combination with School Keep Clear markings, was the option which received most votes in the informal consultation, albeit by only three responses. It was the option which the September 2012 JTB recommended be proceeded to formal consultation and subsequently advertised as a proposed traffic order. Two formal objections to this proposal were received as a result of the formal consultation.
4. Single yellow lines with an enforcement period of 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, in combination with School Keep Clear markings, would offer much improved flexibility whilst still achieving the improvements sought. This option was offered in the informal consultation and only received three less votes.
5. There is no record of personal injury collisions in Tunstall Road at this location. This is therefore not a safety critical site, which means the proposed scheme would not attract funding from Local Transportation Plan (LTP) or Collision Remedial Measures (CRM) sources. There is, however, Member Highway Funding available for this project.

Recommendations

The September 2012 JTB recommended option 3 in the informal public consultation be proceeded to formal consultation as the proposal for a parking traffic order. The formal consultation yielded two formal objections. The recommendation therefore is for members to approve the making of the parking traffic order implementing school keep clear and double yellow line restrictions.

Background documents:

Appendix 1 – Letters of objection and support received arising from the formal public consultation.

Appendix 2 – Formal complaint received arising from recommendation to defer at 10 December 2012 JTB.

Appendix 3 – Further correspondence and responses received from residents whom do not support the proposed scheme.

Appendix 4 – Further correspondence and responses received from residents whom support the proposed scheme.

Appendix 5 – Representations and responses from Tunstall Parish Council.

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