

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item:
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Meeting Date	Monday 9 th September 2013
Report Title	Various Waiting Restrictions
Portfolio Holder	Cllr David Simmons
SMT Lead	Brian Planner
Head of Service	Brian Planner
Lead Officer	Brett O'Connell
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to consider the objections/comments made by the consultees and recommend that</p> <p>a) the following waiting restrictions are installed at:- Capel Road Area, Sittingbourne Key Street, Sittingbourne</p> <p>b) the waiting restrictions at The Broadway, Minster are abandoned.</p>
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Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of recent consultations carried out for proposed waiting restrictions in the Borough.

2 Background

- 2.1 A consultation has been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the introduction of new waiting restrictions. These proposals have come from a resident living in the area.
- 2.2 A copy of the consultation plans of the proposals can be found in Annex A.

3 Issue for Decision

- 3.1 Objections to the proposals are included in Annex B with a response, and details of the consultation results for The Broadway, Minster can be found in Annex C. The locations will be discussed in the following paragraph. 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.

3.2 **Key Street, Sittingbourne**

A request was received from a resident to investigate the possibility of installing double yellow lines in Key Street between No. 20 and the Pine Lodge Retirement Home.

It had been reported that vehicles, especially large vans, park partly on the footway and carriageway on the south side Key Street between properties No.20 and The Pine Lodge Retirement Home. The resident has stated that when exiting the shared driveway residents cannot see oncoming traffic as the parked vehicles reduce visibility dramatically. The resident has stated that on several occasions this has nearly caused a collision and feels that double yellow lines are needed to stop parking in this area. The resident also stated that large tanker HGV's had problems exiting onto Key Street as vehicles park opposite the petrol station entrance.

It is proposed that a double yellow line be installed from the Retirement Home in a westerly direction towards the Key Street roundabout joining onto existing restrictions.

Out of the properties consulted 12 supported the proposals, 2 objected and 1 was undecided.

As set out in the response to the objectors comments it is recommended that the proposals be implemented to improve visibility, therefore making vehicle movements to and from the residents shared driveway safer.

3.3 **Capel Road Area, Sittingbourne**

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

It had been reported that there were problems with vehicles parking in Capel Road between numbers 19 – 29 due to the road width being narrow, therefore, causing conflict between vehicles travelling in opposing directions. There were also reports of problems with parked vehicles in Whitehall Road near the junction. Although there are double yellow lines at the junction, vehicles entering the road from Capel Road had to swing out into the middle of the road into oncoming traffic to avoid parked vehicles.

First Consultation

This progressed back in March 2012 and received objections. The objections were submitted in a report to the JTB in June 2012 and the JTB recommended that the proposals be implemented. Further objections were received during the formal consultation stage advertising the Traffic Regulation Order. The objections were

submitted to the JTB in September 2012 and a recommendation was made to re-consult with a new design.

Latest Consultation

A new design was drafted based on a plan submitted by a resident that had carried out a survey with homeowners in this area. A consultation progressed in May 2012 with the new proposals. The proposed restrictions limited parking in Capel Road and Whitehall Road with a mixture single and double yellow lines.

Out of the properties consulted, 14 supported the proposals, 3 objected and 1 was undecided, consultees included residents in Capel Road, Whitehall Road and Hanover Close.

As set out in the response to the objectors comments it is recommended that restrictions be installed as per the plan to facilitate the movement of vehicles in Capel Road and improve visibility at the junction area of Whitehall Road.

3.4 **The Broadway, Minster-on-Sea**

A request from received from the Parish Council back in 2010 for waiting restrictions to be introduced in the lay-by outside of the parade of shops in The Broadway, Minster, to prevent long term parking which was reported to reduce the amount of available space for visitors to the shops. A consultation took place in November of 2010 for the installation of a single yellow line with a one hour restriction between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday to Saturday. Of the 25 properties consulted at the time, 3 supported the proposals and 4 objected, and at the December 2010 JTB Members recommended that the proposals be abandoned.

A further request has now been received from the Parish Council for a second consultation to take place on a revised proposal, to install single yellow lines in both lay-bys outside and opposite the parade of shops with a 20 minute waiting limit (no return within 1 hour) between 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Saturday. Of the 25 properties consulted, 4 supported the proposals and 4 objected.

In view of the lack of majority support for the proposals it is recommended that the proposals are not progressed.

4 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary lining and signing.
Legal and Statutory	Traffic Regulation Orders to be made.
Crime and Disorder	None at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.

5 Appendices

- 5.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report
- Annex A – Copy of the consultation plan
 - Annex B – Copy of the consultation objections and a response
 - Annex C – Results of First and Second Consultation – The Broadway, Minster

6 Background Papers

- 6.1 None.