

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 7
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Meeting Date	Monday 9 th December 2013
Report Title	Various Waiting Restrictions
Cabinet Member	Cllr David Simmons
SMT Lead	Brian Planner
Head of Service	Brian Planner
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to consider the objections/comments made by the consultees and recommend that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in High Street, Sittingbourne be abandoned 2. the proposed waiting restrictions in The Broadway, Minster be either progressed or abandoned 3. the proposed waiting restrictions in Key Street, Sittingbourne be installed
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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 requests from Parish Councils or nearby residents.
- 2.2 A copy of the consultation plans of the proposals can be found in Annex A.

3 Issue for Decision

- 3.1 Details of the consultation results can be found in 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 request 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 consultation was carried out back in June 2013 following a request from a resident to install double yellow lines in Key Street between No.20 and the Pine Lodge Retirement Home.

It had been reported that vehicles 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. See Annex E for photos of the problem received from the resident.

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.

The consultation results were going to be submitted to the JTB meeting in September 2013 but it became apparent that an error was made by not consulting the relevant Parish Councils and some Ward Members. The report was deferred and the missed parties were consulted asking for their comments.

The final result of the consultation concluded that of the properties, Parish Councils and Members consulted 14 supported the proposals, 4 objected and 1 was undecided. The objectors included Borden Parish Council and Cllr Gareth Randell.

Members are asked to consider the results of the consultation and recommend that the double yellow lines are installed as per the consultation plan to improve visibility, therefore making vehicle movements to and from the residents shared driveway safer.

3.3 **High Street, Sittingbourne**

A request was received from a property in Sittingbourne High Street for the existing 20 minute waiting limit to be amended from 8am-6pm to 9am-6pm Monday to Saturday, to allow more flexibility to parking before the majority of shops open at 9am.

Of the 169 properties consulted, just 7 responses were received, 3 supporting the proposals and 4 objecting. In view of the low response rate and the percentage of objections received, Members are asked to consider the results of the consultation and recommend that these proposals are abandoned.

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 was 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.

At the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting in September 2013, Members asked that a further consultation be carried out on these proposals to encourage additional feedback prior to making a recommendation, and this consultation has now been completed. Of the 25 properties consulted, 2 supported the proposals and 7 objected. A petition of 30 signatures from non-residents has also been received supporting the proposals.

Copies of the results of all three consultations can be found in Annex C, and copy of the petition, minus personal information, can be found in Annex D. The original petition containing all information will be available for Members to view at the JTB Meeting.

In addition to the above feedback, an e-mail has also been received from the Parish Council with the following comments:-

“Minster-on-Sea Parish Council’s Planning and Transportation Committee have asked me to contact you to share important additional information related to its request for waiting restrictions in the lay-by outside and opposite the parade of shops in The Broadway, Minster.

This concerns a serious road safety risk caused by antisocial parking in front of the telephone kiosk by the Minster Broadway / Noreen Avenue junction where vehicles are being parked too close to the junction, impairing the visibility of drivers coming in and out of Noreen Avenue. This risk could be reduced considerably if waiting restrictions were in place to free up parking spaces in front of and opposite the shops.

I would appreciate if you could share this information as part of your report to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at its December 2013 meeting.”

There is an obvious conflict between the views of residents living above the shops who use the lay-bys to park, claiming there are no available spaces at the rear of the properties due to shop owner and staff parking, and the views of the Parish Council

and visitors to the shops who wish to see these restrictions implemented to keep the lay-by free from long term parking to facilitate more visitor parking.

Members are asked to consider the results of the consultations and the comments/petition received, and recommend that the proposed waiting restrictions are either progressed or abandoned.

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 material
- Annex B – Copy of the consultation responses and results
- Annex C – Results of Consultations – The Broadway, Minster
- Annex D – Petition on Proposed Waiting Restrictions – The Broadway, Minster

6 Background Papers

6.1 None.