

<b>SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>Report Title</b>	Traffic & Parking – Highsted Road and Surrounding Area, Sittingbourne
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Alan Horton
<b>SMT Lead</b>	Martyn Cassell
<b>Head of Service</b>	Martyn Cassell
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Mike Knowles (SBC)
<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	An <b>information report</b> to provide Members with an update on investigations into Traffic and Parking Issues in Highsted Road, Sittingbourne, and the surrounding area.
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## 1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information on investigations into parking issues in Highsted Road in Sittingbourne, and the surrounding area. This is an **information report** which does not require a recommendation from the Board.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 A recent survey of the on-street parking in the Highsted Road area, and surrounding roads, has been commissioned by the County Councillor for the area, funded through the County Members' Highway Funding Scheme.

## 3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 Following on-going discussions with residents in the Highsted Road area, the Head Teacher of Highsted Grammar School, and managers of the Memorial Hospital, the County Member requested a parking survey to be undertaken to determine the on-street parking demand.
- 3.2 Considine Civil and Structural Engineers were commissioned to undertake the parking survey, which was completed on a weekday during term time between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00.
- 3.3 The results of the survey can be found in the full report in Annex A.

- 3.4 In addition to this report, the County Member has also been liaising with the managers of the Hospital to obtain data on vehicle movements within their off-street parking facilities.
- 3.5 Bell Road
- 3.6 At a recent meeting between the County and Ward Members and representatives from KCC Highways and Swale Borough Council to discuss the Highsted Road and surrounding area, discussions took place around issues with school buses parking in the nearby Bell Road, on the west side of the road between Capel Road and Highsted Road.
- 3.7 Officers at Kent County Council had previously investigated the bus parking in this section of Bell Road, but it was suggested that a temporary experimental parking restriction could be introduced on the east side of Bell Road between Brenchley Road and Highsted Road, in an effort to improve vehicle movements by removing parked cars opposite the area where the school buses currently stop.
- 3.8 The bus operators have been consulted on this proposal, as the main concern is that introducing a parking restriction on the east side of the road could move parked vehicles to the west side of the road, which would then affect bus operations. We are currently awaiting a response from the bus operators and will also be discussing this proposal with Kent County Council prior to any implementation.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 An **information report** to provide Members with an update on investigations into Traffic and Parking Issues in Highsted Road, Sittingbourne, and the surrounding area.

## 5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Possible Cost and Resourcing required to Implement Temporary Parking Restrictions, Bell Road, Sittingbourne.
Legal and Statutory	Temporary Traffic Regulation to suspend parking on west side of Bell Road.
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.

## 6. Appendices

6.1 Annex A – Copy of Parking Survey

## 7. Background Papers

7.1 None