

Meeting Date	Monday 2 nd March 2020
Report Title	Proposed Extension to Sittingbourne Residents Parking Scheme – Results of Design Consultation
Cabinet Member	Cllr Tim Valentine
SMT Lead	Martyn Cassell
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Brett O'Connell (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of this report and recommend that either the scheme area be extended as per the amended plan or put on hold until a full review of resident parking schemes in the Borough has been carried out
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the proposal to extend the residents parking scheme in Park Road and Ufton Lane following a recent consultation regarding the scheme layout.

2. Background

- 2.1 A petition was submitted to the Swale Joint Transportation Board (JTB) in June 2019 by a Ward Member on behalf of residents asking for the scheme to be extended to cover all of Park Road. A consultation progressed asking residents of Park Road and Ufton Lane whether they would support/object to the introduction of the scheme. The results were submitted to the JTB in September 2019 and it was recommended that further consultation proceed.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A consultation progressed with residents in December 2019. This included an update letter and a plan of the proposed scheme layout. Residents were asked to comment on the plan and suggest any amendments to the layout. A copy of the consultation material is included in Annex A. The area consulted is shown in Annex B.
- 3.2 We received comments relating to the proposed layout of the scheme and after consideration some small alterations have been made. The proposal was to

introduce double yellow lines across all driveways to stop vehicles parking there, however, some residents requested a white bar marking to be installed instead. Amendments are shown in Annex C. Many of the comments received were relating to the proposed introduction of the scheme itself. Some residents stated that the enforcement times of the scheme (8am – 6pm Mon – Sat) needed to be extended later into the evening to give residents a better chance of parking near to their properties when coming home after work. Also, some residents stated the scheme should run seven days a week. Comments from the consultation can be found in Annex D.

- 3.3 It was brought to my attention that a letter had been sent out to residents highlighting scheme details and that residents could submit their comments up to the 10th February 2020. Just for clarification, this was not an official SBC led consultation and I therefore presume it was sent by a resident. The closing date for the SBC led consultation was the 10th January 2020 but we received further comments prompted by the resident's letter after the closing date. I have included these comments and a copy of the resident's letter in Annex E.
- 3.4 The SBC led consultation did not include a clear support or object option as it was purely based on receiving comments related to the proposed layout of the scheme not on whether the scheme should be introduced. However, most comments clearly had an opinion either way. The results were as follows:

SBC Led Consultation

Park Road Comment Objections – 11
Ufton Lane Comment Objections – 1
Unknown Location Comment Objections – 1

Park Road Comment Supports – 9
Ufton Lane Comment Supports – 4
Unknown Location Comment Supports – 2

Resident Generated Consultation

Objection Comments – 15
Support Comments - 1

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and recommend that **either** the scheme area be extended as per the amended plan **or** put on hold until a full review of resident parking schemes in the Borough has been carried out.

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Extensive resource required to develop and consult on scheme design and layout, funding to be sourced for extensive signing and lining works.
Legal and Statutory	Traffic Regulation Order to be drafted and formally consulted, requiring a majority support from residents.
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 the consultation material
- Annex B – Plan showing the area of the consultation
- Annex C – Amendments to the consulted plan
- Annex D – Comments from the consultation
- Annex E – Resident letter and comments

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None