

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 10
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Meeting Date	Monday 7 th December 2020
Report Title	Parking Proposals Consultation Abbey Street Area, Faversham – Abbey Neighbourhood Association
Cabinet Member	Cllr Richard Palmer, Cabinet Member for Communities
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Brett O'Connell (SBC), Engineer
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of this report and recommend the proposed amendments be implemented.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the results of a consultation sent to residents in the Abbey Street area following further discussions with Abbey Neighbourhood Association (ANA). The consultation proposed parking amendments to promote improved vehicle movements in Abbey Street and Abbey Place, Faversham.

2. Background

- 2.1 A member of the Abbey Neighbourhood Association (ANA) submitted a document to the JTB in March 2020 proposing alterations to the parking in Abbey Street and Abbey Place. A site survey was undertaken measuring parking capacity and assessing vehicle movements. The results were submitted via an update report to the JTB in September. Further discussions took place with ANA during the design stage, proposing amendments to the current layout in Abbey Street and Abbey Place.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A consultation with residents has taken place asking whether they support/object and have any comments relating to the proposed alterations. See Annex A for the consultation material.
- 3.2 The proposed alterations include three small areas along Abbey Street where double yellow lines are to be installed creating “passing places” where vehicles can pull in if confronted by a vehicle travelling in the opposite direction. The plan also

shows an extended bay in Abbey Street allowing a space for one vehicle and a new bay in Abbey Place to accommodate two vehicles. These three extra spaces should replace the loss of any bays due to the proposed double yellow lines, however, a parking space, not related to the amendments, will now be removed following a consultation comment from a resident (see paragraph 3.4).

- 3.3 The consultation received 67 responses. 42 of these responses supported the proposals, 22 objected and 3 did not specify either way. Comments from the consultees are included in Annex B. Any reference to property addresses or personal details has been blocked out for data protection purposes.
- 3.4 Following the consultation, we had a response from a resident highlighting an issue with the parking bay outside 58 – 61 Abbey Street. They commented that their brick pillar had been damaged by a vehicle and stated that the bay was sited too close to the vehicle entrance, thus reducing visibility for vehicles exiting the premises, especially when a larger vehicle was parked there. It was agreed that the parking bay did appear to terminate close to the vehicle entrance. It is therefore proposed to reduce this bay by approximately one car parking space to improve visibility making it safer for vehicle movements, and this amendment has been included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 20, the formal consultation of which commenced on 4th December 2020. This will have a small impact on existing parking capacity, but regardless of the proposals would have required addressing on safety grounds.
- 3.5 It is noted that even though 42 indications of support were received to the proposals, there were 22 objections raised, and should the recommendation be for the proposals to progress, a Traffic Regulation Order will be required and it is envisaged that a number of formal objections will be received which would be reported back to the Board at a later date for consideration.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and recommend the proposed amendments be implemented.

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost and Resource to prepare Traffic Regulation Orders, cost of installing lining and signing.
Legal and Statutory	Sealing by Kent County Council.
Crime and	None at this stage.

Disorder	
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.
Health Implications	None identified at this stage.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Consultation Material
Annex B – Consultees Comments

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None