

<b>SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</b>	<b>Agenda Item: 7</b>
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
<b>Report Title</b>	Extension to Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme – Park Road & Ufton Lane
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Richard Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community
<b>Head of Service</b>	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Mike Knowles (SBC)
<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	Members are asked to note the report and recommend that Officers <b>either</b> proceed with drafting a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the current Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme to include all of Park Road and Ufton Lane <b>or</b> leave the Scheme area unchanged.
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## 1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises action to date following the submission of a petition to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in June 2019 for an extension to the existing Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme, and seeks a definitive recommendation from Members as to whether to proceed with this extension.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 A petition was submitted to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in June 2019 by a Ward Member, and a copy of this petition can be found in Annex A. The petition requested that the existing Residents' Parking Scheme in Park Road, Sittingbourne, be extended from the junction with Valenciennes Road south to the junction with Gore Court Road/Ufton Lane.

## 3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 The petition consisted of a total of 43 signatures, with 32 signatories supporting the scheme extension and 11 objecting to an extension. The petition also stated that a total of 33 residents were either out or expressed no firm opinion either for or

against an extension to the current scheme area. At their meeting in June 2019, Members requested a report from Officers to be presented at a future meeting.

- 3.2 An informal consultation was subsequently undertaken with residents in this section of Park Road, south of the Valenciennes Road junction, and with the possible displacement of vehicles into the southern end of Ufton Lane by extending the scheme, a similar informal consultation was also undertaken with residents of Ufton Lane between the junctions of Homewood Avenue and Park Road. A copy of the areas included in the informal consultations can be found in Annex B, and copies of the consultation material can be found in Annex C.
- 3.3 For Park Road, a total of 94 properties were consulted, and 32 responses were received. Of these responses, 17 supported the extension of the current scheme and 15 objected. For Ufton Lane, a total of 37 properties were consulted, and 10 responses were received. Of these responses, 7 supported the extension of the current scheme and 3 objected. At the September 2019 JTB, Members considered these results and recommended that further consultation take place with residents to extend the Residents' Parking Scheme.
- 3.4 A draft design for the proposed parking bay layout for the scheme extension in both Park Road and Ufton Lane was prepared by Officers, and a consultation took place with residents on these scheme designs in December 2019, requesting comments on the plans and any suggested amendments to the layout. Whilst the consultation was focused on the design details for the scheme, many of the comments received related to the proposed extension of the scheme itself, and the operating times and days.
- 3.5 During this consultation, we were made aware that a second letter had been sent out to residents requesting feedback on the scheme proposals by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This was not an SBC led consultation, and was presumably generated by a local resident, but 15 objections were received and 1 indication of support, and these were included in the report to the Swale JTB at their meeting in March 2020. Whilst the SBC led consultation did not request a specific response as to whether residents supported or objected to the scheme extension, as this had been covered in the previous consultation, most responses had a clear view on whether the scheme should be extended or not, and these were included in the March 2020 JTB report. For Park Road, 9 indications of support for the scheme extension were received and 11 objections, and for Ufton Lane 4 indications of support were received and 1 objection.
- 3.6 The report was considered at the March 2020 JTB meeting, and Members recommended that any extension to the scheme be put on hold until a full review of Residents' Parking Schemes in the Borough had been carried out. At the same meeting, a petition was presented by a County Member from local residents to request that the Borough Council extend the operating hours of the Residents' Parking Scheme in the area around Park Road, Sittingbourne, in order that residents may park in the vicinity of the area after 5pm and on Sundays.

- 3.7 Documents were subsequently prepared for a Borough-wide review of Residents' Parking Schemes to be undertaken. It was stated that the questions should be generic, to allow residents both within and outside of the current Schemes to take part and submit their views. The survey was based online, with links provided on our website, on social media and in the introduction document which was sent to Members to promote in their respective areas. Paper copies were also available to those residents who did not have internet access. The survey ran from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020, and the results were reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in December.
- 3.8 Following the December 2020 JTB meeting, the Ward Member asked for an update on the previously requested extension to the Residents' Parking Scheme in Park Road and Ufton Lane. Officers discussed this with the JTB Chair, and the consensus was that no direct recommendation had been made by Members to determine the next course of action. It was therefore agreed that a report should be submitted to the March 2021 JTB for Members to make a definitive recommendation as to whether the previously discussed scheme extension into the southern end of both Park Road and Ufton Lane be progressed or abandoned.
- 3.9 A summary of the various consultation results from the southern ends of Park Road and Ufton Lane have been provided in Annex D for information.

#### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the report and recommend that Officers **either** proceed with drafting a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the current Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme to include all of Park Road and Ufton Lane **or** leave the Scheme area unchanged.

#### 5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of preparing and drafting Traffic Regulation Order, reporting of formal objections to JTB, installation of signage and lining.
Legal and Statutory	Drafting, Formal Consultation and Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order by Kent County Council.
Crime and Disorder	None at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and	None identified at this stage.

Safety	
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.
Health Implications	The extension of the Residents' Parking Scheme should minimise longer term parking in the area by non-residents and increase the likelihood of residents being able to park within a reasonable distance to their properties. There is a risk that increasing the Scheme area will result in displacement of parked vehicles into adjoining roads which could have a negative effect on other residents, and negatively impact on the lives of those residents who have responded to previous consultations stating that a Residents' Parking Scheme does not suit their individual circumstances or that the annual permit costs are unacceptable.

## 6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Petition Submitted to June 2019 JTB.  
Annex B – Plan of Areas of Informal Consultation – Park Road & Ufton Lane  
Annex C – Copies of Informal Consultation Material  
Annex D – Summary of Consultation Results from Park Road & Ufton Lane south

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None