

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 7
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Meeting Date	Monday 6 th December 2021
Report Title	Design Consultation Results – Extension of Residents’ Parking Scheme – Edith Road, Faversham
Cabinet Member	Cllr Richard Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Brett O’Connell (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the comments of the recent informal design consultation and recommend that the extension of the existing Residents’ Parking Scheme to include Edith Road, Faversham either be progressed or abandoned. If progressed, that the amended plan (Annex C) be agreed.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the results of a recent informal consultation undertaken with residents of Edith Road, Faversham, on the layout of the proposed extension to the scheme.

2. Background

- 2.1 Copies of the informal consultation material sent to residents can be found in Annex A and the responses received can be found in Annex B.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 An informal consultation asking residents if they would like to be included within the scheme was undertaken in May and June 2021. Of the 32 properties consulted, a total of 19 responses were received, giving a response rate of 59%. Of the 19 responses, **9 (47%)** supported the possible extension of the current scheme to include Edith Road and **10 (53%)** objected to the extension.

- 3.2 The results of this consultation were reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at their meeting in September 2021, where Members recommended that the extension to the scheme in Edith Road be progressed.
- 3.3 Following the Swale Joint Transportation Board recommendation, we have now consulted with the residents of Edith Road and two properties in The Mall who have vehicle accesses in Edith Road. Consultees were asked to comment on the proposed design layout. A copy of the design consultation material can be found in Annex A.
- 3.4 Following comments from some residents, including the vehicle access owner, the proposed double yellow lines across a vehicle crossing on the northern side of Edith Road have been changed back to a white bar marking. Also, the vehicle crossing on the south side, which was planned to have double yellow lines across has now been changed to parking bays as requested by the owner of the garage. The proposed parking bays have been based on existing parking to maximise capacity. We also received comments asking why the scheme is going ahead even though a majority of residents during a previous consultation objected to the extension. The comments received from residents during the latest consultation can be found in Annex B. An amended design layout following the consultation can be found in Annex C.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the comments of the recent informal design consultation and recommend that the extension of the existing Residents' Parking Scheme to include Edith Road, Faversham **either** be progressed **or** abandoned. If progressed, that the amended plan (Annex C) be agreed.

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Drafting and Advertising Traffic Regulation Order, Cost of Installing Lines and Signs on site, Cost of Administrative Changes to Accommodate New Scheme Area Permits. Potential for further consultation in surrounding roads should Scheme be implemented.
Legal and Statutory	Advertising of Traffic Regulation Order, reports back to JTB with formal objections, and Sealing by Kent County Council.
Crime and Disorder	None at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and	None identified at this stage.

Diversity	
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.
Health Implications	The introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Edith Road, Faversham, may improve the mental wellbeing of some residents who currently feel that on-street parking capacity is reduced due to parking by non-residents, and may allow them to park closer to their properties, reducing the distance to walk from their vehicles. However, stress to some residents may be increased by the introduction of the Scheme if they own more vehicles than they can accommodate with the Permit Scheme, forcing them to park further from their properties. The mental wellbeing of residents in adjoining roads may be impacted by the displacement of vehicles into their roads, reducing available on-street parking capacity. Some residents may also find the annual cost of the permits to be an additional financial burden.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of consultation material
Annex B – Consultation comments from residents
Annex C – Amended plan following residents' comments

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None