

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	
Meeting Date	4 th March 2024
Report Title	Petition – Request for Residents’ Parking Scheme, Wellwinch Road, Sittingbourne
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles, Seafront & Engineering Manager (SBC)
Classification	Open
Recommendations	Members are asked to note the submitted petition and recommend that Officers undertake an informal consultation with residents of Wellwinch Road, Regency Court and Victoria Road, Sittingbourne, on the possible introduction of a Residents’ Parking Scheme in these roads.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of a petition which has been submitted by residents of Wellwinch Road in Sittingbourne, requesting the introduction of a Residents’ Parking Scheme. Of the 29 properties located in Wellwinch Road, 21 householders signed the petition supporting a scheme, 2 signed the petition objecting to a scheme, and 6 expressed a neutral view or did not respond.

2 Background

- 2.1 The petition states *“This petition is acknowledgment of residents applying for a Residential Parking scheme on Wellwinch Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 1BW. The request is submitted due to the amount of non-residential vehicles parking in the street, impacting residents every day activities outside their houses with, convenience of loading vehicles for work, shopping, safety of children and comfort of living within their residential area. By signing the below as residents of Wellwinch Road, they acknowledge their consent to install a residential parking scheme on Wellwinch road.”*
- 2.2 The existing Sittingbourne Residents’ Parking Scheme covers the nearby Chalkwell Road, from the junction with London Road to the junction with Wellwinch Road, and Hawthorn Road located opposite the junction of Wellwinch Road.

3 Proposals

- 2.3 Following receipt of the petition from residents, it is recommended to undertake an informal consultation with residents to gauge support for the scheme, providing details of the costs associated with permits and the limitations of the scheme. As the introduction of waiting restrictions invariably displaces vehicles into adjoining areas, it is recommended that this informal consultation includes both the nearby Regency Court and Victoria Road as well as Wellwinch Road.
- 2.4 The results of the informal consultation would be reported back to a future Joint Transportation Board meeting for Members to consider.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 No alternative options have been considered at this time.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 As detailed above, it is proposed to undertake an informal consultation with residents of Wellwinch Road, Regency Court and Victoria Road on the possible introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme in these roads.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost and resource for undertaking informal consultation with residents. Should a recommendation follow to expand the current Residents' Parking Scheme area, this will involve a cost and resource to design the scheme and draft a Traffic Regulation Order which will include a formal consultation.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	None identified at informal consultation stage.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.

Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at informal consultation stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

None

8 Background Papers

None