

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	
Meeting Date	7 th October 2024
Report Title	Informal Consultation Results – Request for Residents’ Parking Scheme – Wellwinch Road, Sittingbourne
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Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
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Classification	Open
Recommendations	Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation with residents of Wellwinch Road, Victoria Road and Regency Court, Sittingbourne, and recommend that the Residents’ Parking Scheme is <u>not</u> extended into any of these roads.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the results of an informal consultation undertaken with residents of Wellwinch Road, Victoria Road and Regency Court, Sittingbourne, following the submission of a petition by residents of Wellwinch Road requesting the introduction of a Residents’ Parking Scheme.

2 Background

- 2.1 The petition was presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at their meeting in March 2024. 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.
- 2.2 The existing Sittingbourne Residents’ Parking Scheme covers the nearby Chalkwell Road, from the junction with London Road to the junction with Wellwinch Road, and the Hawthorn Road area located opposite the junction of Wellwinch Road.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Following receipt of the petition from residents, Members of the Swale JTB

recommended undertaking 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 was recommended that this informal consultation included both the nearby Regency Court and Victoria Road as well as Wellwinch Road.

- 3.2 Separate consultations were undertaken with residents in the three roads, and copies of the consultation material can be found in Annex A.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 For Wellwinch Road, the consultation leaflet asked residents if they would support the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme in their road, and also offered an alternative restriction of a single yellow line on one or both sides of the road, with a one-hour restriction between 10am and 11am Monday to Friday to prevent all day parking, without the need for residents to purchase permits.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The informal consultations for both Victoria Road and Regency Court asked residents if they would support the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme in their road if the current Scheme was extended to include Wellwinch Road.
- 5.2 A summary of the results of the informal consultation can be found in Annex B, and individual comments received can be found in Annex C. Some residents also submitted photographs of the parking situation on varying days and times, and these can be found in Annex D and Annex E.
- 5.3 In Wellwinch Road, a total of 16 responses (62%) were received, 7 (44%) supporting a Residents' Parking Scheme, 7 (44%) objecting, 1 (6%) supporting a single yellow line on both sides of the road and 1 (6%) supporting a single yellow line on one side of the road.
- 5.4 In Victoria Road, a total of 15 responses (31%) were received, all objecting to the introduction of a scheme in their road, and in Regency Court a total of 9 responses (20%) were received, 3 (33%) supporting a scheme and 6 (67%) objecting.
- 5.5 With the lack of a majority support for a scheme in Wellwinch Road, and the large number of objections from both Victoria Road and Regency Court, it is recommended that the scheme is not extended into any of these roads.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Should the Scheme be extended, cost and resource for drafting a Traffic Regulation Order, including scheme design and formal consultation. Cost of signing and lining associated with Scheme.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Should Traffic Regulation Order be progressed, a large number of formal objections would be anticipated based on the informal consultation results.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	The introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme can improve mental health and wellbeing by preventing daytime parking by commuters and non-residents, but can also have an adverse effect on residents due to the annual cost of permits and the parking restrictions associated with the Scheme.
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

- Annex A – Copies of Informal Consultation Material
- Annex B – Summary of Informal Consultation Results
- Annex C – Details of Individual Comments Received
- Annex D – Photographs Submitted by Resident of Wellwinch Road

8 Background Papers

None