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| <b>SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</b> |   |
| <b>Meeting Date</b>                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025  |
| <b>Report Title</b>                     | Informal Consultation Results – Proposed Extension of Residents’ Parking Scheme into Belmont Road, Faversham  |
| <b>EMT Lead</b>                         | Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods   |
| <b>Head of Service</b>                  | Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure   |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>                     | Mike Knowles, Seafront & Engineering Manager (SBC)  |
| <b>Classification</b>                   | <b>Open</b>   |
| <b>Recommendations</b>                  | Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation with residents and recommend that a Traffic Regulation Order be drafted to extend the existing Faversham Residents’ Parking Scheme to include Belmont Road. |

## **1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides details of the results of an informal consultation undertaken with residents of Belmont Road, Faversham, on proposals to extend the current Faversham Residents’ Parking Scheme to include their road.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 A petition from residents of Belmont Road, Faversham, was presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at their meeting in December 2024. The petition stated that of the 24 properties located in Belmont Road, 19 householders signed the petition supporting a scheme, 1 objected, 2 abstained, 1 property was empty and 1 property consisting of 3 flats has its own off-street parking.

## **3 Proposals**

- 3.1 The Board considered the petition and recommended that an informal consultation take place with residents on proposals to extend the current scheme to include Belmont Road in Faversham.

- 3.2 The informal consultation took place between 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, and a copy of the consultation material can be found in Annex A. The results of the consultation can be found in Annex B.
- 3.3 Of the 26 properties consulted, a total of 12 responses (46%) were received, with 10 responses (83%) supporting the proposals and 2 (17%) objecting.

## 4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 There were no alternative options considered at this stage.

## 5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 As stated above, an informal consultation took place with residents on the proposals, and a summary of the results of the consultation can be found in Annex B.
- 5.2 Should a Traffic Regulation Order be progressed to extend the current parking scheme area, part of the legal process will include a formal consultation period, and any objections received would be reported back to a future JTB meeting.
- 5.3 In light of the majority support for the proposals, Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation with residents and recommend that a Traffic Regulation Order be drafted to extend the existing Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme to include Belmont Road.

## 6 Implications

| Issue                            | Implications  |
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| Corporate Plan                   | Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.  |
| Financial, Resource and Property | Resource for designing layout and detail. Cost of Drafting Traffic Regulation Order. Should the extension to the Scheme be progressed, cost of installing new lining and signs, and £50 fee from Kent County Council to Seal Order. |
| Legal, Statutory and Procurement | Should Traffic Regulation Order be progressed, a formal consultation will be undertaken as part of the statutory process.   |

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| Crime and Disorder   | None identified at this stage.  |
| Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency                 | None identified at this stage.  |
| Health and Wellbeing   | The proposed extension to the existing Residents' Parking Scheme should improve the wellbeing of residents in Belmont Road, Faversham, by increasing the availability of on-street parking in the road by restricting commuter parking. However, it is acknowledged that the introduction of any new waiting restrictions will invariably displace parked vehicles into surrounding areas. Residents will also need to purchase parking permits should they wish to park in the road during the scheme operating times. |
| 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 – Copy of Informal Consultation Material

Annex B – Summary of Informal Consultation Results

## 8 Background Papers

None