

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 8 th June 2015
Report Title	Various Waiting Restrictions – Informal Consultation
Cabinet Member	Cllr David Simmons
SMT Lead	Dave Thomas
Head of Service	Dave Thomas
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to consider the results of the recent informal consultations on various waiting restriction proposals and recommend that Officers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proceed with the proposed Double Yellow Lines in Belvedere Road, Faversham• Abandon the proposed Double Yellow Lines in South Road, Faversham• Proceed with the proposed Double Yellow Lines in Luton Road, Faversham, plus additional Double Yellow Lines across the other entrance to Sommerville Close, and reduce existing Double Yellow Lines near the junction with Westgate Road• Proceed with a mixture of double and single yellow lines near the junction to improve access to the cemetery in All Saint Close, Iwade
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Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of informal consultation results with residents and statutory consultees on proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in various areas of the Borough.

2 Background

- 2.1 The requests for changes to the current restrictions have come from various sources, including residents, Councillors and bus operators.
- 2.2 A copy of the consultation material for the proposals can be found in Annex A.

3 Issue for Decision

3.1 Details of the consultation results can be found in Annex B.

3.2 Belvedere Road, Faversham – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

Following a request to the Parking Manager, a Traffic Regulation Order was prepared last year including new double yellow lines in the vicinity of Millers Cottages in Belvedere Road, Faversham. This followed concerns that parked vehicles were reducing the access width along Belvedere Road which could impact on emergency vehicle access. During the formal consultation period, three objections were received against the proposals, and at the December 2014 meeting Members of the Swale Joint Transportation Board recommended that further consultation take place with residents.

3.3 Details of the latest consultation material can be found in Annex A. The previously proposed double yellow lines on the eastern side of Belvedere Road by Millers Cottages were removed from the amended design following comments received.

3.4 Of the 29 properties consulted, 9 responses were received, 8 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting.

3.5 Members of the Board are requested to note the comments and objection received and recommend that Officers proceed with the proposed restrictions and include them in the next Traffic Regulation Order.

3.6 South Road, Faversham – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

Following a request via the County Councillor, consultation took place on a proposal to install double yellow lines on the north side of South Road, Faversham, between the junctions of Lower Road and Tanners Street, to prevent parked vehicles causing problems to larger vehicles, in particular buses, travelling along South Road. The results of the consultation, 9 responses supporting the proposals and 2 objecting, were reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in December 2014, and Members recommended that the proposals be progressed. Following the JTB meeting in December last year, 9 written objections were received to the proposals, and as a result at the March JTB meeting Members recommended that further investigations took place on a possible revised scheme.

3.7 Details of the revised scheme can be found in Annex A, with the length of the proposed double yellow lines reduced to maximise the remaining on-street parking capacity.

3.8 Of the 39 properties consulted, 9 responses were received, 4 supporting the proposals and 5 objecting. The majority of objections received were around the already limited parking available in the area and the fact that further restrictions will make the situation worse with no alternative parking available.

3.9 Members of the Board are requested to note the comments and objections received and recommend that the proposed waiting restrictions be abandoned.

3.10 Luton Road, Faversham – Proposed Extension to Double Yellow Lines

Following a request via the Local Councillor, consultation took place on a proposal to extend the existing double yellow lines in Luton Road, Faversham, by approximately 5 metres, to improve the access to Sommerville Close by larger vehicles such as refuse freighters. It had been reported that refuse freighters were experiencing problems negotiating parked vehicles when entering Sommerville Close.

3.11 Of the 47 properties consulted, 15 responses were received, 12 supporting the proposals and 3 objecting. The objections received stated that there was already a problem with parking capacity in the area and that the proposals would limit this parking further. Other comments received included requests for double yellow lines across the other access to Sommerville Close, off Gordon Square, where similar problems are experienced and also for a section of double yellow lines near the junction with Westgate Road to be shortened to increase parking capacity.

3.12 Members of the Board are requested to note the comments and objections received and recommend that Officers proceed with drafting the Traffic Regulation Order to extend the double yellow lines as per the consultation, and also to include double yellow lines across the access to Sommerville Close from Gordon Square, as well as reducing the length of the existing double yellow lines near the Westgate Road junction to maximise parking capacity.

3.13 All Saints Close, Iwade – Proposed Installation of Double and Single Yellow

Iwade Cemetery is planned to be operational in the near future and one of the main concerns was access to the site for the contractors plant and hearses/horse drawn carriages. Vehicles park on the south side of All Saints Close up to the Cemetery gates which will impede the access of larger vehicles in through the entrance gate.

3.14 The first consultation took place in March 2015 proposing the installation of double yellow lines only. Of the 19 properties in All Saints Close consulted, 11 responses were received, 3 supported the proposals, 6 objected and 2 were undecided. Due to the number of objections it was agreed that a further consultation be progressed taking into consideration the objectors comments.

3.15 The second consultation took place in April 2015 proposing the installation of double yellow lines at the junction with The Street and single yellow lines leading into All Saints Close. The single yellow lines will be enforceable Mon – Fri, 07:30 – 17:00. Of the 19 properties in All Saints Close consulted 6 responses were received, 4 supporting the proposals, 2 objecting and 0 undecided.

3.16 Members of the Board are requested to note the comments and objections received and recommend that Officers proceed with the installation of restrictions as per the second consultation. The proposed restrictions will improve vehicle access at the

cemetery gates during core operational times but also allow residents to park at that location when the cemetery is closed.

4 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary lining.
Legal and Statutory	Traffic Regulation Orders to be sealed by Kent County Council.
Crime and Disorder	None at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.

5 Appendices

5.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:-

- Annex A – Copy of Consultation Material
- Annex B – Results of Consultations

6 Background Papers

6.1 None