

**SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD****Agenda Item:**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
<b>Report Title</b>	Request for Waiting Restrictions – South Road, Faversham
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr David Simmons
<b>SMT Lead</b>	Dave Thomas
<b>Head of Service</b>	Dave Thomas
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Mike Knowles (SBC)
<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	Members are asked to consider the contents of the report and recommend that no further action is taken in relation to proposed waiting restrictions in South Road, Faversham but that the parking situation be monitored.
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## **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 At the request of the Vice Chair of the Swale Joint Transportation Board, the issue of parking restrictions along South Road in Faversham has been added to the agenda for the December JTB Meeting.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Back in 2014, a request was received via the County Councillor for double yellow lines to be installed on the north side of South Road, between the junctions of Lower Road and Tanners Street. This issue was reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in December 2014, March 2015 and June 2015, and further detail is given below.

## **3 Issue for Decision**

- 3.1 A first consultation on proposed waiting restrictions along South Road, Faversham took place in September 2014, and a copy of this consultation material can be found in Annex A. The proposals consisted of double yellow lines along the north side of South Road between the junctions of Lower Road and Tanners Street.
- 3.2 A copy of the consultation results can be found in Annex B. Of the 22 properties consulted, 11 responses were received, 9 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting on the grounds that there is already insufficient on-street parking capacity in the area.

- 3.3 Based on the results of the consultation, at their meeting in December 2014 Members of the Board recommended that Officers proceed with the proposed restrictions and include them in the next Traffic Regulation Order.
- 3.4 However, following a letter from Faversham Town Council to the JTB Chairman and SBC Cabinet, at their meeting in February 2015 SBC Cabinet asked that the report be re-submitted to the Joint Transportation Board for further consideration. A number of objections were also received to the proposals in South Road following the December Joint Transportation Board meeting. Details of these further objections can be found in Annex C.
- 3.5 As a result of these further objections the Joint Transportation Board were asked to reconsider their decision, and at the March 2015 JTB meeting, Members of the Board recommended that further investigation be carried out on the proposed double yellow lines in South Road, Faversham.
- 3.6 A second consultation took place on a revised scheme for waiting restrictions in South Road in May 2015, and a copy of this consultation material can be found in Annex D. This consisted of a reduction in the length of the originally proposed double yellow lines to provide a suitable passing place for buses whilst minimising the impact on the on-street parking capacity.
- 3.7 A copy of the second consultation results can be found in Annex E. 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.
- 3.8 Based on the results of the consultation, at their meeting in June 2015 Members of the Board recommended that Officers abandon the proposed double yellow lines in South Road, Faversham.
- 3.9 It has been reported via the County Councillor that buses continue to experience issues with access along South Road due to parked vehicles, and Officers have therefore contacted Stagecoach to ascertain whether the issue has worsened since the previous Joint Transportation Board recommendations. At the time of writing this report a response has not been received from Stagecoach, but a verbal update will be provided at the JTB meeting on any response received.
- 3.10 Members are asked to consider the contents of the report and recommend that no further action is taken in relation to proposed waiting restrictions in South Road, Faversham but that the parking situation be monitored.

## 4 Implications

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>
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 First Consultation Material
- Annex B – Results of First Consultation
- Annex C – Written Objections Following December 2014 JTB Meeting
- Annex D – Copy of Second Consultation Material
- Annex E – Results of Second Consultation

## 6 Background Papers

6.1 None