

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 7 th March 2016
Report Title	Informal Consultation on Proposed Waiting Restrictions
Cabinet Member	Cllr David Simmons
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Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to consider the results of the recent informal consultations for waiting restrictions and recommend that Officers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take the comments from the consultation back to the Swale Quality Bus Partnership for further discussion prior to implementing restrictions in Wildish Road, Faversham.• Progress the proposed restrictions in The Street/Canterbury Road in Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk, but with the amendments suggested by Kent County Council and subject to the agreement of both Parish Councils who are funding the works.
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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 proposals to install waiting restrictions in Wildish Road, Faversham and The Street/Canterbury Road in Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk.

2 Background

- 2.1 A request has been received from the Stagecoach Bus Company for a bus stand to be installed in Wildish Road, Faversham, with double yellow lines opposite the bus stand. A request has also been received from both Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Parish Council for double yellow lines to be installed along The Street/Canterbury Road between the junctions of Staplestreet Road and Horselees Road.
- 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. For the Wildish Road proposals, an additional 4 responses were received from residents not within the consultation area, and for the Canterbury Road/The Street proposals an additional 54 responses were received from residents outside of the consultation area, following the delivery of additional leaflets by the Parish Councils. In both cases, the additional responses have been kept separate from the main consultation results.

Wildish Road, Faversham – Bus Stand and Double Yellow Lines

- 3.2 Following a request from the Stagecoach Bus Company through the Swale Quality Bus Partnership, a consultation took place with residents on proposals to install a bus stand to the south of the Ivory Close junction in Wildish Road, Faversham, with double yellow lines to be installed on the opposite side of the road. Problems have been reported with vehicles parked opposite the existing bus stop, resulting in the road becoming blocked to through traffic when buses are stationary at the bus stop.
- 3.3 The Wildish Road bus stop is a timing/layover point for some bus services, and would therefore need to be marked as a bus stand as opposed to a bus stop, to allow buses to wait for several minutes at the stop.
- 3.4 Of the 9 properties consulted, 5 responses were received, 3 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting. An additional 4 responses from outside of the consultation area were received, all supporting the proposals.
- 3.5 One objector states that on a daily basis up to 3 buses are parked at the bus stop for several minutes at a time from 7.08am with their engines running, creating a public noise nuisance and environmental health issue. It is also stated that these parked buses cause an obstruction to the Ivory Close junction sightline. The other objector states that double yellow lines will affect all road users and visitors to the play area who will have to park elsewhere, and suggests that the parking issue is caused by visitors to the nearby community centre, who should be forced to expand their car park or ensure that their patrons use the agreed facilities of Sainsbury's car park.

Canterbury Road/The Street, Boughton-under-Blean/Dunkirk – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.6 A request was received from Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Parish Council for double yellow lines to be installed on both sides of Canterbury Road/The Street between the junctions of Staplestreet Road and Horselees Road. The issue had previously been discussed on site with Parish Councillors and Kent County Council Officers, and KCC advised that they would not consider the installation of the restrictions as there is no history of personal injury crashes at the location.
- 3.7 The Parish Councils therefore approached Swale Borough Council with the request for waiting restrictions, with both Parish Councils agreeing to jointly fund the

scheme. It has been reported that vehicles parked between the two junctions are obstructing the sightlines of vehicles using the Staplestreet Road and Horselees Road junctions.

- 3.8 Of the 28 properties consulted, 19 responses were received, 11 supporting the proposals and 8 objecting. An additional 54 responses were received from outside of the consultation area, following the distribution of leaflets by the Parish Councils. 41 of these responses supported the proposals and 13 objected.
- 3.9 Many of the additional responses supporting the proposals came from residents who use the Staplestreet Road junction, although it is acknowledged that waiting restrictions would not impact on them directly as they do not park in the area.
- 3.10 Some of the objections received state that visitors to nearby properties rely on the on-street parking at this location, and any restrictions would force vehicles to park further down The Street in areas which are already congested with parking. Comments have also been received that the parked vehicles create a traffic calming effect resulting in the reduction in speed of vehicles entering The Street. Other objectors have stated that with insufficient off-street parking, they have been in communication with the local PCSO and have fully complied with the requests around parking a safe distance from junctions. Concern has also been expressed that introducing waiting restrictions will displace parked vehicles into nearby areas, including some private accesses, which could obstruct emergency vehicle access.
- 3.11 Kent County Council have responded to the consultation, stating that they consider that a shorter section of double yellow lines would be appropriate on the north side of Canterbury Road, running easterly from the junction of Staplestreet Road for a distance of 20 metres. This would still provide adequate visibility for vehicles exiting Staplestreet Road whilst allowing a level of on-street parking for residents. The County Council also state that vehicles parking east of the Staplestreet Road junction will, in themselves, create a traffic calming measure by providing a clearly visible presence that will naturally slow oncoming vehicles traffic from the Boughton Hill direction, and that this, coupled with the planned speed limit reduction on Canterbury Road, will significantly improve road safety in this vicinity.
- 3.12 As the planned restrictions are being proposed and funded by Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Parish Council, agreement on any amendments to the scheme would be sought from the Parish Councils prior to implementing the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

4 Recommendation

4.1 Members are asked to consider the results of the recent informal consultations for waiting restrictions and recommend that Officers:-

4.1.1 Take the comments from the consultation back to the Swale Quality Bus Partnership for further discussion prior to implementing restrictions in Wildish Road, Faversham.

4.1.2 Progress the proposed restrictions in The Street/Canterbury Road in Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk, but with the amendments suggested by Kent County Council and subject to the agreement of both Parish Councils who are funding the works.

5 Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary lining and signing.
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