

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 12 September 2016
Report Title	Informal Consultation on Proposed Waiting Restrictions at Love Lane, Faversham and Capel Road (west), Sittingbourne
Cabinet Member	Cllr David Simmons
SMT Lead	Dave Thomas
Head of Service	Dave Thomas
Lead Officer	Brett O'Connell (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">• Progress the proposed restrictions in Love Lane, Faversham, including the amendments suggested by a resident to add further restrictions at the vehicle entrance to the flats near the cemetery.• Abandon proposed restrictions in Capel Road, Sittingbourne, and monitor the site.
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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 Love Lane, Faversham and Capel Road (west), Sittingbourne.

2 Background

- 2.1 Love Lane, Faversham – We received a request by the Cemeteries Officer at Swale Borough Council to look at the cemetery entrance/exit area. There have been concerns raised by members of the public regarding visibility problems due to parked vehicles in Love Lane. A consultation has been progressed.
- 2.2 Capel Road (west), Sittingbourne – A petition was received from residents in the west end of Capel Road stating that there have been parking problems since restrictions/time limited bays were installed a few years ago further along Capel Road. The petition was submitted to the Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board in July 2016 and it was recommended that a consultation be undertaken with residents on proposals to improve the situation. A consultation has been progressed.

2.3 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.

Love Lane, Faversham – Double Yellow Lines

3.2 Following a request from the Cemeteries Officer at Swale Borough Council, a consultation took place with residents on proposals to install double yellow lines on the west side of Love Lane, Faversham. The Officer highlighted there were visibility problems with vehicles exiting the cemetery. This was due to vehicles being parked in the near vicinity of the cemetery entrance. The Officer also reported that she has had comments from cemetery visitors stating poor visibility when turning out of the cemetery. It has been suggested that a majority of parked vehicles are commuters or employees at the farm in Love Lane.

3.3 During the consultation period we received a letter from a resident in Love Lane stating large vehicles, including HGV's, park close to the vehicle entrance of the shared parking area of the flats in Love Lane just south of the cemetery. The resident also submitted photographic evidence and was concerned that if the restrictions were installed it would make matters worse as it would displace the parking. Having seen the photographs we can see this is a problem and therefore suggest a small length of parking restrictions at the vehicle crossing area as shown in Annex C.

3.4 Of the 30 (approximate) properties consulted, 9 responses were received, 5 supported the proposals, 2 objected and 2 were general comments.

3.5 Members of the Board are requested to note the comments and objections received and recommend that Officers proceed with the proposed restrictions, including the added restrictions in Annex C and include them in the next Traffic Regulation Order.

Capel Road (west), Sittingbourne – Option A (Double Yellow Lines) or Option B (Single Yellow Lines)

3.7 A petition was received via a resident from Capel Road asking to improve the parking. The petition was submitted to the Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board and it was recommended that a consultation took place. This consultation has now been completed and residents were asked to comment on two options of parking restrictions:

Option A – to install double yellow lines throughout the western end of Capel Road as per the plan in Annex A.

Option B – to install a single yellow line throughout the western end of Capel Road with a restriction on parking between 08:00 – 18:00 Mon – Fri, as per the plan in Annex A.

- 3.8 The petition stated that parked vehicles had increased at the west end of Capel Road following the installation of parking bays and various single/double yellow lines at the east end. The petition also highlighted that vehicles were parking inconsiderately on the footway making safe passage for pedestrians limited. The petition was signed by 23 households of Capel Road, 1 resident of Arundel Avenue and 1 resident of Berkeley Court.
- 3.9 Out of the 80 properties consulted, 16 responses were received, 1 household supported option A (double yellow lines), 5 households supported option B (single yellow lines) and 10 properties objected to all proposals.
- 3.10 Members of the Board are requested to note the comments and objections received and recommend that no restrictions are installed due to the objections received and the poor response to the consultation.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the results of the recent informal consultations for waiting restrictions and recommend that Officers:-
- 4.2 Love Lane, Faversham – Install restrictions as per the consulted plan and include the extra double yellow lines as shown in Annex C.
- 4.3 Capel Road (west), Sittingbourne – Abandon proposals due to poor response to the consultation. Monitor site for possible future proposals.

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
- Annex C – Extra Double Yellow Lines

6 Background Papers

6.1 None