

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 11 th September 2017
Report Title	Petition Against Residents' Parking Scheme Implementation – Plantation Road, Faversham
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alan Horton
SMT Lead	Martyn Cassell
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the petition received and contents of this report, and recommend that the proposed implementation of the Residents' Parking Scheme in Plantation Road, Faversham, is not progressed.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is in response to a petition received from residents of Plantation Road in Faversham, objecting to the recently proposed implementation of a Residents' Parking Scheme in their road.

2. Background

- 2.1 A petition was previously submitted to the Swale Joint Transportation Board for the existing Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme to be extended into School Road. Due to the potential effect of the scheme displacing vehicles into adjoining roads, the informal consultation included Plantation Road and Kings Road, Faversham, asking residents if they would support the implementation of the scheme in their road should it be introduced in School Road. Members of the Swale JTB considered the results of this consultation and recommended that the scheme should progress in School Road and Plantation Road, but not Kings Road due to lack of support. A petition has now been received from residents in Plantation Road objecting to the inclusion of their road in the scheme.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A draft design was prepared on the possible scheme layout and sent out to residents of School Road and Plantation Road in Faversham, and full details of this can be found in the Update Report on the Petition for Residents Parking in School Road, Faversham, submitted to the September 2017 JTB meeting.
- 3.2 Residents were invited to comment on the draft design prior to drafting the legal Traffic Regulation Order associated with introducing the scheme. However, during this time a petition was received from residents of Plantation Road, objecting to the implementation of the scheme in their road.
- 3.3 The petition, titled "*Petition objecting to Proposed Residents' Parking Permit Scheme in Plantation Road, Faversham*" consists of a total of 36 signatures from 29 properties in Plantation Road, and one in the nearby Cavour Road.
- 3.4 Various comments were included in the petition, and these can be found in Annex A, together with other comments received on the draft design.
- 3.5 The previous consultation results for the implementation of the Residents' Parking Scheme in Plantation Road were 10 responses supporting the scheme and 6 objecting, and the 6 objectors have signed the submitted petition.
- 3.6 In addition to the petition, comments on the proposed implementation of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Plantation Road have also been received from a local bus operator. The operator has expressed concern that such a scheme will displace parked vehicles into the nearby South Road, where problems are already experienced with limited available carriageway width due to parked cars.
- 3.7 The bus operator has requested that additional double yellow lines be installed in South Road should the scheme be introduced in Plantation Road. Several previous consultations have taken place on various waiting restriction proposals in South Road, all of which have been met with a large number of objections resulting in the proposed restrictions being abandoned.
- 3.8 In light of the petition received, together with the fact that the original petition requesting the scheme was from residents of School Road, Faversham, it is felt that there is insufficient support for introducing the scheme in Plantation Road. To progress the scheme in Plantation Road would almost certainly generate a high number of objections to the Traffic Regulation Order, and it would therefore seem prudent to limit the extension of the scheme to School Road only.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the petition received and contents of this report, and recommend that the proposed implementation of the Residents' Parking Scheme in Plantation Road, Faversham, is **not** progressed.

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Staff resource for drafting Traffic Regulation Order (approximately 30 hours), finalising Scheme Design (approximately 10 hours) and costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order (Standard SBC Fees £2,950). Funding to be sourced to cover cost of Signing and Lining Installation (approximately £3,000).
Legal and Statutory	Traffic Regulation Order to be progressed, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
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.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of comments received with petition.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None