

## SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Report Title</b>	Petition for changes to Residents Parking Scheme – Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne – Consultation Results
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Alan Horton
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<b>Lead Officer</b>	Mike Knowles (SBC)
<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that Officers do not proceed with any changes to the existing 2 hour waiting limit for the Ufton Lane area of the Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme, but that the comments around enforcement are forwarded to the appropriate team.
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### 1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the responses received to the recent consultation on waiting times within the current 2 hour limited waiting area of Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne, following the submission of a petition from residents of Ufton Lane to the Joint Transportation Board.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 A petition containing 34 signatures was presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board by residents of Ufton Lane in Sittingbourne. The petition stated that parking problems are caused by non-permit holders having unfair access to the current Parking Scheme and at their meeting on 26 June 2017, Members of the Swale Joint Transportation Board recommended that two consultations take place, one with residents situated in the current two hour waiting limit of Ufton Lane and one with residents situated in the current one hour waiting limit of the current Residents' Parking Scheme. This report provides details of the Ufton Lane consultation, and a separate report has been submitted for the current one hour waiting limit area of the Scheme.

### 3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 Members of the Swale JTB recommended that the consultation in Ufton Lane was based on proposals to amend the existing two hour waiting limit to one hour or 30

minutes, and a copy of the consultation material can be found in Annex A. A plan of the consultation area can be found in Annex B.

- 3.2 The informal consultation with residents took place between 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017. For the Ufton Lane area, a total of 191 consultation leaflets were sent out, and 51 responses were received. This produced an overall response rate of 27%. To ascertain whether there was more support for changes to the Scheme waiting times in the lower end of Ufton Lane, the results of the consultation have been split into two areas, the lower end of Ufton Lane between the A2 and Addington Road and the higher end of Ufton Lane between Addington Road and Homewood Avenue.
- 3.3 A table summarising the results of the consultation can be found in Annex C. The table details the number of leaflets sent out to each area, the number and percentage of responses received, and the number and percentage of responses received supporting each option. The table also shows the number of responses for each option as a percentage of the total number of properties in each area.
- 3.4 Various comments were received through the consultation, and a copy of all of these responses and comments can be found in Annex D. In summary of the comments, five responders felt that shortening the permitted waiting time would adversely affect visitors and tradesmen to properties in the area. Four responders stated that a higher level of enforcement of the existing restrictions was required, and 4 commented that the parking problems were caused by businesses. Three residents felt that parking problems only existed at evenings and weekends, when the Scheme was not in operation, and one stated that vehicles parked during the day constantly changed, indicating that it was not local business parking. Three comments suggested free permits to be issued to tradesmen and care workers. Two comments were received suggesting that changing the existing restrictions would displace parked vehicles into adjoining roads, and another two felt that restrictions were required on voucher usage for properties with multiple vehicles. Other comments included changing the current waiting times will not make any improvement but will affect businesses, why does the Scheme operate on Saturdays, problems were caused by residents without permits as opposed to commuters, residents with off-street parking should not be eligible for permits, zones should be smaller to restrict roads to residents in those roads, the Scheme operating times should be extended to 9pm and include Sundays, and restrictions should apply 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- 3.5 Generally, response rates were relatively low and with the exception of the upper section of Ufton Lane where 38% of properties responded in support of the existing 2 hour waiting restriction, there was not substantial support for any of the suggested options. In the lower section of Ufton Lane, although 56% of responses received supported reducing the existing waiting limit to 30 minutes, this only represents 12% of the properties located between the A2 and Addington Road.

## 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that Officers do not proceed with any changes to the existing 2 hour waiting limit for the Ufton Lane area of the Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme, but that the comments around enforcement are forwarded to the appropriate team.

## 5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Resource for increased enforcement of the Scheme.
Legal and Statutory	None at this stage.
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 Proposed Consultation Document – Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne  
Annex B – Details of Consultation Area – Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne  
Annex C – Summary of Responses Received from Each Road/Area  
Annex D – Details of Comments and Responses Received

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None