

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Thursday, 18th June, 2009

Present: Borough Council Members of the Board
Cllr M A C Balfour (Chairman), Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr D W Smith,
Cllr A K Sullivan and Cllr M S Worrall.

County Council Members of the Board
Mrs V Dagger, Mr P Homewood and Mr G Horne MBE.

Borough Councillors Aikman, Mrs Anderson, Baldock, Bolt, Mrs B Brown, Cure, Evans, Mrs Luck, Miss Moloney and Miss Sergison were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Mr D Kings (Kent Association of Local Councils) was also present.

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Thornewell and from County Councillors Mrs Hohler and Smith.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**JTB
09/012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**JTB
09/013 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 9 March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**JTB
09/014 PARKING ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision Notice D090095MEM

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure provided an update on current work contained in the Parking Action Plan with particular reference to the implementation of the Snodland Local Parking Plan and Phase 4a of the general parking improvement programme; to the initial consultation on Phase 5 of the general parking improvement programme for 2009/10 and to the initial assessment of the parking review arising from the development of West Kent College.

The Chairman offered to write to the Principal of West Kent College to express concern about the delay in issuing the report on the resident

consultation exercise. In relation to parking work at Cottenham Close, East Malling, the need for co-ordination with the recently consented development proposals in Mill Street was discussed and the County officers were requested to monitor highway safety at the proposed traffic calming table at the nearby pinch point in the road.

RESOLVED: That the following be commended to the Borough Council Cabinet

(1) the Snodland Local Parking Plan be implemented as advertised and the proposals for one-way traffic flows in Bramley Road be deferred to allow a final round of consultation to determine if there is a majority view and the Petitioners be advised accordingly; and

(2) the parking management measures proposed for Phase 4a of the Parking Action Plan be implemented as advertised and the Objectors be advised accordingly.

**JTB
09/015**

**APPLICATION FOR ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER AT MANOR PARK
COUNTRY PARK**

The report of the Country Parks Area Manager outlined the procedure for applying a Traffic Regulation Order at Manor Park Country Park, West Malling to enable the County Council to manage and enforce the car park.

RESOLVED: That the Traffic Regulation Order at Manor Park Country Park be implemented as advertised and the Objector be advised accordingly.

**JTB
09/016**

**TONBRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA - STREET FURNITURE AND
SURFACES GUIDE**

The joint report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure and Head of Community Operations advised that the Borough Council's Planning and Transportation Advisory Board had recently recommended the adoption of the Tonbridge Conservation Area Street Furniture and Surfaces Guide as a material consideration for development control. The Board was invited to approve the Guide as a template for highway maintenance and improvement purposes and as a guide to County officers considering the highway aspects of specific developments.

RESOLVED: That the Street Furniture and Surfaces Guide for Tonbridge Conservation Area

(1) be commended for adoption as a material consideration in respect of the highway implications of development proposals; and

(2) be paid regard to in designing, specifying and maintaining the streetscene in the Conservation Area.

**JTB
09/017**

PARISH PORTAL UPDATE

The report of the Interim Director of Kent Highway Services provided an update on the development of the Parish Portal. Concern was expressed that access to the Portal was unavailable in non parished areas and that, within parished areas, was unavailable to County and Borough Members who did not serve on the parish council within their Ward or Division. Members requested that this matter be raised at the Parish Partnership Panel and the Tonbridge Forum.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Nick Chard, the County Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste, requesting that the Portal be made available within non parished areas and to Borough and County Councillors whose Wards and Divisions contain more than one parish.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**JTB
09/018**

HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT

The joint report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure and the Head of Countywide Improvements provided a position statement for the financial year 2009/10 on highway improvement and traffic management schemes within Tonbridge and Malling.

**JTB
09/019**

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME FOR TONBRIDGE AND MALLING 2010/11 AND 2011/12

The report of the Head of Transport and Development provided details of programme of integrated traffic schemes for 2010/11 and outlined schemes for 2011/12. Details of the new Scheme Prioritisation System used to assess schemes for inclusion in the 2010/11 programme were set out in the report. The Board noted that a seminar on the new Scheme Prioritisation System would be held at County Hall on 28 July 2009.

**JTB
09/020**

PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

The report of the Interim Director of Kent Highway Services set out details of petitions received by the County Council since the last meeting of the Joint Transportation Board. Members were provided with an update on the traffic monitoring undertaken on the A228 Leybourne and West Malling Bypass. The Chairman advised that he had forwarded a petition received from residents of Tower Hill, Offham regarding road surface conditions to Kent Highway Services.

**JTB
09/021**

**INFORMATION REPORTS FROM THE HIGHWAYS ADVISORY
BOARD**

The report of the Interim Director of Kent Highway Services set out details of matters considered at the meeting of the Highways Advisory Board held on 5 May 2009.

**JTB
09/022**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PANEL MINUTES

The Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure presented the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Transport Panel held on 31 March 2009.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**JTB
09/023**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2115 hours

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RECORD OF DECISION

**Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR
Planning and Transportation**

Decision No: D090095MEM

Date: 18th June 2009

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Parking Action Plan - Progress Report

(Report of Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure)

(Annex 1)

(Annex 2)

(Annex 3)

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Following consideration by the Joint Transportation Board, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation resolved that:

- 1) the Snodland Local Parking Plan be implemented as advertised and the proposals for one-way traffic flows in Bramley Road be deferred to allow a final round of consultation to determine if there is a majority view and the Petitioners be advised accordingly; and
- 2) the parking management measures proposed for Phase 4a of the Parking Action Plan be implemented as advertised and the Objectors be advised accordingly.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Joint Transportation Board of 18 June 2009.

Signed Cabinet Member for M Balfour
Planning and
Transportation:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 19 June 2009

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.