

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday, 7th March, 2011

Present: Borough Council Members of the Board
Cllr M A C Balfour (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M R Rhodes, Cllr D W Smith,
Cllr A K Sullivan, Cllr D Thornewell and Cllr M S Worrall.

County Council Members of the Board
Mr P Homewood (Chairman), Mrs V Dagger, Mrs T Dean, Miss A Hohler,
Mr R Long and Mr C Smith.

Borough Councillors Mrs Anderson, Balcombe, Baldock, Court, Cure,
N Heslop, Mrs Luck, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Woodger were also present
pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Mr N Collins of Hadlow Parish Council, Mrs S Barker of Kings Hill Parish
Council and Mr H Rayner of Wrotham Parish Council were also present.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Rogers
and County Councillor Mrs Hohler.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**JTB
11/001 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Borough Councillors Mrs Simpson and Mrs Woodger and County
Councillor Mrs Dean declared personal interests in the item on the
Parking Action Plan in that they were Trustees of the St James Centre,
East Malling.

**JTB
11/002 MINUTES**

The Chairman invited officers to provide an update on Minute
JTB 10/037 regarding the proposal to amend the light sequence and
the provision of additional signage to be funded by the parish council.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint
Transportation Board held on 29 November 2010 be approved as a
correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

**JTB
11/003**

PARKING ACTION PLAN

Decision Notice D110042MEM

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure provided details of the draft list of locations for Phase 6 of the general programme of the Parking Action Plan. Details of objections received following the formal advertisement of the on-street Traffic Regulation Order in respect of the East Malling Local Action Plan were also submitted. Particular reference was made to a petition received in respect of parking issues relating to the St James Centre in Chapman Way, East Malling and the lack of on-site parking within that facility.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the Borough Council Cabinet be commended to

(i) endorse the actions for Phase 6 of the Parking Action Plan as set out at Annex 1 to the report;

(ii) subject to the proposals regarding the proposed restrictions outside the former St James School being held in abeyance, approve the responses to the objections to the Kent County Council (East Malling Parking Plan - In the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling)(Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking)(Amendment No 4) Order 2011, as set out in Annex 2 to the report, advise the objectors accordingly and install the Order as advertised; and

(iii) note the petition received in respect of the proposed parking arrangements in Chapman Way and advise the lead petitioner of the resolution set out below; and

(2) the Chairman of the Board write to the Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills inviting her to consider improved parking provision on the site of the St James Centre and that this be installed over the summer months to enable the implementation of the proposed parking restrictions, which are required for safety reasons.

**JTB
11/004**

TONBRIDGE PEDESTRIAN GUARDRAILING ASSESSMENT

The report of the Director of Kent Highway Services set out details of proposals to remove lengths of pedestrian guard rail that Kent Highways considered had little justification on highway safety grounds. The Board was advised that this matter had been considered by the Borough Council's Planning and Transportation Advisory Board at its meeting held on 22 February and the Advisory Board had concluded that the proposals be reviewed in consultation with local Members and the revised response referred to the Advisory Board before final submission. In light of this recommendation it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of this matter be held in abeyance until the Borough Council has reconsidered the issue at a future meeting of the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

**JTB
11/005**

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The Director of Kent Highway Services presented a progress report on highway improvement schemes 2010-11.

**JTB
11/006**

PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

The report of the Director of Kent Highway Services set out details of petitions received by the County Council since the last meeting of the Joint Transportation Board or currently under consideration by the Kent Highway Services.

**JTB
11/007**

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH COUNCILS

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure set out details of a request received from Wrotham Parish Council for consideration of a maintenance issue on Old London Road arising from the severe winter weather.

**JTB
11/008**

WINTER DAMAGE STATEMENT

The report of the Head of Community Operations set out details of action taken to expand the number of repairs to weather damaged potholes following the harsh weather conditions in December 2010.

**JTB
11/009**

REPORTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS AND WASTE POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure summarised matters considered at recent meetings of the Environment, Highways and Waste Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**JTB
11/010**

BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure provided details of a number of transportation issues currently affecting the Borough. Particular reference was made to the request made to the Department for Transport to restart the Public Inquiry for the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling Scheme and to the current rail issues confronting the Borough.

**JTB
11/011**

KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES REORGANISATION

The report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure provided an update on the current, considerable, reorganisation within Kent Highway Services and assessed the potential implications for joint

working between the authorities on highway, traffic and transportation matters. The Board was saddened to note that Mr A Moreton would no longer attend meetings of the Joint Transportation Board and wished him every success in his new role in Highway Services.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**JTB
11/012**

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

No matters were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2140 hours

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RECORD OF DECISION

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

Decision No: **D110042MEM**

Date: **7th March 2011**

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Parking Action Plan

(Report of Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure)

(Annex 1)

(Annex 2)

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

- (1) the actions for Phase 6 of the Parking Action Plan, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be endorsed;
- (2) subject to the proposals regarding the proposed restrictions outside the former St James School being held in abeyance, the responses to the objections to the Kent County Council (East Malling Parking Plan - In the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling)(Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking)(Amendment No 4) Order 2011, as set out in Annex 2 to the report, be approved, the objectors be advised accordingly and the Order as advertised be installed;
- (3) the petition received in respect of the proposed parking arrangements in Chapman Way be noted and the lead petitioner be advised of the resolution at (4) below; and
- (4) the Chairman of the Board be requested to write to the Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills inviting her to consider improved parking provision on the site of the St James Centre and that this be installed over the summer months to enable the implementation of the proposed parking restrictions, which are required for safety reasons.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Joint Transportation Board of 7 March 2011.

Signed Cabinet Member for M Balfour
Planning and
Transportation:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

Date of publication: 11 March 2011

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.