

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

20 September 2010

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matter for Recommendation to Borough Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Summary

The report provides an up date on the progress in carrying out the Parking Action Plan. The formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order for the 24 locations identified in Phase 5 of the Parking Action Plan has been completed. Some of the proposals have received Objections and these are assessed in detail in the report.

The draft East Malling Parking Plan approved by the Board will be subject to public consultation during October and the results reported to the next meeting of the Board through the Steering Group.

1.1 Parking Action Plan – Phase 5

- 1.1.1 Phase 5 of the Parking Action Plan was the focus of a preliminary stage of public consultation earlier this year and the results were reported to the March meeting of the Board. This exercise allowed the proposals to be refined in the light of the comments received from local members, residents, businesses and Parish Councils.
- 1.1.2 At the end of the informal stage, we were left with some 24 locations as summarised in **Annex 1**. In some cases, it was clear that no amount of adjustment could accommodate the representations received and it was inevitable that some objections would persist when the proposals moved forward to the formal advertising stage for implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
- 1.1.3 This stage has now been completed and the responses are fully detailed in **Annex 2**.
- 1.1.4 A few locations have proved to be more contentious than others and wherever possible a compromise has been sought where it has been possible to do so while remaining consistent with the highway safety and access objectives of the proposals. Drawings illustrating the proposals for the more controversial sites are

contained in **Annex 3** but there will be a full set of plans for all the sites available for inspection on the night of the meeting.

1.2 East Malling Parking Review

- 1.2.1 Public consultation on the approved draft East Malling Local Parking Plan has been arranged for the period of 27 September till 18 October 2010. All registered properties in the East Malling area will be given to opportunity to comment on the draft proposals and there will be a leaflet drop to all properties in East Malling before the consultation starts.
- 1.2.2 Two 'drop-in' sessions for the local community have been organised at the East Malling Institute to cover a weekday, evening and weekend period and these will be held on Tuesday 12 October and Saturday 16 October.
- 1.2.3 The programme provides for the results of the consultation exercise to be considered by the Steering Group during early November and for the draft Local Parking Plan approved by the Group to be reported to the Board for endorsement at the November meeting.

1.3 Legal Implications

- 1.3.1 The on-street parking service is undertaken by the Borough Council on behalf of the County Council under the terms of the formal legal agreement

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 Funding to implement the parking action plan is provided within existing approved Borough Council Budgets

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of local support when introduced. This risk is mitigated by the considerable effort devoted to ensuring that there is wide local consultation on proposals, through for example the informal stage of analysis and consultation on the phased programme before any formal stage is reached. There is also care given to ensuring that schemes are adapted and adjusted in the light of comments and observation received from the local community without compromising highway safety or the Councils commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.6 Recommendations

- 1.6.1 That the recommended responses to the objections to The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge & Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking) (Amendment No 2) Order 2010 as set out in Annex 2 **BE APPROVED**, the objectors be advised accordingly and the Order, as amended, be installed.

1.6.2 The The Director of Planning, Transport and Leisure confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework

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Background papers:

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Nil

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