

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford	McKenzie Close	01.01-1
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-02 Aylesford - McKenzie Close.pdf	

History

Residential parking in McKenzie Close has been an issue for some time, with residents choosing to park on-street close to their properties rather than use the nearby parking facilities. The area had a number of housing association garages 'en-bloc' that were unpopular with residents and were often not used for the storage of vehicles, but these have now been demolished in favour of open-air parking.

Residents are choosing to park on both sides of the entry road in to McKenzie Close, sometimes 'bumping-up' on to the footways. This has led to problems for large vehicles using the road as the parking on either side sometimes makes it impassable. This was demonstrated several months ago when a Kent Fire & Rescue appliance was unable to attend a house fire in the road due to parked vehicles on the entry.

Some residents have claimed that the parking situation has worsened since the introduction of double yellow lines on Admiral Moore Drive a few years ago and that some of the patients to the nearby Doctor's Surgery are the main cause of the problems.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the access problems along the entrance road to McKenzie Close due to concerns about future emergency vehicle access.

The proposal that residents were consulted upon was for new double yellow lines along one side of the road and with double yellow lines on either side at the junction with Admiral Moore Drive and by the parking areas and sub-station.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 64 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	17	26.5%
In favour	15	88.2%
Against	2	11.8%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-1 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-1r.

Comments

The good level of response from residents suggests that the proposals are supported, though some residents objected on the grounds that it would inconvenience them and reduce nearby parking that they were prepared to use.

Recommendation

Though some residents wish to maintain the convenience of parking close to their properties, the majority of those who responded are aware of the need to address the emergency access issues and are in favour of the proposals. With this in mind the proposals should proceed to formal consultation as drawn.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Eccles)	Bull Lane & Cork Street	01.01-2
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-03 Aylesford (Eccles) - Bull Lane & Cork Street.pdf	

History

It had been reported that there were parking and access issues around the junction of Bull Lane and Cork Street in Eccles. Buses were finding problems accessing the bus stops and the re-development of a corner property has changed the road layout.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the access problems and to reflect the change in road layout.

The proposal that residents were consulted upon was for new bus stop restrictions and yellow lines around the junction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 27 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	4	14.8%
In favour	2	50%
Against	2	50%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-2 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-2r.

Comments

The limited (and mixed) response from residents suggests a level of ambivalence, with the location of the formalised bus stop being of concern to the resident of the nearest property.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals continue to formal consultation, but the previously proposed bus stop clearway on the western side of the road should be omitted to help maintain the privacy of nearby residents.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Eccles)	Bull Lane & Mackenders Lane	01.01-3
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-03 Aylesford (Eccles) - Bull Lane & Mackenders Lane.pdf	

History

There have been reported problems with cars parking at the end of the existing double yellow lines around the junction of Bull Lane & Mackenders Lane and this was causing visibility problems for traffic emerging from Mackenders Lane.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the safety concerns and to extend the existing double yellow lines so that visibility is improved.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 17 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	5	29.4%
In favour	2	40%
Against	2	40%
No view	1	20%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-3 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-3r.

Comments

The limited responses are polarized between those who don't like the parking and those who park there, both groups living in close proximity to each other.

Recommendation

As no consensus is evident and the proposals relate to residents concerns about safety (and there is no automatic right to park on the Highway) the proposals should proceed to formal consultation, subject to a minor change in extents that was requested by residents.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Eccles)	Mackenders Lane & Skinners Close	01.01-4
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-03 Aylesford (Eccles) - Mackenders Lane & Skinners Close.pdf	

History

There have been reported problems with cars parking at the end of the existing double yellow lines around the junction of Mackenders Lane and Skinners Close and this was causing visibility problems for traffic emerging from Skinners Close Lane.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the safety concerns and to introduce double yellow lines so that visibility is improved.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 15 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	5	33.3%
In favour	3	60%
Against	2	40%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-4 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-4r.

Comments

The limited responses are polarized between those who don't like the parking and those who park there, both groups living in close proximity to each other. Additionally, there were comments that should obstructive or dangerous parking occur, there was existing legislation available to the police to enable them to address the problem and that the proposed parking restrictions were a waste of money.

The comments relating to the powers available to the Police are correct, but these restrictions would enable the Borough Council to intervene as well, and also have a level of self-enforcement as the markings are a permanent reminder not to park there.

Recommendation

As no consensus is evident and the proposals relate to residents' concerns about safety (and there is no automatic right to park on the Highway) the proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Papion Grove	01.01-5
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-04 Aylesford (Walderslade) - Papion Grove.pdf	

History

Residents of Papion Grove have been reporting issues of long-stay non-resident parking in the road, which has been causing problems for residents

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing new parking restrictions to prevent parking near to the junction and to prevent all day parking.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 37 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	19	51.3%
In favour	14	73.7%
Against	5	26.3%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-5 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-5r.

Comments

The good level of response from residents suggests that the proposals are supported, though some residents objected on the grounds that it would inconvenience them and remove on-street parking for residents and visitors.

Additionally, some residents commented that the restrictions would inconvenience them as they sometimes park in the road.

It has to be remembered that all of the properties have off-street parking and that there is no automatic right to parking on the road, and whilst this is convenient it cannot be guaranteed.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals continue to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Fernbank Close	01.01-6
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-04 Aylesford (Walderslade) - Fernbank Close.pdf	

History

Residents of Fernbank Close have been reporting issues of long-stay non-resident parking in the road, which has been causing problems for residents

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing new parking restrictions to prevent parking near to the junction and to prevent all day parking.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 19 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	10	52.3%
In favour	4	40%
Against	3	30%
No view	3	30%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-6 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-6r.

Comments

The mixed responses indicate a difference of opinion on the severity of the problem, and some residents commented that the proposals would inconvenience their friends, family and visitors.

Additionally there were comments that the times of the restriction should be different.

Recommendation

The times of the restrictions are set to tie-in with other restrictions in the area so that enforcement can be more effective and it would significantly affect enforcement availability if the times were changed.

It needs to be remembered that this request came from residents that all residents have off-street parking, and there is no right to on-street parking. It is a balance between the inconvenience to residents of the problem and the solution,

The proposal should proceed to formal consultation for wider consideration.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Catkin Close	01.01-7
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-04 Aylesford (Walderslade) - Catkin Close.pdf	

History

For some time there have been significant school-time parking problems in Catkin Close, where school parents park all around the junctions and cause considerable congestion.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the school-time parking problems so that congestion is eased.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 17 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	3	17.6%
In favour	3	100%
Against	0	0
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-7 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-7r.

Comments

The limited responses are in favour of the proposals as drawn.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals continue to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Tunbury Avenue	01.01-8
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-04 Aylesford (Walderslade) - Tunbury Ave.pdf	

History

Residents and local elected members have been reporting problems with vehicles long-stay parking in Tunbury Avenue, often linked with the coach services that pick-up nearby.

Additionally parking close to pedestrian crossing areas and near to the post box has also caused visibility problems and difficulties for the people using the post box.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to prevent obstruction and to ease traffic flow.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 32 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	11	34.3%
In favour	2	18.2%
Against	9	81.8%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-8 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-8r.

Comments

The responses often comment that there is a problem, but that the solution would push parking in to the surrounding cul-de-sacs and this would be more of a problem for residents. There were also comments that the problem was not as severe as first reported.

Recommendation

Given the strong response against the proposals, the proposals should be abandoned. However, should there be a significant safety concern then the Highway Authority could consider restrictions on safety grounds.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Burham	Rochester Road	01.01-9
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-07 Burham - Rochester Road.pdf	

History

The Parish Council raised the issue of parking in Rochester Road, where a long stretch of residential parking reduces the road width for some distance.

The lack of passing places causes conflict between oncoming vehicles.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council proposed new parking restrictions to create 'pull-in' areas to allow breaks in the traffic stream and to ease congestion.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 47 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	14	29.8%
In favour	6	42.9%
Against	7	50%
No view	1	7.1%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-9 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-9r.

Comments

The mixed response shows a difference of opinion in relation to the proposals. A number of comments suggested the proposals could increase vehicle speeds, whilst others couldn't agree on which 'pull-in' areas should be provided.

Additionally, the Parish Council raised concerns that the proposals would push parking in to the Village Hall car park.

Recommendation

Given the mixed (at best) response, and the concerns over increased vehicle speeds, the proposals should be abandoned.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Ditton	Ditton Corner	01.01-10
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-08 Ditton - Ditton Corner.pdf	

History

There have been a number of comments about parking on Station Road, close to Ditton Corner, particularly close to the entrance to the Cobdown Sports & Social Club and near to the traffic signal junction.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing restrictions to prevent parking close to the junctions to ease traffic flow and to improve visibility.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 18 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	9	50%
In favour	3	33.3%
Against	4	44.4%
No view	2	22.2%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-10 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-10r.

Comments

The responses from residents are mixed, but in general are against the proposal, but would prefer that a new access be allowed to the west of the junction on to private land and a new parking area be constructed for residents, though this is outside the remit of the Council.

Recommendation

The changes would be to detrimental to residents who have no off-street facility, and until an alternative facility is available the proposals should be abandoned.

However, if there is a significant accident record then appropriate restrictions would need to be introduced by the Highway Authority.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Ditton	Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise	01.01-11
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-08 Ditton - Bell Lane jct Fernleigh Rise.pdf	

History

Residents have complained about parking around the junction of Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, mainly due to the lack of off-street parking for the nearby properties due to the age of those houses and the layout of the road.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to consider parking restrictions around the junction to prevent parking and to improve turning movements and visibility.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 16 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	5	32%
In favour	3	60%
Against	0	0
No view	2	40%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-11 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-11r.

Comments

The responses were broadly in favour, but with suggestions that the proposals could be slightly reduced in Fernleigh Rise. Additionally, it was suggested that the existing restrictions in Bell Lane could be reduced slightly to allow more parking, relieving parking pressures in the area.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals are amended in light of the residents comments and then to proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Ditton	Kiln Barn Lane & New Road	01.01-12
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-08 Ditton - Kiln Barn leading to New Road.pdf	

History

School-time parking in New Road has tended to 'spill-over' in to Kiln Barn Road and this is causing problems when parents park on the bend, affecting forward visibility.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the problems of parking on the bend that affects forward visibility.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 12 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	4	33.3%
In favour	4	100%
Against	0	0
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-12 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-12r.

Comments

The comments received are in favour of the proposals, though the Parish Council asked that additional restrictions be considered on the southwest side of the road as well.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals be adjusted to include additional restrictions on the southwest side of Kiln Barn Road, to the same extent, and to proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Hadlow	Carpenters Lane	01.01-13
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-11 Hadlow - Carpenters Lane.pdf	

History

There have been reports of problems of obstructive parking in Carpenters Lane that prevent buses and other large vehicles from safely using the road.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the access problems along the road and around the junctions.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 58 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	22	37.9%
In favour	14	63.6%
Against	6	27.2%
No view	2	9.1%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-13 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-13r.

Comments

There was a mixed response from residents and the Parish Council, generally in favour, but suggesting that the restrictions should only be around the junctions.

There were comments that excluding parking could lead to an increase in vehicle speeds.

Additionally there were comments that the increased parking related to the planning decision to allow the Warren Gardens development to take place. It may be that this is the case, but the purpose of this consultation is to address the problems rather than to 'second guess' planning matters where a development has already been completed and the decision cannot be reversed.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals be adjusted to cover the junctions only, in line with the request from the Parish Council.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
East Malling & Larkfield	The Lakes	01.01-14
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-09 Larkfield - The Lakes.pdf	

History

There were reports of parking issues in The Lakes where visitors to the nearby country park try to avoid the parking charges by parking on-street. Whether this is the case or not, there are cars parked on the entrance road and this can impinge on access to properties and for buses using the area.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to introduce restrictions to prevent obstruction along the road, near the pedestrian crossing points and around the junction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 31 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	11	35.4%
In favour	5	45.4%
Against	5	45.4%
No view	1	9.2%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-14 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-14r.

Comments

There was a mixed response from residents, some suggesting that the parking was by visitors to the nearby country park (where charges apply) and some commenting that this was not the case, as the cars were regularly parked there and there were more suitable closer locations to the park.

Recommendation

In light of residents comments about maintaining parking, the proposed across the northern end of the junction should be removed, but the other restrictions should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
East Malling & Larkfield	Sheldon Way	01.01-15
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-09 Larkfield - Sheldon Way.pdf	

History

There have been a number of reports of parking issues associated with visitors to 'Tiny Town' children's play centre in Sheldon Way. This stems from the change of use of industrial premises to one that generates a large number of visitors on a daily basis. Parking is particularly an issue at pick-up and drop-off times (similar to schools) and this is affecting access to nearby businesses by large vehicles.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to introduce restrictions to maintain access for large vehicles to the commercial premises in the road.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 11 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	4	36.4%
In favour	2	50%
Against	0	0
No view	2	50%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-15 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-15r.

Comments

The responses (albeit low) from businesses indicate that the proposals are supported

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals continue to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
East Malling & Larkfield	Thackeray Road & Chaucer Way	01.01-16
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-09 Larkfield - Thackeray Road & Chaucer Way.pdf	

History

There were reports that parking was occurring around the junction of Thackeray Road and Chaucer Way, leading to visibility problems.

This was investigated, but it was not evident at the site visits. However, in light of the comments it was decided to carry out informal consultation with residents over standard 'junction protection' restrictions.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has been asked to address the problems of parking around the junction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 4 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	1	0.25
In favour	0	0
Against	1	1
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-16 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-16r.

Comments

The comment received during the consultation suggests that residents are not in favour of the proposals.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals are abandoned at this stage.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
East Malling & Larkfield	Chaucer Way	01.01-17
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-09 Larkfield - Chaucer Way.pdf	

History

There have been requests for a number of differing restrictions on Chaucer Way from differing parts of the community;

- Restrictions close to the Gighill Road junction to prevent obstructive parking (from the Neighbourhood Watch Association)
- Restrictions opposite the bus stops and between junctions to improve traffic movements and prevent obstruction (from the Parish Council)
- Restrictions close to the play area to prevent parking near to the park (from the Police)

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council has taken each of the differing requests for parking restrictions and has proposed restrictions to address all of the problems raised.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 54 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	25	46.3%
In favour	10	40%
Against	13	52%
No view	2	8%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-17 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-17r.

Comments

The responses are very mixed, but also contain a petition of 27 signatures against the proposals.

Recommendation

Given the level of response and the petition against the proposals, the recommendation is that the proposals are abandoned. However, should there be sufficient safety concerns or accident record the issue could be re-visited by the Highway Authority.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
East Malling & Larkfield	Laburnum Drive & Maple Close	01.01-18
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-09 Larkfield - Laburnum Drive Briar Close Maple Close & New Hythe Lane.pdf	

History

Residents have reported problems of obstructive parking (sometimes half-on the footway) around the junctions of Laburnum Drive and Maple Close.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to prevent obstruction and to ease congestion.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 18 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	12	66.6%
In favour	9	75%
Against	0	0
No view	3	25%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-18 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-18r.

Comments

The responses tended to be in favour of the proposals, with a suggestion that the restrictions should extend further in to Maple Close.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals be extended to further along Maple Close, and proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Meremorth	Butchers Lane	01.01-19
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-16 Mereworth - Butchers Lane.pdf	

History

There had been comments that some vehicles were parking around the junction of Butchers Lane and Kent Street.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to prevent parking around the junction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 11 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	5	45.4%
In favour	1	20%
Against	4	80%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-19 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-19r.

Comments

The majority of comments received during the consultation suggest that residents are not in favour of the proposals.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals are abandoned at this stage.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Ryarsh	Birling Road	01.01-20
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-20 Ryarsh - Birling Road.pdf	

History

There have been reports of parking close to the Duke of Wellington pub that causes problems for through traffic, and that parking for the pub can cause problems around residents' driveways.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing restrictions to prevent parking on the bends and at the junctions. To prevent obstruction and congestion.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 35 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	15	42.3%
In favour	5	33.3%
Against	7	46.6%
No view	3	20%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-20 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-20r.

Comments

The comments tend to suggest that there is a problem by the pub, but that there is less of an issues elsewhere and that the proposals could displace parking in to the Village Hall car park.

Recommendation

Given the responses from residents the proposals should be abandoned

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Snodland	Cantium Place	01.01-21
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-22 Snodland - Cantium Place.pdf	

History

As part of the redevelopment of Cantium Place, the Highway Authority's requirements were for new parking restrictions around the junction of High Street and Cantium Place.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing new 'junction protection' parking restrictions to prevent parking close to the junction and also restrictions to prevent obstruction around the traffic calming narrowings.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 76 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	24	31.5%
In favour	16	66.6%
Against	6	25%
No view	2	8.4%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-21 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-21r.

Comments

The proposals covered the High Street and Cantium Place, but subsequently Kent Highways have confirmed that Cantium Place itself has not been adopted. A number of comments suggested that parking should be maintained in Cantium Place, whilst others wanted to prevent obstruction. Few commented on the proposal in the High Street.

Recommendation

The proposals should be restricted to just the High Street, up to the extent of the adopted Highway. Parking issues within the private area would then be for the developers to address. The amended proposal should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	Baltic Road	01.01-22
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Baltic Road.pdf	

History

Residents of Hilltop, Fairview Close and Silver Close have reported problems with all-day parking. This is associated with visitors to Tonbridge Grammar School. The parking occurs in these roads as they are the first convenient locations outside of the permit parking area.

Not all of the permit parking places in Baltic Road are used, with some areas significantly underused, particularly between Deakin Leas and Hilltop.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing changes to restrictions to deter parking in Hilltop and to relax parking restrictions in Baltic Road between Deakin Leas and Hilltop, so the spaces are better used and pressure in the surrounding roads is eased.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 53 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	13	24.5%
In favour	5	38.5%
Against	6	46.1%
No view	2	15.4%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-22 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-22r.

Comments

The comments received are polarized between those from Baltic Road (against) and those from the other roads (in favour) but this is not surprising.

Recommendation

The proposals maintain a significant element of permit parking in Baltic Road, which should be more than enough for the current demonstrated demand for resident parking, and so the freeing-up of spaces should not be of great hinderence to residents.

With this in mind the proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	Springwell Road, White Oaks Close, Woodfield Road	01.01-23
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Springwell Rd.pdf	

History

When the parking scheme in Zone M area of Tonbridge was introduced there was no consensus over the timings of the parking restrictions. The original proposal was for the area to be covered by restrictions that operated for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon to prevent parking.

During the introduction of the scheme, some roads 'opted out' of the afternoon restriction, but have now started to experience parking that starts as soon as the morning restriction ends.

Residents have asked for measures to address this and also to improve parking availability in the area.

There have also been comments about parking issues on Saturdays.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing changes to parking arrangements to address residents concerns by introducing an additional afternoon restriction, restrictions on Saturdays, additional parking bays and correction of small gaps in double yellow lines.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 156 residents, whose properties front the proposed parking changes, asking for their preferences on each of the proposed changes, and received 71 responses, a return rate of 45.5%

	Yes		No		No view	
Additional afternoon hour	53	74.6%	16	22.5%	3	4.2%
Saturday restriction	31	43.7%	38	53.5%	3	4.2%
4 bays by 44 Springwell Rd	49	69%	5	7%	18	25.4%
3 bays in St Marys Road	43	60.6%	3	4.2%	26	36.6%
4 bays opposite Gardyne Mews	48	67.6%	5	7%	19	26.8%
Filling small gaps	37	52.1%	1	1.4%	34	47.9%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-23 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-23r.

Comments

The proposals suggest;

- a strong preference for the afternoon hour

- a preference not to have the restrictions on Saturdays
- a preference for additional bays wherever possible
- a preference for filling the small gaps.

However, there were some comments against each proposal.

With regard to the additional parking bays, there were some comments from the residents next to some of the proposed bays that may prevent some of the changes, as they may be constructing new accesses or be having other changes.

Recommendation

The responses give a strong steer that residents would like the changes to proceed (save for the Saturday restrictions and for some of the parking bays that are no longer possible) and so the proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Cage Green)	Coventry Road & Truro Walk	01.01-24
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Truro Walk.pdf	

History

Residents of Truro Walk had reported a number of problems with parking in the road, which prevents access to and from the garage area.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to prevent obstruction and to ease access.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 19 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	10	52%
In favour	5	50%
Against	5	50%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-24 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-24r.

Comments

The responses are polarized between residents of Truro Walk (wh would like further restrictions up to the garages) and residents of Coventry Road who want to maintain parking on-street.

Recommendation

The proposals should be altered to remove the proposed restriction on Coventry Road, and to extend further in to Truro Walk, and proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Castle)	Dernier Road	01.01-25
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Dernier Road.pdf	

History

There have been several reports of large vehicles having problems accessing the Rowan Mews development off Dernier Road due to parked cars at the junction. There are also reports of problems for refuse collection vehicles and concerns about emergency access

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing new restrictions to ease access and to prevent parking at the junction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 36 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	32	88.8%
In favour	14	43.7%
Against	15	46.8%
No view	3	9.5%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-25 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-25r.

Comments

The proposals are designed to allow access for large vehicles and the responses are polarized between residents of Rowan Mews (in favour), Denier Road (against) and Chiltern Way (who would like restrictions to prevent displacement).

Recommendation

The proposals are the minimum necessary to protect access for large vehicles, and whilst this may impinge on the on-street parking for residents of Dernier Road, this should be taken forward to formal consultation. The proposals should also be extended in to Chiltern Way to address the concerns for residents in that area.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Castle)	Yardley Park Road	01.01-26
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Yardley Park Road.pdf	

History

Residents have commented that the parking bays on the south side of Yardley Park road cause problems when entering and exiting their driveways and that the parking bays are infrequently fully occupied.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing to remove the parking bay in favour of double yellow lines to improve access to properties

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 9 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	4	44.4%
In favour	3	75%
Against	0	0
No view	1	25%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-26 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-26r.

Comments

The responses from residents indicate that the proposals are supported

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals continue to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Castle)	Market Quarter	01.01-27
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Market Quarter.pdf	

History

The recent adoption of the Market Quarter development was not accompanied by any parking controls and the area has been flooded with non-resident parking all day. Though this should have been addressed prior to the adoption, it has fallen to the Borough Council to address the issues of all-day parking by non-residents and obstruction to large vehicles such as refuse collection vehicles.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing new parking restrictions to prevent non-resident parking and to prevent parking where it would cause an obstruction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 107 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	30	28%
In favour	29	96.7%
Against	0	0
No view	1	3.3%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-27 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-27r.

Comments

The strong response from residents indicate the level of the problems and the level of support for the proposals. However, it is now apparent that Exchange Court has also been adopted and the proposals should also cover this area.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals be extended to cover the adopted part of Exchange Court, and continue to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Castle)	The Crescent	01.01-28
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - The Crescent.pdf	

History

Residents have reported problems with parking opposite garages in The Crescent, preventing access to the rear of properties.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to prevent obstruction and ease access.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 30 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	14	46.6%
In favour	12	85.6%
Against	1	7.2%
No view	1	7.2% ²

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-28 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-28r.

Comments

The strong level of response suggests that the proposals are welcomed, but many commented that the proposals should continue along the whole road.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals be altered, with the double yellow lines extending along the entirety of the north side of the road.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Trench)	Greenfrith Drive & Trench Road	01.01-29
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Greenfrith Drive.pdf	

History

There have been reports that school-time traffic causes significant congestion and problems for buses.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing restrictions to prevent obstruction and to ease traffic flow.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 21 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	6	28.6%
In favour	6	100%
Against	0	0
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-29 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-29r.

Comments

All of the comments are in favour of the proposals, though some comments suggested the restrictions should be extended slightly.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals are extended further along Greenfrith Drive, in line iwht residents comments and the proposals proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Higham)	Higham Lane	01.01-30
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Higham Lane.pdf	

History

There was a request from the Police to consider introducing parking restrictions on Higham Lane to prevent parking at junctions and at the brow of the hill, as the existing traffic calming speed cushions and parked cars mean that drivers line-up to the middle of the road, leading to concerns over a head-on collision. **Statement of reasons**

The Borough Council is proposing new parking restrictions to prevent parking near the brow of the hill and around junctions and to improve traffic movements through the speed cushions.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 38 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	20	52.6%
In favour	6	29.9%
Against	11	55%
No view	3	14.9%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-30 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-30r.

Comments

The strong response from residents was decidedly mixed, with the balance against the proposals. As the proposals were intended to address more serious issues than just parking (oncoming traffic on the brow of the hill using the central speed cushion) then this should have further investigation.

Recommendation

The proposals should be abandoned in favour of a more detailed consideration of the traffic issues and vehicle conflict problems by the Highway Authority and the Police.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Higham)	Hunt Road & Whistler Road	01.01-31
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Hunt Road.pdf	

History

There have been reports of parking close to junctions that cause visibility problems, and problems for buses travelling along Hunt Road, caused by unregulated parking.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing restrictions to prevent obstruction and to ease traffic flow.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 48 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	21	43.75%
In favour	11	52.4%
Against	9	42.9%
No view	1	4.7%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-31 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-31r.

Comments

The strong response from residents (and the petition) show that the proposal for the straight section of Hunt Road is unpopular, but there are reasons for preventing parking around the junctions. Residents also asked for increased parking by the significant redevelopment of the Highway verge, but this is beyond the scope of the Borough Council.

Recommendation

The proposals should be amended to address the issues around the junctions only, and proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Judd)	Masefield Road & Shakespeare Road	01.01-32
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Masefield Road - Shakespeare Road.pdf	

History

At a previous consultation on other issues the Fire & Rescue service commented that there had been problems with their vehicles turning in to Shakespeare Road.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to prevent obstructive parking and also to prevent parking at the bus stop.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 8 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	0	0
In favour	0	0
Against	0	0
No view	0	0

Comments

As no response was received to this consultation, we cannot draw any conclusion other than the ambivalence of residents to the proposal.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Judd)	Shakespeare Road & Burns Crescent	01.01-33
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Shakespeare Road - Burns Crescent.pdf	

History

At a previous consultation on other issues the Fire & Rescue service commented that there had been problems with their vehicles turning in to Shakespeare Road.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to ease turning movements and the alignment of large vehicles in the road.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 6 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	4	66.6%
In favour	2	50%
Against	1	25%
No view	1	25%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-33 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-33r.

Comments

The mixed responses indicate that the problem is not severe. Additionally, the helpful comments from a resident who is an emergency vehicle driver suggest that the existing situation should not hinder emergency access.

Recommendation

The proposals should be abandoned at this stage.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Medway)	Mountfield Park & Kings Road	01.01-34
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Mountfield Park.pdf	

History

Residents have reported problems with parking between the end of the existing parking restrictions and their driveways, causing visibility and access issues.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing extended junction protection restrictions to prevent access to the driveways from being compromised.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 10 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	3	30%
In favour	2	66.6%
Against	1	33.3%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-34 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-34r.

Comments

The mixed responses suggest a difference of opinion between residents, but the comment against the proposal related to the loss of parking facility, even though this is an area that obviously causes concerns to other residents.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Medway)	Pembury Road	01.01-35
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Pembury Road.pdf	

History

There have been reports that parking on Pembury Road (east of Tudeley Lane) causes problems, particularly around the central traffic island. There were also concerns that parking could displace towards the Vauxhall roundabout.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions to limit parking to one side of the road and to protect the area around the traffic island and close to the roundabout.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 6 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	0	0
In favour	0	0
Against	0	0
No view	0	0

Comments

As no response was received to this consultation, we cannot draw any conclusion other than the ambivalence of residents to the proposal.

Recommendation

as the proposals should improve vehicle movements, it is recommended that the proposals continue to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Medway)	Gorham Drive	01.01-36
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - Gorham Drive.pdf	

History

Residents have reported problems of cars parking on the footway and at the narrow point of the road near to the junction of Gorham Drive and Lodge Oak Lane.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing new parking restrictions to prevent obstruction and ease congestion.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 7 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	4	57%
In favour	1	25%
Against	3	75%
No view	0	0

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-36 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-36r.

Comments

The mixed responses comment more on the who parks at the location in question and places less importance on the problems caused by the parking. The problems related to obstruction of the road and the footway and this seems to have been missed.

Recommendation

The proposals are the minimum necessary to protect the areas in question and to prevent obstruction of the road and the footways, and protect areas where vehicles should already not be parking. As such the proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Wouldham	Garden Court	01.01-37
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-29 Wouldham - Garden Court.pdf	

History

There have been comments that access to properties in Garden Court could be obstructed by parked cars at the end of the road.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing parking restrictions around the end of the road to prevent obstruction.

Consultation responses

We carried out informal consultation with 11 residents whose properties front the proposed parking changes.

	Number	Percentage
Responses	5	45.4%
In favour	0	0
Against	4	80%
No view	1	20%

Copies of the consultation responses are available in Annex 01.02-37 (available to Members at the meeting) and redacted versions will be made available online as Annex 01.02-37r.

Comments

The comments received during the consultation suggests that there are significant objections to the proposals and that residents wish to maintain parking availability. The Parish Council also commented against the proposal.

Recommendation

it is recommended that the proposals are abandoned at this stage.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Castle)	River Walk	01.01-38
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge - River Walk.pdf	

History

There are proposals to redevelop an empty office building to residential housing in River Walk and as part of the proposal the access arrangements to the site are being changed. The existing restrictions would be unsuitable to the new usage.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing changes to the existing parking restrictions to reflect the change of use and to improve access/

Consultation responses

No informal consultation was carried out on this proposal as there are no residents and the only property affected belongs to the developer who requested the change.

Comments

The proposals relate to an unoccupied site for re-development and adjust parking restrictions to reflect the new usage of the site. The changes are a slight relaxation in restriction, and should improve access.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	Deakin Leas	01.01-39
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-24 Tonbridge – Deakin Leas (north).pdf	

History

The redevelopment of part of the Tonbridge Grammar School site to a new housing scheme has changed the usage of the old school access, requiring the change of parking restrictions around the new junction.

Statement of reasons

The Borough Council is proposing to remove parking bays in favour of new double yellow lines to improve visibility and access to the re-constructed junction..

Consultation responses

Informal consultation was not carried out in relation to this proposal as the details have already been circulated as part of the planning process.

Comments

The proposals have been subject to the planning process, for the redevelopment of the old school entrance at the northern end of Deakin Leas.

Recommendation

The proposals remove redundant markings and reflect the change of use and as such should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	Forstal Road	01.01-40
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-1-A Aylesford village parking review-A4 Forstal Road.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	Station Road	01.01-41
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-2 Aylesford village parking review-A4 Station Road.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	Unwin Close	01.01-42
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-3 Aylesford village parking review-A4 Unwin Close.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	Powell Close	01.01-43
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-4-A Aylesford village parking review-A4 Powell Close.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	Rochester Road	01.01-44
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-5 Aylesford village parking review-A4 Rochester Road.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	High Street	01.01-45
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-6-A Aylesford village parking review-A4 High Street.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	Bush Row	01.01-46
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-7-A Aylesford village parking review-A4 Bush Row.pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Aylesford Village	High Street (West)	01.01-47
Informal plan ref:	DD-559-8 Aylesford village parking review-A4 High Street (West).pdf	

Comments

The proposals have been developed by the Aylesford Steering Group in light of informal consultation responses received earlier this year.

Recommendation

The proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Parish or Ward	Location	Annex
Ightham	The Street	01.01-48
Informal plan ref:	DD-562 P4-13 Ightham - The Street.pdf	

History

Some time ago there were limited waiting parking bays in The Street, Ightham, but these proved unpopular with residents. The parking bays were removed from the roads, but the traffic regulation order was never amended.

Statement of reasons

In light of the limited waiting parking bays in The Street having been removed some years ago, the parking bays are to be removed from the Order, so it better reflects the parking restrictions in Ightham.

Recommendation

As the proposal is to remove a redundant restriction from the Order, and has no changes on-street the proposal should continue for formal consultation.