

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

18 March 2013

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure

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

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN

Summary

This report updates Members on the phased approach to on-street parking management with a focus on the detail of the current initiative – Phase 6b (including Aylesford Village), and the on-street parking changes as part of the ongoing West Malling Parking Review

This report considers the responses to the formal consultations, and makes recommendations based on those responses, to either set aside objections and implement, or to uphold objections and amend or abandon the proposals.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Borough Council's approach to on-street parking management has been divided into phases so that economies of scale can be applied and work is delivered in a timely manner. Phase 6a was introduced last year, and we have been carrying out formal consultation on proposals that form Phase 6b. We have also started compiling requests that will form Phase 7 for future investigation.

1.1.2 As well as Phase 6b, we have been carrying out parking reviews in Aylesford Village and in West Malling, working to steering groups consisting of local Members, representatives of the respective Parish Councils and (in the case of West Malling) the Chamber of Commerce.

1.1.3 Informal consultation has been carried out on all of the proposals, and where possible the views of residents have been taken in to consideration and minor alterations have been made to reflect those views.

1.2 Phase 6b & Aylesford Village parking review

1.2.1 The proposals that form Phase 6b and the Aylesford Village parking review cover 42 locations across the Borough.

1.2.2 Table of locations and summary of proposals for Phase 6b (including Aylesford Village)

Parish or Ward	Annex	Location	Summary	Recommendation
Aylesford	01.02-1	McKenzie Close	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
Aylesford (Eccles)	01.02-2	Bull Lane & Cork Street	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-3	Bull Lane & Mackenders Lane	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.02-4	Mackenders Lane & Skinners Close	New double yellow lines	Uphold objections and abandon
Aylesford (Walderslade)	01.02-5	Papion Grove	New double and single yellow lines	Set aside objection(s), approve for implementation in part
	01.02-6	Fernbank Close	New double and single yellow lines	Set aside objection(s), approve for implementation in part
	01.02-7	Catkin Close	New double and single yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Ditton	01.02-8	Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-9	Kiln Barn Lane & New Road	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Ightham	01.02-10	The Street	Delete limited waiting bays from TRO	Approve for implementation
East Malling & Larkfield	01.02-11	The Lakes	New double yellow lines	Amend proposal, Set aside objection(s), approve for implementation
	01.02-12	Sheldon Way	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-13	Chaucer Way	New double yellow lines and bus stop clearways	Approve for implementation
	01.02-14	Laburnum Drive & Maple Close	New double yellow lines	Amend proposal, Set aside objection(s), approve for implementation
Ryarsh	01.02-15	Birling Road	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Snodland	01.02-16	High Street & Cantium Place	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation, pending Kent County Council instruction
Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	01.02-17	Baltic Road & Hilltop	Changes to parking bays and new single yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.02-18	Deakin Leas (North)	Changes to parking bays and new yellow lines	Approve for implementation

Parish or Ward	Annex	Location	Summary	Recommendation
	01.02-19	Springwell Road, White Oaks Close, Woodfield Road	Changes to parking bays and times of operation	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
Tonbridge (Cage Green)	01.02-20	Coventry Road & Truro Walk	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
Tonbridge (Castle)	01.02-21	Dernier Road	New double yellow lines	Amend proposal, Set aside objection(s), approve for implementation
	01.02-22	Yardley Park Road	Changes to parking bays	Approve for implementation
	01.02-23	Market Quarter (Annison Street, Bradley Street & Exchange Court)	New residents parking area	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.02-24	River Walk	Changes to existing yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-25	The Crescent	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Tonbridge (Trench)	01.02-26	Greenfrith Drive & Trench Road	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Tonbridge (Higham)	01.02-27	Hunt Road & Whistler Road	New double yellow lines	Note the withdrawn objection and approve for implementation
Tonbridge (Judd)	01.02-28	Masefield Road & Shakespeare Road	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Tonbridge (Medway)	01.02-29	Mountfield Park & Kings Road	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.02-30	Pembury Road	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-31	Gorham Drive & Lodge Oak Lane	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-32	Kings Road	Re-defined single yellow lines	Approve for implementation
Aylesford (village)	01.02-33	Bush Row	Removal of redundant disabled bay	Approve for implementation
	01.02-34	Forstal Road	New double yellow and single yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-35	High Street	Changes to limited waiting maximum stay	Approve for implementation
	01.02-36	High Street (West)	Removal of existing single	Approve for implementation

Parish or Ward	Annex	Location	Summary	Recommendation
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	01.02-37	Powell Close	New double yellow lines	Approve for implementation
	01.02-38	Rochester Road	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.02-39	Station Road	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.02-40	Unwin Close	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
East Malling & Larkfield	01.02-41	751-755 London Road	New double yellow lines	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
Leybourne	01.02-42	Rectory Lane North	Change times of School Keep Clear restriction	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation

1.3 West Malling Parking Review

1.3.1 The proposals that form the on-street elements of the West Malling parking review cover 3 locations across the town. The proposals do not cover the full extent of the review, with other on-street changes and alterations to parking arrangements in the car parks still to go through the consultation process.

1.3.2 Table of locations and summary of on-street parking proposals for the West Malling Parking Review

Parish or Ward	Annex	Location	Summary	Recommendation
West Malling	01.03-01	Water Lane	New double yellow lines and parking places	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.03-02	Nevill Court	New double yellow lines and parking places	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation
	01.03-03	St Leonard's Street	New double yellow lines and parking places	Set aside objection(s) and approve for implementation

- 1.3.3 Where restrictions or changes are proposed these are discussed in detail for each location in their respective Annexes, where the history of the request, the proposals and the consultation responses are discussed, along with a recommendation for the Board's consideration. Where objections are proposed to be 'set aside' this has not been done lightly but with reference back to the objectives behind the proposals and, in the case of Aylesford and West Malling, the conclusions of the steering groups.
- 1.3.4 Where alterations have been recommended, an amended plan has been included for consideration.
- 1.3.5 All representations received have been forwarded to appropriate local Members, are on the Borough Council website and can be inspected prior to the meeting by contacting the author.

1.4 Next steps

- 1.4.1 Pending the Board's approval, the on-street Traffic Regulation Order Amendment will be sealed to reflect the changes and the approved changes will be introduced.

1.5 West Malling

- 1.5.1 Further to the review of the Local Parking Plan, during the next few months we will give consideration to:
- the introduction of permit parking in Offham Road and Norman Road to address concerns about displacement and obstructive parking
 - the introduction of Residents' Preferential Parking (RPP) on the footway in front of 267 and 283 London Road (A20)
 - the commuter parking concerns on the A20 at the entrance to Leybourne Woods. Discussions are being held with KCC officers and Chalkwell to identify and potentially promote alternative suitable parking opportunities elsewhere on the A20 which would remove the nuisance of the commuter parking blocking the woods car park, the grass verges and footways.
- 1.5.2 Additionally, in tandem with the proposals for additional long stay on-street parking in West Malling, the Parish Council and Chamber of Commerce have agreed to contact local businesses to encourage the use of such areas and discourage the use of the short stay car park for employees.

1.6 Borough Green and Snodland – Parking Reviews

- 1.6.1 Over the next couple of months we will revisit particular aspects of the Local Parking Plans for Borough Green and Snodland with local members and consider any alterations to the existing parking regime at specific locations identified.

1.7 East Malling Local Parking Plan Review

- 1.7.1 Though most of the changes and restrictions introduced in East Malling have settled in well, there are a few locations where there have been reports where parking issues remain, or where the changes associated with the parking review have led to a change in parking habits.

Following consultation at the turn of the year with local Members, the locations where changes may be required will be assessed and, if appropriate, can be included with other proposals as part of Phase 7.

1.8 Phase 7

- 1.8.1 We are currently compiling a list of locations for investigating the possibility of new parking restrictions. Currently the list of locations for consideration is as follows;

Parish or Ward	Location	Issue
Aylesford	The Beeches	Parking near the Surgery
Aylesford (Ditton)	New Road	New disabled parking bay outside the Post Office
Aylesford (Eccles)	Bull Lane (opposite No's 271-293)	Parking by weekend footballers' cars
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Woodbury Road (near No's 68 & 70)	Access problems for residents
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Tunbury Avenue & Walderslade Woods	Commuter parking issues
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Laurie Grey Avenue	Removal of restrictions
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Robin Hood Lane	Parking issues on the over bridge
Aylesford (Walderslade)	Laker Road	Potential displacement from waiting restrictions in 'Medway'
Burham	Rochester Road	Lack of passing places
East Malling	Mill Lane	Changes to parking bays around access to No.33
Leybourne	Rectory Lane North	Provision of some limited on-street parking
Leybourne	Castle Way and Oxley Shaw Lane	Long-stay parking
Tonbridge (Cage Green)	Whistler Road & Rutherford Way	Commercial vehicle parking
Tonbridge (Castle)	Dry Hill Park Road	Changes to parking bays
Tonbridge (Higham)	Penn Way	Junction protection

Parish or Ward	Location	Issue
Tonbridge (Higham)	Gainsborough Gardens	Access problems for large vehicles
Tonbridge (Medway)	Royal Avenue	Commuter/school parking
Tonbridge (Medway)	Goldsmid Road	Commuter parking
Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	Hilltop & Silver Close area	Commuter / school parking
Wouldham	Laker Road	Commercial vehicles and obstruction
Wrotham	A20 (near Tower Ind. Est.)	Parking around the entrance to the industrial estate

1.9 Future Phases

1.9.1 Following Phase 7 we are programmed to undertake an assessment of the current parking restrictions in Hadlow and an overall review of the requests and aspirations of the Parish Council.

1.10 Legal Implications

1.10.1 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

1.11 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.11.1 Funding to implement the parking action plan is provided within existing approved Borough Council Budgets.

1.11.2 Clearly rolling our more parking restrictions will place a greater burden on our parking enforcement services. As Members will appreciate, there is a balance to be struck between maintaining and enforcing in our car parks and undertaking an appropriate patrol of on-street parking restrictions across the Borough. This is one of the matters currently under review by the Overview and Security Committee and operationally is a balance that is under continuous review by officers.

1.12 Risk Assessment

1.12.1 The assessment and consultation process applied to parking management should provide the assurance that the Borough Council has the will and ability to adapt the Parking Plans in the light of comment and circumstances to ensure that it achieves a best balance of local parking needs. A regular review of the schemes is crucial to ensure that we can correctly and effectively manage on street parking in these areas as the proposals are either introduced for safety reasons or to provide a more appropriate balance of parking needs.

1.12.2 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of local support. This risk is mitigated by the considerable effort devoted to ensuring there is widespread consultation on proposals through two stages of informal consultation before any formal stage of consultation is reached. There is also care given to ensuring that schemes are adjusted and adapted in the light of comments and observations received from the local community without compromising safety of the Councils commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.13 Equality Impact Assessment

1.13.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

1.14 Recommendations

1.14.1 That the 'Recommendation' stated for each location within Annex 1 (Phase 6b) **BE ENDORSED**.

1.14.2 That the 'Recommendation' stated for each location within Annex 4 (West Malling Parking Review) **BE ENDORSED**.

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.

Background papers:

contact: Andy Bracey

Formal consultation responses supplied as Annexes 03.01-42 and Annex 06, (Available in unredacted form on the night of the meeting and electronically in redacted form)

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	All of the proposals are in line with national guidelines and re-iterates advice set out within the Highway Code. Any such parking that is affected by these changes is already contrary to that advice. There is no established right to park on the public highway, and the proposals all assist the maintenance of the right of access along the highway and to properties.

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	The proposals should ease traffic movements and improve access to properties for all road users.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.