

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

13 March 2017

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services

Part 1- Public

Matter for Recommendation to Borough Cabinet - Non-Key Decision

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN – PHASE 8A

Summary

This report relates to a number of minor alterations to parking restrictions that had been recently introduced as part of Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan and the West Malling Parking Review.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Last summer the Borough Council introduced changes to a number of restrictions across the Borough as part of Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan and also as part of the West Malling Parking Review.
- 1.1.2 The majority of approved changes have proved effective in managing the parking arrangements and addressing the reported issues, but three areas have been identified which require minor alterations.

1.2 Cage Green Road, Tonbridge

- 1.2.1 As part of Phase 8, new parking restrictions were introduced to Cage Green Road to prevent obstructive parking in front of driveways. The resident of No.5 has subsequently reported continued problems with access and requested that the parking restrictions be extended slightly.
- 1.2.2 To address this problem a proposed change to the double yellow lines, was drawn up as illustrated in **Annex 1**. The proposal extends the double yellow lines by 2 metres in front of the access to No. 53 Thorpe Avenue, the access adjacent to that of No.5 Cage Green Road.

1.2.3 Bearing in mind the changes in Cage Green Road had already been through two rounds of consultation and the proposal was a minor extension, it was felt appropriate to limit the consultation process to one round of formal consultation. The consultation process meets with the necessary legal requirements.

1.2.4 Formal consultation was undertaken from 3rd to 26th February 2017, and three responses were received – two in favour of the proposal and one against. No responses were received from the normal Statutory Consultees. Details of the responses are included in **Annex 2**;

1.3 Offham Road

1.3.1 As part of the West Malling Parking Review, new parking restrictions to the northern part of Offham Road, introducing time limits and resident permit parking.

1.3.2 During the informal consultation the Council was asked by residents to slightly reduce the length of double yellow lines on the east side of the road at the northern end, to allow a larger on-street parking area for residents. The proposals were amended to reflect this.

1.3.3 However, following implementation, comments were received from the resident of No.3, indicating that the reduced yellow lines and extended parking was causing problems when turning in and out of their driveway, and that they would like the yellow lines to be restored to the previous extent. Details of the proposal are in **Annex 3**.

1.3.4 As the changes in Offham Road had already been through two rounds of consultation and a residents' survey and the proposal was to revert to the prior restriction length. Once again consultation was limited to one round of formal consultation.

1.3.5 Formal consultation was undertaken from 3rd to 26th February 2017, and ten properties responded – nine against the proposal (one property responded twice and another responded three times) and one in “qualified” favour.

1.3.6 West Malling Parish Council also responded against the proposal. No responses were received from the normal Statutory Consultees. Details of all the responses are included in **Annex 4**;

1.4 Norman Road

1.4.1 As part of the West Malling Parking Review, it was intended to introduce new parking restrictions to the western part of Norman Road (between No.75 and Alma Road). When setting-out the agreed restrictions for implementation it became apparent however that the road widths were slightly narrower than shown in the Ordnance Survey record, and that the restrictions would create problems for traffic movements.

- 1.4.2 Accordingly, the introduction of these restrictions were held in abeyance, pending re-design and consultation on the revised proposal.
- 1.4.3 Informal consultation was undertaken with residents of that part of Norman Road, with the potential changes illustrated on-street by using temporary spray paint markings.
- 1.4.4 The response from that informal consultation was, of the 19 properties consulted,

8 in favour of the proposals
2 asked that the double yellow lines be extended and the bays slightly shortened outside No.79
1 asked that the parking bays be swapped to the other side of the road
1 objection to the proposals

- 1.4.5 In light of the responses, the Council proceeded to the formal consultation stage, although the proposals were amended slightly to accommodate the views raised. Details of the proposal are in **Annex 5**.
- 1.4.6 Formal consultation was undertaken from 3rd to 26th February 2017, and responses were received from nine properties – five in favour, three properties against (with one duplicated), and one concerned about emergency vehicle access to a property set back from the road (this should be accessible even with parking opposite as the entrance to the access and the neighbouring driveway provide a generous should an emergency arise).
- 1.4.7 West Malling Parish Council also responded in favour of the proposal. No responses were received from the normal Statutory Consultees. Details of all the responses are included in **Annex 6**
- 1.4.8 The objections related to the loss of parking in the road, but this has to be considered against the need to maintain traffic movements. Residents should also benefit from the permit parking restrictions that would be introduced as they would have more priority to park, and existing long-stay non-resident parking would be removed.

1.5 Next Steps - Implementation

- 1.5.1 Any proposals that the Board decide to implement would be introduced during Summer 2017.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.
- 1.6.2 Screening for equality impacts is shown in the table at the end of this report.

1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 Cage Green Road, Tonbridge

It is Recommended that the board set aside the objection and agree the introduction of the restrictions as advertised.

1.7.2 Offham Road, West Malling

It is Recommended that in light of the level of response from residents, and the potential changes to No.3 that could be altered to ease their own access issues, that the proposal to shorten the parking bays be abandoned and the existing on-street parking and yellow line restrictions be retained.

1.7.3 Norman Road, West Malling

It is Recommended that the board set aside the objections and agree the introduction of the proposals as advertised.

1.7.4 That the changes in line with the above recommendations are made to the draft Amendment 13 to the Borough's on-street Traffic Regulation Order, and the Order is sealed.

Background papers:

- Annex 1 – Plan of Cage Green Road proposal
- Annex 2 – Redacted Cage Green responses
- Annex 3 – Plan of Offham Road proposal
- Annex 4 – Redacted Offham Road responses
- Annex 5 – Plan of Norman Road proposal
- Annex 6 – Redacted Norman Road responses

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