

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

27 November 2017

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

Part 1- Public

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

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN – PHASE 9

Summary

The Borough Council has for many years divided requests for new and revised parking restrictions into separate phases of the “Parking Action Plan”.

This report covers the informal consultation stage of the parking restriction proposals contained in Phase 9 of the Parking Action Plan, and seeks approval to proceed to formal consultation on a number of proposals.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Following the September meeting of the Joint Transportation Board, informal consultation has been undertaken on proposed changes to parking restrictions at 20 locations across the Borough.

1.2 Informal Consultation

- 1.2.1 The informal consultation took place between 21st October and 12th November 2017.
- 1.2.2 A summary of the 20 locations, the issues raised and a recommendation for each is included in Annex 1.
- 1.2.3 Annex 2 contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate and analysis.
- 1.2.4 Annex 3 contains plans of the revised proposals in light of the comments that have been received.
- 1.2.5 Annex 4 contains a redacted copy of all the consultation responses that have been received within the consultation period.
- 1.2.6 As part of the last parking report presented to Members back in September 2017, it was agreed to change the procedure for the introduction and amendment of

certain types of parking restriction in given circumstances. This referred to the introduction or amendment to disabled persons parking bays, parking restrictions effected by vehicle crossovers and changes to highway layout. This has led to 7 locations within Phase 9 proceeding directly to formal consultation.

1.2.7 The locations proceeding directly to formal consultation are;

Location	Type
Aylesford (Eccles) – Cork Street	Redefinition of disabled parking bay to meet current legislation
Tonbridge (Castle) - Stafford Road	Amendment to parking bays to create a disabled parking place
Tonbridge (Judd) – Douglas Road	Adjustments to parking bays for new access to No.21
Tonbridge (Judd) – Douglas Road	Adjustments to parking bays for new access to No.72
Tonbridge (Judd) – Barden Park Road	Adjustments to parking bays for new access to allotments
Tonbridge (Judd) – Sussex Road	Adjustments to parking bays for new access to 82 Douglas Road
Tonbridge (Medway) – Hectorage Road	Adjustments to parking bays for new access to No.25

1.3 Next steps

1.3.1 The next stage of the Parking Action Plan is to develop the proposals agreed by this Board to formal consultation, and to then report back to the March 2018 meeting of this Board.

1.4 Legal Implications

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

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.5.1 Funding to implement the works associated with the Parking Action Plan is provided within the Council's Capital Plan

1.6 Risk Assessment

- 1.6.1 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 and 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.
- 1.6.2 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 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 or the Council's commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.7 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.7.1 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.

1.8 Policy Considerations

- 1.8.1 Asset Management
- 1.8.2 Communications
- 1.8.3 Community
- 1.8.4 Customer Contact

1.9 Recommendations

- 1.9.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** to the Borough Council's Cabinet that:
- i) locations detailed in sub section 1.2.5 of the report be taken forward to formal consultation.
 - ii) the list of recommendations identified in Annexes 1 and 2 to the report be agreed and
 - iii) locations that have been recommended to proceed or to be amended be taken forward to formal consultation.

The Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

Annex 1 – Locations and Recommendations

Annex 2 – Summary sheets of each location

Annex 3 – Plans (including revisions)

Annex 4 – Scanned consultation responses

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