

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday, 11th June, 2018

Present: Mr M Payne (Chairman), Cllr H S Rogers (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr R D Lancaster, Cllr D Lettington, Cllr M Taylor, Mr M Balfour, Mrs T Dean, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood and Mr H Rayner

Borough Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, O C Baldock, P F Bolt, D J Cure, N J Heslop, B J Luker and M R Rhodes were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor M Parry-Waller and Mr R Long

Ms W Palmer was also present on behalf of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 18/8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

JTB 18/9 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That, subject to the amendment of the resolution at Minute JTB 18/5 to read 'That Kent County Council be commended to proceed with the scheme and retain the short stay drop off spaces outside the front of the station with no room for a further bus stop', the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 12 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOROUGH CABINET

JTB 18/10 PARKING ACTION PLAN

Decision Notice D180045MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services set out details of the proposed sites and the associated proposals to be included in Phase 10 of the Parking Action Plan together with a list of locations to be held for consideration in future phases of the Plan. Members were reminded of the current procedures and informal consultation process for promoting changes to parking restrictions and

advised that, separate to the Phased Parking Action Plan, Parking Reviews would be undertaken in Kings Hill, Hildenborough and Hadlow. In addition it was noted that, due to the number, variety, size and scope of requests received in respect of Snodland, the town should be considered for a future Parking Review.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the list of locations identified in Annex 1 to the report be taken forward for investigation and informal consultation as Phase 10 of the Parking Action Plan; and
- (2) the parking issues in Snodland be considered as a separate Parking Review.

JTB 18/11 PARKING ACTION PLAN - REVIEW OF ZONE D2 BUSINESS PERMITS

Decision Notice D180046MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services set out details of the outcome of a review of Business Permits within the D2 Parking Zone in the Barden Road Area, Tonbridge. A summary of the results of a survey undertaken to identify the location and number of business permit holders parking in the area was set out in Annex 2 to the report.

The report explored the advantages and disadvantages of a number of options which could address the concerns of both residential and business permit holders and support was expressed for Option 3 which would restrict business permits for 'commercial-office' parking to specific underused roads and allow the remaining 'commercial-retail/showroom' businesses to park in the D1 Zone. It was noted that this proposal could be further modified by offering season tickets for the long-stay car parks at a reduced-rate for two years to those business permit holders displaced by this option. It was indicated that the changes could be introduced without a change to the on-street Traffic Regulation Order and that Business permit holders would be advised that the changes would come into effect at the next permit renewal date.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) Option 3 be taken forward to address the concerns around Business Permit Parking in the D1 and D2 Zones; and
- (2) the review of D1 and D2 Business Parking Permits be added to the holding list for review as part of the Phased Parking Review.

MATTERS FOR DECISION**JTB 18/12 HOLBOROUGH LAKES WAITING RESTRICTIONS TRO**

The report of the Head of Transportation, Kent County Council, set out details of an application received from Berkeley Homes (Eastern Counties) Ltd. for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to restrict waiting on various roads within the Holborough Lakes housing development. Details of the extent of the proposed new waiting restrictions were set out in Appendix B to the report and it was noted that some of these related to locations where double yellow lining was already in place. A summary of the responses received by 4 September 2017 to the advertisement of the proposed TRO, and subsequent replies from the applicant, were set out in Appendix D to the report.

Members expressed concern about the 'retrospective' nature of the application, the existence of an extant TRO for the development which the developer had failed to comply with and that double yellow lining had been laid in locations which were the subject of this application. Particular reference was made to the need to provide parking for residents within the development as the lack of this would exacerbate on-street parking issues elsewhere in Snodland. The Board acknowledged that the applicant would be able to seek minor amendments to the existing scheme if it could be demonstrated that these were required for safety reasons.

RESOLVED: That the proposed traffic regulation order 'The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions & On-Street Parking Places) Amendment No 17 Order 2017' be rejected in its entirety and the previous (existing) Traffic Regulation Order be adhered to.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**JTB 18/13 HIGHWAY WORKS PROGRAMME**

The report of KCC Highways and Transportation provided an update on footway and carriageway improvement, drainage repairs and improvements, street lighting, transportation and safety schemes, Developer Funded Works (Sections 278 and 106 works), bridge works and approved traffic schemes. In addition the report provided details of current County Member funded schemes within the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

JTB 18/14 TONBRIDGE HIGH STREET - POST MONITORING REVIEW

The report of the Head of Transportation, Kent County Council, outlined the pre and post scheme monitoring undertaken in respect of the Tonbridge High Street Improvement Scheme completed in June 2016. It

was noted that that the scheme had been evaluated against the original objectives of the project, namely to provide an attractive, safer environment, improve access to jobs and public transport, improve air quality and alleviate congestion.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

JTB 18/15 TONBRIDGE HIGH STREET REVIEW - BUS STOP G OPTIONS

Further to Minute JTB 18/14 the report of the Head of Transportation, KCC outlined the options under consideration to address the congestion issues at Bus Stop G located outside 34 High Street, Tonbridge and sought guidance on those to be taken forward to the detailed design stage. The Board requested that Option 3a (2/3rds width lay-by with bus 2/3rds on lay-by and 1/3rd on carriageway) and Option 4 (Splitting services by moving some services from Stop G to other location) be investigated further.

RESOLVED: That the Report be received and noted.

JTB 18/16 TONBRIDGE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS - PROGRESS REPORT

The report of the Head of Transportation, KCC provided an update on progress with the West Kent Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded scheme for the Transport Interchange Improvements at Tonbridge Station. The Board noted that construction would commence on 25 July 2018 and that it was anticipated that the majority of the difficult works would be undertaken during the school holiday period to minimise disruption to traffic flow. It was noted that a meeting had been held with the bus operating companies to help plan the works to mitigate impact on customers accessing bus stops and that the relevant companies would continue to be kept involved and consulted both before and during construction of the access improvement scheme.

Attention was drawn to recent advice received from the anti-terrorism police requiring the installation of anti-ram bollards near the station forecourt. Members were extremely concerned about the effect the installation of bollards could have on the provision of more space for pedestrian movements, which was an integral part of the Interchange Improvements, and suggested that legal advice be sought on the consequences of undertaking a fundamental change to the agreed project. The Board noted that the Principal Transport Manager, KCC would seek clarification on the design around the station in respect of the anti-ram bollards and report back to the Chairman, the Leader of the Borough Council and the KCC Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste to take instruction on how to proceed with the scheme.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

JTB 18/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 10.04 pm