

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

9 June 2014

Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

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 7 and the Snodland 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 economies of scale can be applied and work is delivered in a timely manner. Phase 6b was introduced last year, and we have been carrying out formal consultation on proposals that form Phase 7. We have also started compiling requests that will form Phase 8 for future investigation.

1.1.2 As well as Phase 7, we have been carrying out a parking review in Snodland.

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

1.2 Phase 7 and the Snodland Parking Review

1.2.1 The proposals that formed Phase 7 and the Snodland review covered 68 locations across the Borough. Ten Locations were withdrawn following the informal consultation process. The remaining 58 locations proceeded to formal consultation. The proposals are shown in **[Annex 1]** and **[Annex 2]**.

1.2.2 Table of locations and summary of proposals for Phase 7 and the Snodland Parking Review:

Ward	No.	Location	Recommendation
Aylesford	1	Elm Walk, The Oaks & The Avenue	Abandon
	2	Rowan Close & The Avenue	Introduce
	3	The Beeches & The Avenue	Withdrawn after informal consultation
Blue Bell Hill & Walderslade	4	Barling Close	Amend and introduce
	5	Maidstone Road	Introduce
	6	Robin Hood Lane	Introduce
	7	Hurst Hill	Introduce
	8	Tunbury Avenue (near Sarsen Heights)	Introduce
Burham, Eccles & Wouldham	9	Woodbury Road (near no's 68 & 70)	Introduce
	10	Bull Lane	Introduce
	11	Rochester Road	Introduce
Ditton	12	Laker Road	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	13	New Road	Introduce
East Malling	14	Scott Road	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	15	Bondfield Road	Introduce
Larkfield South	16	Kingfisher Road	Introduce
	17	New Hythe Lane (near Larkfield Leisure Centre and Sheldon Way)	Introduce
Larkfield North	18	Lunsford Lane (near the lakes)	Introduce
	19	Lunsford Lane (near the Bricklayers Arms)	Withdrawn after informal consultation
Leybourne	20	Bridgewater Place	Introduce
	21	Castle Way (near the Church)	Introduce
	22	Castle Way	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	23	Lillieburn	Introduce
	24	Rectory Lane North	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	25	Park Road	Introduce
Tonbridge (Cage Green)	26	Oxley Shaw Lane	Introduce
	27	Cage Green Road	Amend and introduce
Tonbridge (Castle)	28	Rutherford Way	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	29	Dry Hill Park Road	Introduce
	30	Dry Hill Road	Introduce
	31	Lodge Road	Introduce

Ward	No.	Location	Recommendation
Tonbridge (Medway)	32	Church Street	Introduce
	33	Lyons Crescent	Introduce
	34	Mortley Close	Introduce
	35	Goldsmid Road	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	36	Dowgate Close	Abandon
	37	Lodge Oak Lane	Abandon
	38	Royal Avenue	Withdrawn after informal consultation
Tonbridge (Higham)	39	Gainsborough Gardens (north end)	Introduce
	40	Gainsborough Gardens (south end)	Introduce
	41	Pen Way	Introduce
Tonbridge (Judd)	42	Albert Road	Introduce
	43	College Avenue	Introduce
	44	Waterloo Road	Introduce
Tonbridge (Trench)	45	Bishops Oak Ride	Abandon
Tonbridge (Vauxhall)	46	George Street & Waterloo Place	Introduce
	47	Hilltop	Abandon
	48	St Mary's Road	Introduce
	49	Weald View Road	Introduce
	50	Priory Road	Introduce
Wrotham	51	A20 (near Tower Industrial Estate)	Introduce
Snodland	52	Holborough Road (near A228)	Introduce
	53	Saltings Road	Introduce
	54	Rocfort Road	Introduce
	55	St Katherine's Lane	Introduce
	56	Sortmill Road	Abandon
	57	Kent Road	Abandon
	58	Brook Lane	Amend and introduce
	59	Holborough Road	Introduce
	60	Cantium Place	Introduce
	61	Recreation Avenue	Withdrawn after informal consultation
	62	Roberts Road & Godden Road	Introduce
	63	Queens Road & Queens Avenue	Introduce
	64	Lee Road	Introduce
	65	Bramley Road & Malling Road	Introduce
	66	Charles Close	Introduce
67	Oxford Street	Introduce	
68	Bus Stops	Introduce	

1.2.3 Each location where restrictions or changes are proposed is discussed in detail 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.

1.3 Next steps

1.3.1 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.

1.4 West Malling

1.4.1 The West Malling Local Parking Plan has been evolving following the guidance of the Steering Group.

1.4.2 Since the last Steering Group meeting we have introduced changes in the town centre (Tesco) car park that have reduced the parking duration from 4 hours to 3 hours and prevented repeat parking.

1.4.3 This has had a noticeable effect on parking, with an increase in availability for short-stay parking by shoppers.

1.4.4 We are now seeking the views of the Steering Group over which direction they would like us to take next. We are preparing proposals for the following;

- New permit parking areas in Norman Road, Offham Road and on the A20 London Road;
- New uncontrolled parking areas on A20 London Road and double yellow lines (east of the roundabout and in to Leybourne Parish);
- Re-allocation of the existing permit parking areas by changing the zone letters. This should allow us to re-distribute the existing parking permits more equitably amongst residents and make better use of kerb space.

1.5 East Malling Local Parking Plan Review

1.5.1 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.

1.5.2 In consultation with local Members, the locations where changes may be required were assessed, with specific surveys carried out in Rocks Close and The Grange.

1.5.3 Proposals for each of the locations covered in the East Malling Review have now been prepared and we are currently carrying out informal consultation with frontagers to gain their views on the changes.

1.5.4 Dependant on the outcome of that consultation the proposals may then progress to formal consultation.

1.6 Borough Green Parking Reviews

- 1.6.1 Next in our parking programme of work is a review of the Local Parking Plan for Borough Green, including a review of on-street disabled parking in the town centre. I will be in contact with local Members towards the end of the summer once we have completed the introduction of Phase 7 described in the report.

1.7 Hadlow – Local Parking Plan

- 1.7.1 Following the work at Borough Green I will be in contact with Hadlow Parish Council and the local Borough Councillors for Hadlow with the view to developing a Local Parking Plan for the community. Members will recall this was put on hold several years ago pending the Parish Council moving forward with a redesign project of the central area of the village. The Parish Council is now ready to consider options to address parking issues in various areas.

1.8 Phase 8

- 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:

Area	Location	Issue
Addington	Millhouse Lane / Trottiscliffe Road junction	Parking around the Angel Inn
Aylesford	Bailey Bridge Road	Update restriction in Orders
	The Avenue / Hall Road	Junction protection
	The Hawthorns	Junction protection
Borough Green	The Close	Obstruction of driveway
Ditton	Scott Road / Kiln Barn Road	Junction protection
East Malling	Twisden Road	New disabled parking bay
	Offham Road / Fatherwell Avenue	Junction protection
Hadlow	Twyford Road	New parking bays
	High Street	Changes to limited waiting parking bays close to shops
Hildenborough	Church Road	DYL to improve access
	Lower Farm Road, Rings Hill	Commuter deterrent parking
Kings Hill	Discovery Drive	Make School Keep Clear enforceable
	Francis Lane	Junction protection
	Hazen Road	DYL to prevent obstructive parking
	Queen Street / Fortune Way	DYL to prevent obstructive parking
Larkfield	Heron Road / Kingfisher Road (both junctions)	Junction protection
Larkfield	New Hythe Lane (near the Brickmakers Pub)	Request for permit parking

Leybourne	Baywell/Highberry	Parking on the bend
Mereworth	The Pound	Parking near Butchers Lane
Platt	Grange Road / A25	Junction protection
Tonbridge	Medina Road	Changes to disabled parking bay
	Goldsmid Road	Potential residents parking
	Royal Avenue	Potential residents parking
	Norwich Avenue / Howard Drive	Junction protection
	Scott Road	Request for permit parking
	Chiltern Way / Haydens Mews	Commuter deterrent parking
	Chiltern Way / Cheviot Way	Preventing parking on the bend / junction
	Salisbury Close / Salisbury Road	Parking around junction
	Martin Hardie Way	Obstructive parking
	Barden Road	112H-112K Barden Road parking bay changes
	Medway Wharf Road	Changes following new development and potential P&D parking
	Angel Lane	Loading facilities
Deakin Leas	Adjusting bays & DYL near Pembury Road	
West Malling	Norman Road	Changes to disabled parking bay
Wrotham	Wrotham Heath traffic signals	Preventing parking on the islands
	Kemsing Road	Pavements obstructed by parking

1.9 Legal Implications

1.9.1 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.

1.10 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

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

1.11 Risk Assessment

1.11.1 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.

1.11.2 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 or the Council's commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.12 Equality Impact Assessment

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

1.13 Recommendations

1.13.1 That the 'Recommendation' stated for each location within **[Annex 2] BE ENDORSED**.

1.13.2 That the proposed changes to the procedure for the implementation of changes to traffic regulation orders **BE ENDORSED**.

The Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health 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 **[Annex 03 Parts 01-67]** , (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.