

To: Tonbridge and Malling Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways, Transportation & Waste
Date: 3rd September 2020
Subject: Quarry Rise, Tonbridge - Informal One Way Consultation
Classification: For Decision

Summary: This report informs Members on the outcome of a recent informal consultation with residents of Quarry Rise, Tonbridge

1. Introduction

Following concerns raised by residents of Quarry Rise Tonbridge, regarding the road being used as a rat run when Quarry Hill Road is solid traffic, the KCC Cabinet Member Mr Michael Payne asked the KCC Schemes Planning and Delivery team to carry out an informal consultation with Quarry Rise residents. This consultation related to the proposal to make Quarry Rise one way running from north to south, away from the town centre.

Such a move would only adversely impact residents and visitors to Quarry Rise, so a consultation letter was sent to all 22 households in Quarry Rise. A copy of the letter is shown below.

Initially there were 11 responses to the letter, so it was re-sent to the 11 households that had not responded. This resulted in a further 3 responses being received.

Therefore of 22 households 15 have responded to the informal consultation. Of those, 9 have supported the proposed plan and 6 have objected.

Following further consultation with the KCC Cabinet Member this report is duly submitted to the Joint Transportation Board for a decision on supporting the proposal to make Quarry Rise one way running from north to south.

Should the board be minded to support this change KCC will proceed with a formal Traffic Regulation Order and go to formal consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). It is highly likely that the formal consultation will receive at least the same number of objections as those provided to the informal consultation. Should this be the case then a further report will be submitted to the JTB asking the board to affirm or refuse its approval for this scheme to go ahead.

If the board choose not to support such a proposal, at this stage, then no further action will be taken.

2. Copy of Consultation Letter

From:

Kent County Council

Regarding:

Proposed changes to
Quarry Rise, Tonbridge

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Ref: Quarry Rise

Dear Resident

I am informed that several residents have been concerned by the issue of rat running in Quarry Rise, Tonbridge.

A view has been expressed at the way some drivers speed along Quarry Rise and that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

Consequently Michael Payne, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and a KCC Member for Tonbridge, has asked me to investigate.

I am of the view that rat running is likely to be more of an issue in the morning, than the afternoon, and so am proposing making Quarry Rise one way, from north to south, in order to prevent this issue.

This would mean that vehicles heading into Tonbridge town centre, from the A21 and Southborough direction, will not be able to use Quarry Rise as a short cut.

I would be very grateful if you could please contact me, in writing, to let me know your view on implementing such a scheme?

Yours sincerely

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Conclusion

1. This report is for a Member decision.

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