

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

08 March 2021

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 12

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 investigation and informal consultation stage of the parking restriction proposals contained in Phase 12 of the Parking Action Plan, and seeks approval to proceed to formal consultation.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Following the September 2020 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board, investigations into proposed parking changes have been undertaken at 19 sites across the Borough.

1.2 Phase 12 - Informal Consultation

1.2.1 Informal consultation was carried out on the 19 locations from 20th October to 15th November 2020 and letters were sent directly to the frontagers affected.

1.2.2 A list of all the 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, analysis and recommendation.

1.2.4 **Annex 3** contains plans of the Phase 12 proposals that were circulated for as part of the consultation.

1.2.5 **Annex 4** contains revised plans of the Phase 12 proposals, reflecting the recommendations set out in Annexes 1 & 2

- 1.2.6 **Annex 5** contains a redacted copy of all the consultation responses relating to the Phase 12 proposals that have been received within the consultation period.

2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plan Phase 12 is provided within existing revenue budgets.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1.1 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.

- 4.1.2 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.

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1.1 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.

6 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1.1 Asset Management
- 6.1.2 Communications
- 6.1.3 Community
- 6.1.4 Customer Contact

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is RECOMMENDED that the recommendations for each location for Phase 12 shown in **Annex 1** to the reports be adopted and where appropriate the proposals 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:

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Phase 12

Annex 1 – List of locations and recommendations

Annex 2 – Location summaries

Annex 3 – Informal consultation - Plans of proposals

Annex 4 – Revised plans (reflecting recommendations)

Annex 5 – Redacted informal consultation responses

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