

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, ACCESS GROUP 3 & ACCESS GROUP 4

Summary

This report covers the formal consultation on proposals in Access Group 3 & Access Group 4 – subsets of the Parking Action Plan where the Council has applied a streamlined process for the consideration and promotion of minor changes to the Traffic Regulation Order.

2 ACCESS GROUP 3 - LOCATIONS

2.1.1 The list of locations for minor amendments is as follows;

Location	Ward	Proposal
11A Douglas Road (Tonbridge)	Judd	Adjustments to parking bays, and new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking across KCC approved vehicle crossover.
72 The Drive (Tonbridge)	Vauxhall	Adjustments to parking bays, and new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking across proposed KCC approved vehicle crossover.
45 Douglas Road (Tonbridge)	Judd	Adjustments to parking bays, and new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking across KCC approved vehicle crossover.
26 Chiltern Way (Tonbridge)	Castle	Double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking across proposed new hard-standing.
Birling Road, junction with Rookery Close (Snodland)	Snodland	New double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking.

Location	Ward	Proposal
High Street, (Snodland)	Snodland	Make disabled persons parking bay enforceable.
Golding Close, (Ditton)	Ditton	Make 2 x disabled persons parking bay enforceable.

2.2 Access Group 3 - formal consultation

- 2.2.1 In line with the streamlined process, formal consultation was carried out on the 7 locations from 18th September 2020 to 11th October 2020 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.
- 2.2.2 During the formal consultation, the Chiltern Way location was abandoned at the request of the applicant.
- 2.2.3 As part of the formal consultation on the proposed minor amendments no objections were received at Golding Close, Ditton. Accordingly, in line with the Council's procedure, this proposal will be implemented and the associated Traffic Order Amendment be sealed by the County Council.
- 2.2.4 At the other 5 locations – Douglas Road and The Drive Tonbridge, Birling Road and High Street Snodland, a small number of objections were received.
- 2.2.5 In line with the Council's procedure, and as there were less than 5 objections at each of these locations, the objections were shared with the local County and Borough Members along with the Chair of this Board to seek their agreement to either set aside the objections or to refer the objections to this Board for consideration.
- 2.2.6 In all 5 locations, after consideration a consensus was reached and the Chairman agreed that the objections could be set aside and the proposals in Douglas Road and The Drive Tonbridge, Birling Road and High Street Snodland are to be implemented, and the associated Traffic Order Amendment be sealed by the County Council.

Dependent on weather, implementation is likely to take place within the next 3 months.

3 ACCESS GROUP 4 – LOCATIONS

- 3.1.1 The list of locations for minor amendments is as follows;

Location	Ward	Proposal
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37 Baltic Road (Tonbridge)	Vauxhall	Adjustments to parking bays, and new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking across proposed KCC approved vehicle crossover.
26 St Marys Road (Tonbridge)	Vauxhall	Adjustments to parking bays, and new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking across proposed KCC approved vehicle crossover.
24, Preston Road (Tonbridge)	Judd	Retrospective formal removal of enforceable disabled persons parking bay.
7 Dry Hill Park Crescent (Tonbridge)	Castle	Retrospective formal removal of enforceable disabled persons parking bay.
Opp 1 Mountain Close (Wrotham)	Wrotham	Make disabled persons parking bay enforceable.
37 West Street, Wrotham	Wrotham	Provision of double yellow lines across dropped kerb.
Side of 43 Woodpecker Road (Larkfield)	Larkfield	Make disabled persons parking bay enforceable.
1, Victoria Road, Golden Green (Hadlow)	Hadlow	Provision of double yellow lines across dropped kerb.

3.2 Access Group 4 - formal consultation

- 3.2.1 In line with the streamlined process, formal consultation was carried out on the 8 locations from 22nd January to 14th February 2021 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.
- 3.2.2 As part of the formal consultation on the proposed minor amendments no objections were received at Baltic Road, Preston Road and Dry Hill Park Crescent, Tonbridge, Woodpecker Road Larkfield and West Street, Wrotham. Accordingly, in line with the Council's procedure, these proposals will now be implemented and the associated Traffic Order Amendment be sealed by the County Council.
- 3.2.3 At the other 3 locations – St Mary's Road Tonbridge, Mountain Close Wrotham and Victoria Road Golden Green a small number of objections were received.

- 3.2.4 In line with the Council's procedure, and as there were less than 5 objections at each of these locations, the objections were shared with the local County and Borough Members along with the Chair of this Board to seek their agreement to either set aside the objections or to refer the objections to this Board for consideration.
- 3.2.5 Local Members have considered the proposal for Victoria Road, Golden Green and in light of existing wider parking issues this location shall be deferred (and removed from Access Group 4) and considered instead as part of the upcoming Hadlow Parking Review.
- 3.2.6 Due to the limited time available between the end of the consultation period and this meeting, it was not possible to obtain a consensus from the Chair and local members. The objections for St Mary's Road Tonbridge, Mountain Close Wrotham and Victoria Road Golden Green are therefore now referred to this Board for consideration.
- 3.2.7 A list of all the locations, the issues raised and a recommendation for each is included in **Annex 1**.
- 3.2.8 **Annex 2** contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate, analysis and recommendation.
- 3.2.9 **Annex 3** contains plans of the proposals that were circulated as part of the Access Group 4 consultation.
- 3.2.10 **Annex 4** contains a redacted copy of all the consultation responses relating to the Access Group 4 proposals that have been received within the formal consultation period.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plan Access Groups 3 & 4 is provided within existing revenue budgets.

6 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1.1 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.

- 6.1.2 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.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1.1 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.

8 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1.1 Asset Management
- 8.1.2 Communications
- 8.1.3 Community
- 8.1.4 Customer Contact

9 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is RECOMMENDED that the recommendations for each location for Access Group 4 shown in **Annex 1** to the reports be adopted and where appropriate the proposals be implemented.

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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Access Group 4

- Annex 1 – List of locations and recommendations
- Annex 2 – Location summary sheets
- Annex 3 – Plans of locations and proposals
- Annex 4 – Redacted formal consultation responses

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