

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-01
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green
Road / Area	Dark Hill Road
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/590/01

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Would like DYL to prevent lorries parking for the Celcon factory

Initial investigation

Double yellow lines would assist in preventing parking on the Dark Hill Road approach to the roundabout, and on the access to the Celcon factory.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 6 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (33.3%)	0 (0%)	2 (100%)	(0%)
Online form 0 (0%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with both the respondents against the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposal.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-02
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green
Road / Area	Station Road
Requested by	Local property owner
Plan reference:	DD/590/02

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Parking bays are in front of steps to No.17 and the owner would prefer a gap to ease access to the steps.

Initial investigation

The parking bays could be removed and new double yellow lines introduced to prevent obstruction of the steps and ease access, but this would be at the loss of one on-street parking space where parking is already at a premium.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 15 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 7 (46.7%)	1 (14.3%)	6 (85.7%)	(0%)
Online form 7 (100%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in not in favour of the proposed changes.

The comments against the proposal cite the significant parking pressures in the area and the potential loss of parking opportunity. However, this consultation relates to the ease of access for a resident and the problems caused by inconsiderate parking that prevents that lawful and essential pedestrian access to the public highway and whilst the convenience of parking for others is important it should be secondary to the rights of access and egress.

Recommendation after informal consultation

It is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **note the level of response** against the proposal, but agree that the proposal should **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 15 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (13.3%)	0 (0%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)
Online form 0 (0%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents against the proposed changes.

Analysis

There were three responses, but one was duplicated by residents of the same property.

One of the objections covered several points – that the property in question has rear access, with off-street parking, that the proposed double yellow lines would be ignored and parked-across, that the parking bays should be sub-divided in to separate spaces.

The other objection was that the proposed restrictions were too much – the steps to the property in question were 3.6m wide, but the residents would not need parking excluded over that whole area – that parking should only be excluded for 30-50cm.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought on this as to whether the objections are set aside and the changes are to be introduced, or the objections upheld and the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-03
Town	Burham
Ward	Burham & Wouldham
Road / Area	Bell Lane
Requested by	Phoenix Medical Practice
Plan reference:	DD/590/03

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Parking opposite the disabled bays causes problems - consider restrictions to prevent obstructive parking

Initial investigation

New double yellow lines would assist preventing obstructive parking and ease access to the Surgery.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation, we wrote to 27 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 12 (44.4%)	6 (50%)	5 (41.7%)	1 (8.3%)
Online form 2 (16.7%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with a small majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes. There was also a request for a minor extension of restrictions on the west side to protect a vehicle access.

Of the comments against it should be noted that the Medical Centre did not support the changes, mainly on the grounds that it would require patients to walk further, and that the restrictions should be reduced on the east side of the road – however there are already a number of property access on the east side that have reported problems with obstructive parking and have welcomed the proposals.

Another objection was from a small business that was operating from a residential property on Bell Lane, who wanted to retain as much on-street parking as possible for their commercial vehicles, as they are reluctant to park in the nearby car park due to security concerns. However, the purpose of the public highway is to facilitate travel, not to act as storage for commercial vehicles, and the increased parking at this location by the business seems to compound the parking issues.

There were also comments that the issues could be resolved by the school staggering its start/finish times or allow parents to park and collect children from the school grounds rather than outside the gates. However, this is outside our remit and would be an issue for KCC as the Education Authority and the School to consider.

Recommendation after informal consultation

It is recommended that the proposals have been **re-drafted** to reflect the comments received, and it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board that the **revised proposals** (shown in revised plan DD/590/03A) **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 27 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 11 (40.7%)	6 (54.5%)	5 (45.5%)	0 (0%)
Online form 4 (36.4%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, again with a balance between those in favour and those against the proposal.

Analysis

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

As with the informal consultation, the consultation responses were split, and the views of the local Members are sought on whether to set aside the objections and introduce the restrictions, or to abandon the proposals.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-04
Town	Ditton
Ward	Ditton
Road / Area	St Peters Road / Cherry Orchard / Kiln Barn Road
Requested by	Parish Council and local residents
Plan reference:	DD/590/04

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Would like double yellow lines to prevent obstruction and ease traffic movements

Initial investigation

New double yellow lines would assist in preventing parking around and between the junctions in line with the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 93 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 27 (29%)	8 (29.6%)	17 (62.9%)	2 (7.5%)
Online form 7 (25.9%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, however, there were a number of responses against the proposals.

The proposals covered a wide area with a number of issues and the responses picked out several areas where the proposals could be adjusted – there was a wish to extend restrictions around the bend in Cherry Orchard, but also to allow some parking closer to the junction, there was a wish to retain some parking on New Road opposite No's 81-87 and there were issues in The Stream where there were concerns over displacement. With these points in mind the proposals have been adjusted.

There were also mixed comments about the proposed restrictions on St Peters Road – some requesting more and some less – however, the proposals already reflect a balance between parking provision, maintaining access and speed management.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the consultation responses, the proposals have been **re-drafted** to reflect the comments received, and it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board that the **revised proposals** (shown in revised plan DD/590/04A) **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 94 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 29 (30.9%)	9 (31%)	20 (69%)	(0%)
Online form 5 (17.2%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents not in favour of the proposed changes.

There was also responses from St Peters Church and the Ditton Heritage Committee, both objecting to the proposals.

Analysis

Despite the proposals being re-drafted to reflect the comments received at the informal consultation stage, the proposals are not well received, though some of the comments are contrary to each other – some wanting further restrictions and some wanting less at the same location, and some objecting to the changes that were made since the informal consultation.

The proposals intended to address a number of relatively minor issues, each one in itself is not acute, and the consultation responses show that there is no consensus on the proposals or a significant level of support.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board uphold the objections and the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-05
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield (South)
Road / Area	Laburnum Drive / Hornbeam Close / The Ferns
Requested by	Cllr Anita Oakley
Plan reference:	DD/590/05

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Parking at junctions and on footways causes obstruction and visibility problems

Initial investigation

New double yellow lines would assist in preventing parking around the junctions and on the brow of the hill in line with the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 30 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 9 (29.9%) Online form 0 (0%)	7 (77.8%)	2 (22.2%)	0 (0%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes. However, there were a number of comments discussing the extent of the restrictions in both Hornbeam Close and The Ferns, most asking for the proposals to be extended and some reduced.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the broadly supportive consultation responses, the proposals have been **re-drafted** to reflect the comments received, and it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board that the **revised proposals** (shown in revised plan DD/590/05A) **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 30 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
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Overall 7 (23.3%) Online form 2 (28.6%)	5 (71.4%)	1 (14.3%)	1 (14.3%)
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Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Analysis

The one objection was from a resident of Hornbeam Close commented that they did not feel the proposals were necessary and that “further down Laburnum Drive is a much bigger issue with people parking on either side of the road restricting access for emergency vehicles”.

However, this is beyond the scope of this issue, and could be assessed as part of a separate location under the Parking Action Plan.

The “don’t know” did not directly comment on the proposals, but also commented on parking on other parts of Laburnum Drive and parking pressures in the area, and also suggested that a private car park behind commercial premises opposite Morrisons on New Hythe Lane could be used for resident parking, and that the post-box on the end of Laburnum Drive could be relocated to allow more parking.

Unfortunately, these are issues that are outside of the Borough’s control – we cannot make arrangements with private landowners to provide public parking (though residents could approach the owners themselves and enter a private arrangement) and the relocation of the post-box is outside of our remit and would not gain any additional parking places due to its proximity to two junctions.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board set aside the objections and agree the introduction of the proposals as drawn.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-06
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield (North)
Road / Area	Swallow Road / Oriole Way
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/590/06

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Would like restrictions around the junction

Initial investigation

New double yellow lines would assist in preventing parking around the junction in line with the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 28 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 10 (35.7%)	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Online form 1 (10%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with those who responded in favour of the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the positive nature of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation as drawn.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 28 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 7 (25%)	7(100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Online form 3 (42.8%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, again with all those who responded in favour of the proposed changes.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Next steps

As there were no objections, the proposals are to be implemented as drawn and are being reported for information only.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-07
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland East & Ham Hill
Road / Area	Wyvern Close
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/590/07

Summary

Permit parking

Issue

Change single yellow lines to permit parking

Initial investigation

Removing the existing single yellow line and creating a new permit parking area would assist the school-time parking problems as "instant ticket" enforcement would be available, but a permit parking area would require residents to buy parking permits if they (or their visitors) wanted to park in the road.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 15 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 8 (53.3%)	4 (50%)	4 (50%)	0 (0%)
Online form 1 (12.5%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the responses split evenly between residents in favour and those against.

Analysis

It seems evident that there is a significant difference of opinion between residents, with some tolerant of the needs of the nearby school and parents picking-up and dropping-off, and others who feel less tolerant to the issue.

The proposals would allow "instant ticket" enforcement, which could benefit the residents, but this would be at the cost of requiring residents who wish to park on-street to purchase parking permits every year.

It should be noted that all properties in the road have off-street parking facilities for more than one car.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed nature of the responses, **the views of the local members are sought**, and it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board consider **either proceeding** with the proposals as drawn or **abandoning** the proposals.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 15 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 6 (40%)	4 (66.7%)	2 (33.3%)	(0%)
Online form 0 (0%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the majority respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Town Council response

Snodland Town Council also responded to the consultation as follows;

“The Council, whilst sympathetic to the residents problems, do not feel that the introduction of parking permits on the entire cul de sac would achieve the results that the residents require. It would also just move the problem onto other nearby roads. The problem appears to be mainly associated with School drop off and pick up times and therefore double yellow lines at specific times may be more appropriate.”

Analysis

The responses are again mixed. The proposals would allow better enforcement as there is no “observation period” for vehicles parked in a permit parking area, allowing instant ticketing, rather than the requirement to give 5 minutes to establish that loading or unloading is not taking place that is currently required on the existing double and single yellow lines.

Ultimately this is a question as to whether the existing restrictions (and their observation period) are enough to address the problems, or whether a restriction that has an instant ticket available is required. Unfortunately, a permit parking scheme also comes at a cost to the Council of increased signage and enforcement and to residents who would need to buy permits to park if they wish to park in the restricted times.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought on this as to whether the objections are set aside and the permit parking restrictions are to be introduced, or the objections upheld, the proposals be abandoned, and the existing parking controls remain.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-08
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Gorham Drive
Requested by	Cllr Boughton
Plan reference:	DD/590/08

Summary

Permit parking

Issue

Commuter parking - would like to be included in the permit parking scheme (follow on from Phase11)

Initial investigation

The permit parking area could be extended to Gorham Drive, but not all of Gorham Drive is adopted as public highway and could not be covered. Farm Ground Close is also unadopted. Joining a permit parking scheme would require residents to buy parking permits if they (or their visitors) wanted to park in the road.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation, we wrote to 65 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall, 20 (30.7%)	13 (65%)	7 (35%)	0 (0%)
Online form 7 (34.9%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes, though there were a significant number against.

Analysis

The proposals would address the non-resident parking issue associated with workers on the nearby industrial estates but could displace parking to the private roads in the area (Dudley Keen Court, parts of Gorham Drive that are unadopted and to Farm Ground Close) and the Borough Council would have no powers to address parking issues in those areas.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed nature of the responses, **the views of the local members are sought**, and it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board consider **either proceeding** with the proposals as drawn or **abandoning** the proposals.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 65 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 9 (13.8%)	4 (44.4%)	5 (55.6%)	(0%)
Online form 9 (100%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the responses split between support and objection. It was unusual that there were no responses through channels other than the online response form.

Analysis

The balance has shifted since the informal consultation, there were more responses, and more support previously, but the number of objections has reduced. This suggests that some of the prior objections related to the areas that are outside the Council's influence.

Looking at the objections;

- One was from a resident who did not agree with the charges.
- One was from someone who works nearby and uses Gorham Drive for parking, and the proposals would prevent them from doing so.
- Three objections were from members of the public that are not directly in the proposed permit area, concerned that the proposals will displace parking to nearby areas.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought on this as to whether the objections are set aside and the permit parking restrictions are to be introduced, or the objections upheld and the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-09
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	Hilltop
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/09

Summary

Permit parking

Issue

Commuter parking - would like to be included in the permit parking scheme

Initial investigation

The neighbouring permit parking area could be extended to cover Hilltop, but should also extend in to the first parts of Treetops, Fairview Close and Silver Close to reduce parking displacement. Joining a permit parking scheme would require residents to buy parking permits if they (or their visitors) wanted to park in the road.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 112 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 28 (25%)	7 (25%)	21 (75%)	0 (0%)
Online form 14 (50%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents against the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposals.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-10
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Lavender Hill
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/10

Summary

Change restriction times

Issue

Would like an additional permit parking restriction in the afternoons

Initial investigation

Changing the permit restriction times to include an afternoon period would improve parking for residents, but the longer restrictions may mean some residents who previously have not needed a permit may now need to buy one. Changes should be considered over a wider area than just Lavender Hill to prevent the problem from migrating to neighbouring roads.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 449 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 48 (10.7%)	32 (66.7%)	15 (31.2%)	1 (2.1%)
Online form 21 (43.7%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the positive nature of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation as drawn.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 449 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 28 (6.2%)	13 (46.4%)	14 (50%)	1 (3.6%)
Online form 16 (57.1%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was again low for this sort of proposal, with views split evenly between those in favour and those against.

Analysis

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought on this as to whether the objections are set aside and the permit parking restrictions are to be introduced, or the objections upheld and the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-11
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Douglas Road area (Lionel Road)
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/11

Summary

Change restriction times

Issue

Would like the Monday-Friday resident parking restrictions to apply to Saturdays as well due to increasing parking pressures.

Initial investigation

Changing the permit restriction days to include Saturdays would improve parking for residents, but the longer restrictions may mean some residents who previously have not needed a permit may now need to buy one. Changes should be considered over the whole area to prevent the problem from migrating to neighbouring roads.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 572 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 109 (19%)	42 (38.5%)	64 (58.7%)	3 (2.8%)
Online form 59 (54.1%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposals.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Carried forward from Phase 11
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Lyons Crescent
Requested by	Local residents and Cllr Boughton
Plan reference:	DD/590/12

Summary

Change parking bay types

Issue

Would like the existing parking bays to give more opportunities for resident parking

Initial investigation

Changing the limited waiting and permit parking bays to permit holders only would allow more parking opportunity for residents. Changes could also improve disabled parking near the High Street. A new double yellow line restriction could also assist address obstructive parking for a resident.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 211 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 18 (8.5%)	14 (77.8%)	3 (16.7%)	1 (5.5%)
Online form 7 (38.9%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the positive nature of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation as drawn.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 211 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 17 (8.1%)	12 (70.6%)	3 (17.6%)	2 (11.8%)
Online form 7 (41.7%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was again low for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Analysis

One objection was “Tonbridge is being blighted by parking charges, stopping visitors coming into the town and spending their money there”.

One objection was that changing all the spaces to permit spaces would restrict visitor parking, in an area with lots of frail and elderly people.

One objection was from a resident in a development that was not eligible for parking permits, as there were planning restrictions placed on the property at the time of redevelopment.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

The majority of responses were in support of the proposals. It is recommended that the Board set aside the objections and introduce the proposals as drawn.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-12
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Nelson Avenue
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/13

Summary

Remove double yellow lines

Issue

Would like DYL outside No, 83 Nelson Avenue removed

Initial investigation

Double yellow lines could be removed, but this could have the drawback of allowing obstructive parking with no recourse to enforcement..

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 10 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (20%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)
Online form 2 (100%)			

Informal consultation responses

The number of responses was low, though this is indicative of the minor nature of the proposed change. The change was supported by the resident who would be most affected by the change and who had requested the alteration. The response against was that the road would be narrow – though this would be no different than at other locations along the road.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation as drawn.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 10 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (20%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)
Online form 0 (0%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was again low.

Analysis

Once again, the proposal was supported by the resident who would be most affected by the change and who had requested the alteration. The response against was that the road would be narrow – though this would be no different than at other locations along the road.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought on this as to whether the objections are set aside and the changes are to be introduced, or the objections upheld and the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-13
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Higham
Road / Area	Old Hadlow Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/14

Summary

Permit parking

Issue

Would like permit parking bays as the road has no footways and parking bays may deter rat-running by speeding traffic in the mornings.

Initial investigation

Residents have reported issues with rat-running traffic and feel that a permit parking scheme may resolve their problems. A permit scheme could be applied to the area that would assist in regulating on-street parking but it would require residents (and their visitors) to buy parking permits, and it is envisaged that take-up is likely to be low as most properties have significant levels off-street parking.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 92 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 76 (82.6%)	8 (10.5%)	66 (86.8%)	2 (2.7%)
Online form 37 (48.7%)			

Informal consultation responses

There was a strong response rate to the informal consultation - with a large majority of respondents in against the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposal.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-14
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Pembury Road
Requested by	KCC (Cheryl Rose), KCC Member (Richard Long) and Hillview School
Plan reference:	DD/590/15

Summary

Changed bus stops and new double yellow lines

Issue

Parking opposite bus stops causes buses to have problems between Tudeley Lane and Vauxhall Gardens

Initial investigation

The issue can be addressed without the need to alter parking arrangements. The bus stop on the south side could be relocated to directly opposite that on the north side and bus stop clearways introduced. This would prevent parking opposite the bus stops and provide a better service and does not require alterations to TROs. This should be taken forward by KCC as a bus stop relocation issue rather than a parking issue.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-15
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Shakespeare Road
Requested by	Local residents petition
Plan reference:	DD/590/16

Summary

New double yellow lines and permit parking (Deferred from Phase 11)

Issue

Student parking, request for residents parking scheme

Initial investigation

Permit parking restrictions would assist in deterring non-resident all-day parking, but the timings need to allow the pick-up and drop-off activities for the nearby school.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 121 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 33 (24.8%)	17 (56.7%)	11 (36.6%)	2 (6.7%)
Online form 9 (29.9%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents in favour of the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the positive nature of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation as drawn.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 121 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 34(28.1%)	15 (44.1%)	19 (55.9%)	0 (0%)
Online form 18 (52.9%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was again good for this sort of proposal, suggesting a normal level of engagement with residents. However, the responses were again mixed, but this time with a majority against the proposals.

Analysis

The responses against the proposals cover a number of points, including that the proposals are unnecessary, would reduce parking opportunities, that the proposals may displace parking further along the roads and that residents did not agree with charges.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought on this as to whether the objections are set aside and the permit parking restrictions are to be introduced, or the objections upheld and the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-16
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Higham / Trench
Road / Area	Shipbourne Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/17

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Would like new parking restrictions near the traffic island near Trench Road as parking near the island is causing access issues.

Initial investigation

New double yellow lines would assist traffic movements and visibility.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 51 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (3.9%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Online form 0 (0%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with those who responded in favour of the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the positive nature of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation as drawn.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 9th July to 1st August 2021.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to 15 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 4 (26.7%)	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Online form 3 (75%)			

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, again with all those who responded in favour of the proposed changes.

The details of the responses (redacted of personal information) are shown in the Annex 3.

Next steps

As there were no objections, the proposals are to be implemented as drawn and are being reported for information only.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-17
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Castle
Road / Area	The Slade (o/s 6-14)
Requested by	Cllr Branson
Plan reference:	DD/590/18

Summary

New permit parking bays

Issue

Change the Mon-Fri 8-6 Single Yellow Line to permit parking bays to allow more resident parking.

Initial investigation

The existing single yellow line could be changed to permit parking bays to allow more parking, but not on a like-for like basis as there are existing off-street parking facilities that would reduce the permit parking spaces. The proposal reflects the maximum space available once the accesses are considered.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 12 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 1 (8.3%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)
Online form 0 (0%)			

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the response against the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative response, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposal.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-18
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Castle
Road / Area	Yardley Park Road
Requested by	Non-resident member of the public
Plan reference:	DD/590/19

Summary

Remove resident parking bays

Issue

Would like the parking bays removed to ease traffic movements

Initial investigation

The removal of the parking bays would improve traffic flow, though could be at the cost of increased traffic speeds and reduced resident parking facility.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 15 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 8 (53.3%)	1 (12.5%)	7 (87.5%)	0 (0%)
Online form 4 (50%)			

Informal consultation responses

There was a strong response rate to the informal consultation - with a large majority of respondents in against the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposal.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 12 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 12-19
Town	Walderslade
Ward	Aylesford (North)
Road / Area	Hurst Hill
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/590/20

Summary

New double yellow lines

Issue

Parking in the cul-de-sac end of Hurst Hill causes access problems and residents have raised concerns over emergency vehicle access

Initial investigation

The cul-de-sac has not been designed to support significant levels of on-street parking, though this is occurring. All the properties have access to off-street parking arrangements as part of the design of the development. New double yellow lines would assist in preventing obstructive parking along the road and at the junctions.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 20th October to 15th November 2020.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 75 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 48 (64%)	12 (25%)	35 (72.9%)	1 (2.1%)
Online form 18 (37.5%)			

Informal consultation responses

There was a strong response rate to the informal consultation - with a large majority of respondents in against the proposed changes.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board **abandon** the proposal.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 8th March meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.