

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**22 September 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 work in progress.**

**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 7 has introduced over the summer months and we have started compiling requests that will form Phase 8 for future investigation.

**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 were implemented in August.

**1.3 West Malling**

1.3.1 The West Malling Local Parking Plan has been evolving following the guidance of the Steering Group which met again at the start of July.

1.3.2 Draft proposals for a Residents Preferential Parking (RPP) scheme and managed short-stay parking areas in Offham Road, Norman Road and London Road (A20, near the filling station) were discussed and agreed for informal consultation purposes together with some re-alignment of the existing RPP zones.

1.3.3 The Steering Group requested that some obstructive parking at the junction of Fartherwell Avenue and Alma Road is addressed in conjunction with these proposals.

1.3.4 There was some discussion about "rationing" permits for residents and perhaps not issuing them to a resident of a property with off-street parking. However it was agreed these ideas would not be pursued at this stage but may be considered at a later stage if pressures for on-street parking were not adequately relieved.

- 1.3.5 The Parish Council will be making a “local approach” to Russett Homes to see if there may be an opportunity to utilise any spare capacity in their residents’ car park in King Street.
- 1.3.6 We will look to undertake informal consultation this Autumn on:
- The draft proposals for an RPP scheme and managed short-stay parking in Offham Road and Norman Road together with RPP parking between 267 and 283 London Road and
  - The draft proposals to re-designate and realign the current RPP zones to promote better facilities for residents.
- 1.3.7 The consultation document will be shared with the Steering Group prior to the commencement of the consultation and the Steering Group will meet again following the consultation to review the responses with the view of reporting to the Joint Transportation Board in December for consent to formally consult on any agreed schemes.

#### **1.4 East Malling Local Parking Plan Review**

- 1.4.1 The changes and restrictions introduced in East Malling have generally worked well. However there are a few locations where parking issues remain or where the changes associated with the parking review have led to a change in parking habits.
- 1.4.2 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.
- 1.4.3 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.
- 1.4.4 Dependant on the outcome of that consultation the proposals may then progress to formal consultation.

#### **1.5 Borough Green Parking Reviews**

- 1.5.1 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. Contact will be made with local Members within the next few weeks to scope this work and agree on the areas where we need to concentrate our efforts.

#### **1.6 Hadlow – Local Parking Plan**

- 1.6.1 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 and addressing requests by traders for some restricted local short stay parking to encourage turnover. 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.

## 1.7 Phase 8

1.7.1 We are currently compiling a list of locations for investigating the possibility of new parking restrictions. This is a demand-led activity with the locations for consideration compiled from requests from residents, Parish Councils and Members. The list is as follows:

Area	Location	Issue
Addington	Millhouse Lane / Trottscliffe 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
	Rochester Road	Minor changes to DYLS
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
	Garner Drive/Reeves Court	Junction Protection
East Peckham	Chidley Cross Road/Church Lane	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
	Noble Tree Road	Commuter deterrent parking
	Philpots Lane	Commuter deterrent parking
	Lower Street	Commuter deterrent parking
	Church Lane/Riding Lane junction	Junction protection
	Mount Pleasant/Riding Lane junction	Junction protection
	Woodview Crescent/Brookmead	Obstructive parking
	Church Road	Obstructive 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
	The Haydens/Haydens Mews	Obstructive Parking
	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	
York Parade	Disabled Parking	
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

## 1.8 Legal Implications

1.8.1 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.

## 1.9 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.9.1 I am mindful that the calls on the Borough Council's resources continue to be significant and in particular the enforcement of the various parking restrictions of all types across the Borough is a continuing challenge. I will be considering the overall approach to these issues in the forthcoming months and reviewing our priorities looking forward.

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

## 1.10 Risk Assessment

1.10.1 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.

1.10.2 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.

## 1.11 Equality Impact Assessment

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

## 1.12 Recommendations

1.12.1 That the way forward as set out the report, including a review of our overall approach to parking **BE AGREED**.

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:

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Nil

Steve Humphrey

Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

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

<b>Screening for equality impacts:</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Explanation of impacts</b>
		public highway, and the proposals all assist the maintenance of the right of access along the highway and to properties.
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.*