

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

07 March 2022

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN, ACCESS GROUP 6

1.1 Summary

This report covers the formal consultation on proposals in Access Group 6 – subset 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.

1.2 Access Group 6 - locations

1.2.1 The locations for minor amendment are as follows;

Location	Ward	Proposal
Waterloo Road (Tonbridge)	Judd	Adjustment to residents permit parking area and install of new double yellow lines to accommodate proposed new dropped kerb approved by KCC outside No 22.
Waterloo Road (Tonbridge)	Judd	Adjustment to residents permit parking area and install of new double yellow lines to accommodate proposed new dropped kerb approved by KCC outside No 24.
Douglas Road (Tonbridge)	Judd	Shortening of residents permit parking bay to prevent obstructive parking outside No 41.
St Mary's Road (Tonbridge)	Vauxhall	Removal of short length residents permit parking bay and install of new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking outside No 32.
St Mary's Road (Tonbridge)	Vauxhall	Adjustment to residents permit parking bays, and install of new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking outside No 145.
The Drive (Tonbridge)	Vauxhall	Adjustment of residents permit parking bay to accommodate new enforceable disabled persons parking bay (DPPB)

1.3 Access Group 6 - Formal consultation

- 1.3.1 In line with the streamlined process, formal consultation was carried out on the above locations from 21st January 2022 to 13th February 2022 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.
- 1.3.2 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.
- 1.3.3 On this occasion it has not been possible to obtain a consensus from the Chair and local members for any of the Access Group 6 locations. Though it should be noted that the local Borough Members for Vauxhall ward have submitted their agreement of the proposals in their particular ward.
- 1.3.4 The objections for all Access Group 6 locations are therefore now referred to this Board for consideration and decision.
- 1.3.5 A list of all the locations, the issues raised and a recommendation for each is included in **Annex 1**.
- 1.3.6 **Annex 2** contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate, analysis and recommendation.
- 1.3.7 **Annex 3** contains plans of the Access Scheme 2 proposals that were circulated as part of the consultation.
- 1.3.8 **Annex 4** contains a redacted copy of all the consultation responses relating to the Access Group 6 proposals that have been received within the consultation period.

2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1.1 The proposals have followed and exceeded the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 2.1.2 The matters raised in this report are considered to be routine, uncontroversial or not legally complex and a legal opinion has not been sought on these proposals.

2.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 2.2.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plan Access Group 6 is provided within existing revenue budgets.

2.3 Risk Assessment

- 2.3.1 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 introduced for safety reasons or to provide a more appropriate balance of parking needs.

- 2.3.2 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of 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.

2.4 Equality Impact Assessment

- 2.4.1 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.

2.5 Recommendations

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the recommendations for each location in Access Group 6 shown in **Annex 1** be adopted, and where appropriate the proposals be implemented.

Background papers:

- 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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