

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

10 October 2022

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

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN, ACCESS GROUP 7

Summary

This report covers the formal consultation on proposals in Access Group 7 – 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.

1.1 Access Group 7 – locations

1.1.1 The locations for minor amendments are as follows:

Location	Ward	Town	Issue	Proposal
52 Douglas Road	Judd	Tonbridge	New vehicle crossover	Adjust permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
57 The Drive	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	New vehicle crossover	Adjust permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
123 Woodside Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	Implement planning consent condition imposed by KCC Highways which requires removal of permit parking bay	Relocate permit parking bay to opposite side of the road
40 Lionel Road	Judd	Tonbridge	New vehicle crossover	Adjust permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
78 Judd Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	Proposed new vehicle crossover	Remove permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
Meridian Place	East Malling	East Malling	Misuse of disabled persons parking bays	Make existing disabled persons parking bays enforceable

1.2 Access Group 7 – Formal consultation

1.2.1 In line with the streamlined process, formal consultation was carried out on the above locations from 5th August 2022 to 28th August 2022 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

1.2.2 A summary of the consultation responses are as follows:

Location	In favour	Against	No of properties consulted
52 Douglas Road	0	6	30
57 The Drive	0	0	24
123 Woodside Road	0	5	23
40 Lionel Road	1	1	14
78 Judd Road	0	5	32
Meridian Place	0	0	40

1.2.3 In line with the Council's procedure, those locations where no objections were received (Meridian Place, East Malling and 57 The Drive, Tonbridge) can be implemented and are reported to this Board as an information only item.

1.2.4 The proposal for 40 Lionel Road, Tonbridge received less than 5 objections therefore the objection was shared with the local County and Borough Members along with the Chair of this Board to seek their agreement to either set aside the objection or to refer the objection to this Board for consideration.

1.2.5 On this occasion as it has not been possible to obtain a consensus from the Chair and local members for this location, this is now a matter for this Board to consider.

1.2.6 The remaining locations all received 5 or more objections, therefore these cannot be considered by Local Cllrs and JTB Chair, but instead must be reported for consideration by this Board.

1.2.7 A list of all the locations, the issues raised and a recommendation for each is included in Annex 1.

1.2.8 Annex 2 contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate, analysis and recommendation.

1.2.9 Annex 3 contains plans of the Access Group 7 proposals that were circulated as part of the consultation.

1.2.10 Annex 4 contains redacted copy of all the consultation responses relating to the Access Group 7 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 Order (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 7 is provided within existing revenue budgets.

2.3 Risk Assessment

2.3.1 The assessment and consultation process applied to parking management should provide assurance that the Borough Council has a 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 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. There is also care given to ensuring that proposals are adjusted and adapted in 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 7 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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