

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-01
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford (South)
Road / Area	Medway Court
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/01

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" parking restrictions (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports from residents of obstructive parking on Medway Court, both on the road and on the pavements.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent parking, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 59 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 33 (56%)	6 (18%)	27 (82%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

The Parish Council also responded, commenting that they did not feel that restrictions were necessary.

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-02
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford South
Road / Area	Sycamore Drive
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/02

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" parking restrictions (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports from residents of obstructive parking on the bend in Sycamore Drive, near accesses and around the junction with The Avenue.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent parking, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 14 (50%)	10 (71%)	3 (21%)	1 (7%)

Informal consultation responses

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

The Parish Council also responded, but with no specific comment.

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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
8	7	1

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents supporting the proposed changes. One resident responded twice in favour of the proposals, and the second response has not been counted, but the comments have been considered and are included in the responses.

Aylesford Parish Council also responded with “No comment” which is taken to be in favour of the proposal.

Analysis

Whilst there was one declared objection, the text of the response actually indicated that they wanted restrictions (similar to those recently introduced to Firs Close), and with concerns that there also ought to be parking issues on Hall Road and raising concerns over speeding on Hall Road, though this is outside the remit of the Borough Council and would be for KCC to consider.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-03
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Harrison Road area
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/03

Summary

New residents permit parking area

Issue

The Council has had reports from residents of problematic non-resident parking that creates access difficulties.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing to introduce a new residents permit parking scheme to the estate, so that any residents wishing to park on-street during the day would need to buy a permit.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 175 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 84 (48%)	15 (18%)	69 (82%)	0

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was very good for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents against the proposal.

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-04
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Quarry Hill Road
Requested by	Cllr Taylor
Plan reference:	DD/591/04

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request to introduce parking restrictions around the Quarry Hill Road and Dark Hill Road roundabout to assist turning movements and prevent parking.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 4 (40%)	4(100%)	0	0

Informal 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.

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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices.

During the consultation period we received no responses or objections.

Formal consultation responses

As there were no responses or objections, there are no objections for the Board to consider.

Next Steps

The Board should note that as there are no objections the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-05
Town	Ditton
Ward	Ditton
Road / Area	Woodlands Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/05

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking on Woodlands Road and its junction with Nursery Road, as well as reports of parking on the pavements.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 56 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 13 (23%)	5 (38%)	7 (54%)	1 (8%)

Informal consultation responses

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

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-06
Town	Ditton
Ward	Ditton
Road / Area	Woodlands Road (Woodlands Parade)
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/06

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking on Woodlands Road near to Woodlands Parade, as well as reports of parking on the pavements.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 25 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 4 (16%)	2 (50%)	2 (50%)	(0%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the views of residents split.

One of the responses indicated that there would be more support if the proposals were extended southwards to the southern end of Primrose Drive, though another commented the proposals should not extend so far south.

Recommendation after informal consultation

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

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
2	0	2

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

One objection was that the proposals would not stop short-term parking for the shops (though this has proved effective elsewhere) and would also penalise family members dropping off children (though waiting for up to 5 minutes is permitted on double yellow lines for loading, unloading and for passengers to board or alight).

The other objection related to the extent of the double yellow lines on the southern side of the southern access to the rear of the Parade, that the proposals would prevent family from parking directly outside when visiting. However, this is parking close to a junction that is already against the requirements of the Highway Code.

Recommendation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or implement the changes.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-07
Town	Eccles
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Bull Lane
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/07

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request to remove parking on the bend on Bull Lane, to improve forward visibility, safety and traffic flow.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 38 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 10 (26%)	4 (40%)	6 (60%)	(0%)

Informal consultation responses

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

A common theme in the objections was that of parking pressures in the area and there were several requests for additional parking to be created, including consideration of provision of a new off-street car park facility on the playing fields.

The Parish Council also responded, against the proposals.

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-08
Town	Eccles
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Greenfield Close & Bull Lane
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/08

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request to remove parking around the entrance to Greenfield Close and the junction with Bull Lane, to improve visibility and prevent obstruction.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 10 properties, asking residents for their views, but we received no public responses to the consultation.

The Parish Council responded, but with no specific comment.

Recommendation after informal consultation

As there were no responses to the informal consultation, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
29	12	17

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was very strong for this sort of proposal.

One of the response was from Aylesford Parish Council who replied with "No comment" (taken to be not an objection).

Analysis

On initial appearances, the response rate was strong, with the majority of respondents indicating their objections. However, on deeper analysis the responses tell a different story. The majority of comments actually relate to the proposals for Bull Lane, that were abandoned after the informal consultation stage rather than for the junction of Greenfield Close and Bull Lane.

Reading through the comments and excluding the comments relating to the prior proposal for Bull Lane produces a different level of response.

Responses	In favour	Against
10	7	3

Some of the responses did not specifically mention the location and cited parking pressures in the area and safety concerns, that may still relate to the other proposal.

It has to be considered that the proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park at a junction, so any parking is already against those requirements. This could be enforced by the police but not the Borough Council, unless parking restrictions are introduced.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-09
Town	Larkfield
Ward	East Malling & Larkfield
Road / Area	Walnut Tree Court & A20 London Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/09

Summary

Change single yellow lines to new "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request to extend the time of operation of the existing single yellow lines on A20 London Road around Walnut Tree Court, to improve traffic movements and visibility.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 18 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (11%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	(0%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the responses taking opposing views.

The objection is based on the loss of facility for residents and visitors, but this parking would be in the areas that the Highway Code already discourages.

Recommendation after informal consultation

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

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
1	1	0

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

Formal consultation responses

As there were no objections, there are no objections for the Board to consider.

Next Steps

The Board should note that as there are no objections the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-10
Town	East Malling
Ward	East Malling & Larkfield
Road / Area	Lavender Close, Lavender Road and Carnation Crescent
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/10

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request to prevent parking around the junction and also to prevent driverway obstruction.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 7 (23%)	6 (86%)	1 (14%)	(0%)

Informal 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.

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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
10	6	4

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

There were differing views expressed in the consultation on different aspects – there was support for the introduction of measures around the junction of Lavender Road and Carnation Crescent, but the proposals in Lavender Close itself produced a mixed response, between those who did not think that the restrictions were necessary and that parking on the corner was not a problem and a useful addition to the area, and those that wanted the restrictions as they experienced access/egress problems due to parking at this location.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-11
Town	East Malling
Ward	East Malling & Larkfield
Road / Area	Lavender Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/11

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request to prevent driveway obstruction.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 3 (20%)	2 (67%)	0	1 (33%)

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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
3	2	1

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

Analysis

The comment against the proposals actually wanted more restrictions and commented that if the restrictions were introduced they would look to install their own vehicle crossover.

However, the proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park as to cause an obstruction to vehicle driveways, so any parking is already against those requirements.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-12
Town	East Malling
Ward	East Malling & Larkfield
Road / Area	Mill Street
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/12

Summary

Changes to parking bays

Issue

The Council has had requests to introduce new resident permit parking restrictions to the parking bays on Mill Street to improve resident parking opportunities.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new resident permit parking bays, operating Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm, Zone R (similar to other permit parking bays in other parts of East Malling).

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 68 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 7 (10%)	3 (43%)	3 (43%)	1 (14%)

Informal consultation responses

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

Cllr Roud has also commented in support of the proposals, but with a recommendation that the proposed resident parking bays be extended to cover the bays in Middle Mill Road.

Recommendation after informal consultation

The views were split, but in light of the support of one of the local Members, it is recommended that the proposals be extended to cover the Middle Mill Road parking bays, and that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation.

A revised plan DD/591/12A forms Annex 4 to this report.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
18	10	8

Formal consultation responses

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

Included in those “In favour” is a comment from Cllr Roud, in support of the proposals.

Analysis

There were a number of comments against the proposals, but a frequent element was that there should not be a reduction in parking opportunities for residents and their visitors. However, the proposals do not reduce the opportunities to park for residents or their visitors, but change the use of the existing parking to give more priority to residents.

Some commented that they did not want to pay for permit parking, but the introduction of a permit parking scheme has initial costs of physical works and ongoing maintenance and patrolling costs, and this is set against the charges for permits, which is the same across the Borough.

There was a concern that the proposals might displace parking to private parking spaces nearby – but this would be for the owners / managers of those private parking facilities to manage.

There were concerns raised from a local business that the restrictions would affect on-street parking for their staff, and requesting that their staff be allowed to apply for permits. However, the proposals are intended to provide more parking opportunities for residential parking rather than make provision for additional business parking.

Recommendation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or implement the changes.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-13
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield (North)
Road / Area	Lunsford Lane (near Leybourne Lakes)
Requested by	TMBC Leisure Services
Plan reference:	DD/591/13

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request prevent parking on Lunsford Lane to maintain access and assist drainage maintenance.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (17%)	2 (100%)	0	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
3	3	0

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

Formal consultation responses

As there were no objections, there are no objections for the Board to consider.

Next Steps

The Board should note that as there are no objections the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-14
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield (North)
Road / Area	Lunsford Lane
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/14

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request prevent parking on the service road off Lunsford Lane to prevent obstructive parking.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 3 (30%)	1 (33%)	1 (33%)	1 (33%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, but the views of residents were mixed. It should be noted that the original applicant chose not to respond to this consultation and so this proposal may no longer be required.

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed nature of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
2	1	1

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, however, this reflects the minimal nature of the proposals.

Analysis

The objection was on the grounds that the proposals (in their view) were not necessary. However, the other response indicated that there was a problem with obstructive parking.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-15
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield (South)
Road / Area	Oak Drive & Maple Close
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/15

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request prevent parking around the junction of Maple Close and Oak Drive.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 5 (42%)	4 (80%)	0	1 (20%)

Informal 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.

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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
4	4	0

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

Analysis

The proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park at a junction, so any parking is already against those requirements. This could be enforced by the police but not the Borough Council, unless parking restrictions are introduced.

Formal consultation responses

As there were no objections, there are no objections for the Board to consider.

Next Steps

The Board should note that as there are no objections the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-16
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield (South)
Road / Area	Stevenson Way & Kipling Drive
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/16

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request prevent parking around the junction of Stevenson Way and Kipling Drive.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 13 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 5 (38%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-17
Town	Leybourne
Ward	West Malling & Leybourne
Road / Area	The Croft
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/17

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request prevent obstructive parking in The Croft.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 7 (117%)	5 (71%)	2 (29%)	(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.

It should be noted that one of the objections also canvassed other residents in the road and has included representations from 13 other properties in The Croft, all against the proposal, but it should be noted that none of those residents gain vehicle access to their properties through this area.

The photos supplied by residents (both in favour and against) illustrate that parking does occur at this location which could impede access, and in the comments there are reports of incidents where the Police have had to attend for reports of obstruction.

However, Cllr Stapleton has commented against the proposals

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
8	6	2

Formal consultation responses

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

Included in the responses are comments from Cllr Luker & Cllr Boxall, both in favour of the proposal.

Analysis

One of the households that objected commented that the consultation was unfair, and that the proposals were racially motivated. However, the Council takes no account of the ethnicity of residents or respondents when considering parking issues – residents are contacted purely on whether they are an immediate frontager of the proposals and any information relating to the ethnicity of the respondents has come from the respondents themselves.

The other objection was that parking in the road was already at a premium and restrictions would only add to the demand.

However, the proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park where it would cause an obstruction, and it is evident from the responses that parking at this location is a cause of concern between residents.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-18
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Castle)
Road / Area	Ashburnham Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/18

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had requests from residents to extend the double yellow lines around the junction to ease turning movements. We have also had requests to prevent obstructive parking at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 13 (48%)	5 (38%)	3 (23%)	5 (38%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, with residents taking conflicting positions and giving no clear view.

Analysis

Some residents supported one element of the proposals but objected to another, and vice versa. There were also calls from some residents for a resident permit parking scheme in the road (though this has been the subject of a previous proposal under the Parking Action Plan and has not proceeded due to the consultation responses).

The proposals for the junction end of the road are for the minimum that would be appropriate under standard highway design criteria for junction protection to maintain access and visibility, and as such the proposals should not be reduced from the intended lengths.

The consultation responses relating to the restrictions around the cul-de-sac end have also proved controversial with some saying they are not necessary and the parking is needed, but with others welcoming the proposal as they have problems with obstructive parking.

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
15	4	11

Formal consultation responses

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

However, there were two elements of the proposals – extending existing double yellow lines at the junction with Shipbourne Road, and new double yellow lines at the cul-de-sac end of Ashburnham Road.

The responses received can be split in to those two locations;

Junction with Shipbourne Road

Responses	In favour	Against
14	4	10

Cul-de-sac end

Responses	In favour	Against
13	5	8

Analysis

Even looking at the two locations separately there is a strong consensus from the respondents that the proposals should not be taken forward at either location.

Recommendation

In light of the consultation responses it is recommended that the proposals be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-19
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Castle)
Road / Area	Chiltern Way & Cheviot Close
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/19

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had a request prevent obstructive parking around the junction of Chiltern Way and Cheviot Close.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 18 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 11 (61%)	5 (45%)	6 (55%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

It should be noted that a similar proposal was made for this location in 2015, but we rejected by residents during the consultation process, and it looks like the views of majority of respondents has still not changed.

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
14	7	7

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The majority of the comments against were that the proposals were unnecessary, as parking at junctions was already against the Highway Code. However, the comments supporting the proposals also indicate that parking occurs at the location and is of concern,

This proposal has previously been through the Parking Action Plan, reported as Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan to the November 2015 meeting of this Board, but the proposals were abandoned in light of the informal consultation responses.

As this location has been through the Parking Action Plan and consultation process previously, the views of the local Members are sought on this matter, as to whether it should proceed, or whether the issue should no longer be entertained and future similar requests for this area be declined.

Recommendation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or implement the changes.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-20
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Higham)
Road / Area	Dodd Road & Romney Way
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/591/20

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had requests from residents to prevent parking around the junction.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing new "no waiting at any time" double yellow lines, in line with the advice set out in the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 9 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (22%)	2 (100%)	0	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
3	1	2

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

Analysis

The comments against the proposals were from residents that either did not recall an issue at this location, or wished to park close to the junction as their property had no off-street parking. The one comment in support indicated that parking did occur around the junction and that additional lines should be considered opposite the junction,

However, the proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park at a junction, so any parking is already against those requirements. This could be enforced by the police but not the Borough Council, unless parking restrictions are introduced.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-21
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Vauxhall)
Road / Area	Priory Road
Requested by	Bus companies
Plan reference:	DD/591/21

Summary

New "Bus Stop Clearway"

Issue

The Council has had a request to create a bus stop clearway in the layby on Priory Road near to Quarry Hill Parade to assist bus services in the area.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "bus stop clearway".

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 53 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 6 (11%)	1 (17%)	5 (83%)	(0%)

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The objections were all based on the noise and exhaust fumes from buses with their engines idling, and concerns over air quality and health impacts on the nearby residents.

However, the provision of a bus stop clearway should assist bus services in the town and improve bus service viability and reliability, which could assist in promoting more environmentally friendly forms of travel and reduce congestion.

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

It is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
4	1	3

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. However, Cllr Bridge commented in support of the proposal.

Analysis

The objections focussed on the parking of buses near to a residential care home, with concerns about lack of light, noise and diesel fumes coming in to windows.

However, the location already has a bus stop – the proposals are intended to protect that facility and to allow buses to stop for longer periods which would allow them to switch their engines off. The bus stop is also located over 10m away on the other side of the road, to the north of the building.

Recommendation

The conversion of the existing double yellow lines to a bus stop clearway would assist more consistent bus services to operate, which would support alternative and greener forms of travel in the Borough

it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-22
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Vauxhall)
Road / Area	St Marys Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/22

Summary

Change to permit parking bay restriction times

Issue

The Council has had reports from residents that afternoon non-resident parking is a problem, and we have been requested to introduce an additional restricted parking time.

Initial investigation

In light of this we are proposing the introduction of an additional 1pm-2pm restriction time - this is similar to permit bays currently operating effectively in Springwell Road and Woodfield Road. No changes to the layout of the bays are proposed at this time.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 188 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 41 (22%)	29 (71%)	12 (29%)	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.

Looking at the distribution of the responses along the road, those at the southern end (away from the town) tended to object to the proposal, but those at the northern end (closer to the town and the commuter parking problem) were more in favour.

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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Extension to proposals

After the Board meeting on 7th March we received a further 2 requests for changes to parking restrictions in St Mary's Road – one was from a resident, for a very minor reduction to a parking bay to ease turning movements from a driveway, that should not reduce overall parking capacity, and the other was from TMBC's Waste Services team who were having recurring reports from their contractor about obstructive parking and difficulties or their refuse freighters to pass along the road. Concerns were also raised that if a refuse freighter

had difficulties, a fire appliance would similarly be challenged. The proposals were thus altered, with a loss of 3 parking spaces outside No.163 & 163a and the extension of double yellow lines to cover the same area.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour (change of restriction time)	Against (change of restriction time)	In favour (alteration of parking bays)	Against (alteration of parking bays)
31	22	6	4	6

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was average for these types of proposals.

Analysis

From the consultation responses it is reasonably evident that there is support for the introduction of the additional 1 hour permit parking restriction.

The comments against the alteration of the parking bays tended to focus on the parking pressures in the area and that the reduction in parking would make things worse, but in a permit parking area parking has never been guaranteed in the road that you live, but space may well be available in roads nearby – and it is often the case that there is parking availability in neighbouring roads.

There has to be a balance between the wishes of those wanting not to lose convenient parking and those that want to have regular refuse collections and emergency vehicle access.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements to maintain access, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections for both the time extension and the alteration to parking bays for large vehicle access, and that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-23
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Castle)
Road / Area	Welland Road & Beaulieu Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/23

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking around the junction of Welland Road and Beaulieu Road, that compromises visibility at the junction.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "no waiting at any time" (double yellow line) parking restrictions, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 19 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 14 (74%)	1 (7%)	13 (93%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-24
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Medway)
Road / Area	Woodgate Way
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/24

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking on Woodgate Way, which affects the free flow of traffic.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "no waiting at any time" (double yellow line) parking restrictions, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 22 (367%)	6 (27%)	14 (64%)	2 (9%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was significantly higher than the number of letters sent out to local properties, with the majority of respondents against the proposal.

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
10	8	2

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The grounds raised by the two objections were that;

- the proposals were dangerous to oncoming traffic – though this is unlikely as the two opposing traffic flows would have better separation and is partly covered by a “no overtaking” centre white line,
- a likely increase vehicle speeds – though this area is already partly covered by a 30mph speed limit,
- and that there would be displacement of parking to nearby residential areas – Should this be the case then those areas (if part of the public highway) could be considered in a later phase of the Parking Action Plan.

It should be noted that the northern part of the proposed restrictions already has a white “no overtaking” centreline, and as such any parking alongside that line is prohibited and should not occur – but this is an offence that can only be enforced by Kent Police rather than a parking contravention (as proposed) that could be enforced by the Borough Council.

The existing white edge of carriageway marking that runs throughout was introduced by Kent County Council and is also not enforceable by the Borough Council and could be enforced as the offence of obstruction by Kent Police if they chose to do so. The Borough Council has had a number of calls about “obstructive parking in the cycle lanes” but unfortunately these are not cycle facilities and the Borough has no enforcement powers.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code not to cause obstruction and the requirements not to park alongside the centre white line system, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-25
Town	Walderslade
Ward	Aylesford (North) & Walderslade
Road / Area	Robin Hood Lane
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/25

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking on the road and verges in Robin Hood Lane near to Mercer Court.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "no waiting at any time" (double yellow line) parking restrictions, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 25 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 10 (40%)	3 (30%)	7 (70%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

The number of consultation responses suggested that this related to the parking actions of one household, and was effectively a neighbour issue rather than a parking issue, and one response indicated that the resident in question may be in the process of moving to a new property elsewhere, and that any parking changes might be unnecessary.

The Parish Council also responded to the consultation, in support of the proposals.

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 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-26
Town	Walderslade
Ward	Aylesford (North) & Walderslade
Road / Area	Woodbury Road & Walsham Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/26

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking on Woodbury Road and the junction with Walsham Road.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "no waiting at any time" (double yellow line) parking restrictions, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (13%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	(0%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the views split between support and against.

However, the objection was not based the parking situation in the road but thought that the proposals would be a waste of money.

The Parish Council also responded to the consultation, against the proposals.

Recommendation after informal consultation

As there have been reports of obstructive parking, and the proposals are intended to reinforce the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local

press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
3	2	1

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

One of the responses was from Aylesford Parish Council with no comments (taken as support)

Analysis

The comment against the proposals did not in fact relate to the proposal itself, instead it mentioned the cost of measures, when Council Taxes were rising and other Council services were not being provided.

However, the proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park at a junction, so any parking is already against those requirements. This could be enforced by the police but not the Borough Council, unless parking restrictions are introduced.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-27
Town	Walderslade
Ward	Aylesford (North) & Walderslade
Road / Area	Woodbury Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/27

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking on Woodbury Road.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "no waiting at any time" (double yellow line) parking restrictions, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 6 (67%)	2 (50%)	2 (50%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

The Parish Council also responded to the consultation, against the proposals.

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
7	4	3

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the majority of respondents supporting the proposed changes. Of the comments against, 2 responses were from members of the same household. Comments against the proposals were that the changes were not needed, would displace parking and would reduce parking opportunities.

Aylesford Parish Council also responded with “No comment” which is taken to be in favour of the proposal.

Analysis

The initial request for restrictions stems from reports from residents in relation to problems with obstructive parking, and the proposals are intended to prevent this, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

Recommendation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or implement the changes.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-28
Town	West Malling
Ward	West Malling & Leybourne
Road / Area	Churchfields
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/28

Summary

New permit parking area

Issue

The Council has had requests from residents of Churchfields to introduce a resident permit parking scheme to the road to deter non-resident daytime parking.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing a new "WM5 permit holders only" parking area.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 66 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 28 (42%)	10 (36%)	18 (64%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

This is the third time that the Council has been asked to consider a permit parking scheme for Churchfields and has brought proposals to the public for consultation. Once again the responses from residents is a clear steer that they are not in favour of parking permits for their road.

In light of the number of times this issue has been repeatedly raised with the Council, the views of the local Members are sought on this matter, as to whether it should proceed, or whether the issue should no longer be entertained and future similar requests for this area be declined.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board decided to follow the recommendation and accordingly the proposal was abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-29
Town	Wrotham
Ward	Wrotham, Ightham & Stansted
Road / Area	A20 London Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/29

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking (both on-road and on the pavements) near the accesses to the Tower Industrial Estate.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing the removal of the parking bays and the introduction of new double yellow lines, in accordance with the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

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

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 5 (50%)	3 (60%)	2 (40%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

The views of the local Members are sought on this matter.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or proceed with the proposals to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
3	3	0

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

One of the respondents was Wrotham Parish Council, who were in favour of the proposal.

Analysis

The proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park at a junction, so any parking is already against those requirements. This could be enforced by the police but not the Borough Council, unless parking restrictions are introduced.

Formal consultation responses

As there were no objections, there are no objections for the Board to consider.

Next Steps

The Board should note that as there are no objections the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-30
Town	Wrotham
Ward	Wrotham, Ightham & Stansted
Road / Area	Pilgrims Way
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/30

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking around the junction in Pilgrims Way.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing the removal of the parking bays and the introduction of new double yellow lines, in accordance with the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 8 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 3 (38%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	0

Informal 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.

Recommendation after informal consultation

As there have been reports of obstructive parking, and the proposals are intended to reinforce the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed** to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
6	2	4

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low, but the proposals were quite limited in their extent.

One of the responses was from Wrotham Parish Council, in support of the proposal.

Analysis

The comments against the proposals were from residents that either did not recall an issue at this location, or wished to park close to the junction and did not view this as an issue or their property had no off-street parking.

However, the proposals re-iterate the requirements of the Highway Code, not to park at a junction, so any parking is already against those requirements. This could be enforced by the police but not the Borough Council, unless parking restrictions are introduced.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board set aside the objections and agree that the proposed changes be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-31
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Castle)
Road / Area	The Haydens
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/591/31

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

The Council has had reports of obstructive parking around the bends and junctions in The Haydens.

Initial investigation

To address this we are proposing the introduction of new double yellow lines, in accordance with the Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 7th January to 30th January 2022.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 48 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 33 (69%)	22 (67%)	11 (33%)	0

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was very good 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.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 7th March 2022 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should proceed to formal consultation and invitation of objections.

Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 8th July to 31st July 2022.

As part of the formal consultation we wrote to nearby properties immediately affected by the proposals, asking frontagers for their views. We also placed notices on-street, in the local press and online. The proposals were also available on-deposit at Borough Council and KCC offices. We received the following responses;

Responses	In favour	Against
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27	15	12
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Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

There were a couple of recurring points mentioned in the objections – that the proposals were unnecessary, and that they would merely displace parking from one area of The Haydens to another. Many of the objectors also went on to make suggestions for alternative parking restrictions that they wished to see introduced instead, such as single yellow lines, limited waiting and residents parking permits.

However, it has to be remembered that the initial issue raised with the Council was of obstructive parking on bends and junctions – and none of the alternative proposals would effectively deter parking on bends and junctions, in line with the requirements of the Highway Code.

With any new restrictions there is the potential for cars that are currently parking in areas affected by the proposals to displace to nearby uncontrolled areas, but if these areas are not on a bend or junction then this is not necessarily a problem and occurs in many similar locations and can assist in maintaining low vehicle speeds.

Recommendation

In light of the responses, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board seek the views of the local Members for the area and either choose to abandon or implement the changes.

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-32
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Tonbridge (Higham)
Road / Area	Lawrence Road
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	-

Summary

New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

Issue

Would like new double yellow lines on Lawrence Road to keep school parent parking to one side only.

Initial investigation

The issue reported was difficult to identify as the parking arrangements at the school could not be assessed in the time between the initial report and the informal consultation.

Outcome

This will continue to be monitored and will be included in the next Phase of the Parking Action Plan

Parking Plan – Phase 13 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 13-33
Town	Leybourne
Ward	West Malling & Leybourne
Road / Area	Roundhay and Oxley Shaw Lane
Requested by	Local estate agent
Plan reference:	

Summary

Reports of problematic all-day non-resident parking in the road.

Issue

Would like restrictions to prevent all-day non-resident parking in the road.

Initial investigation

Despite numerous site visits at differing times of day no untoward or unusual parking habits or problems were observed, and the introduction of restrictions to prevent non-resident parking would not be appropriate.

Outcome

This issue at this location is to be dropped from the Parking Action Plan.