

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

21 November 2022

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

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 PARKING UPDATE

Summary

The Borough Council has for many years divided requests for changes to parking restrictions into separate Phases of the “Parking Action Plan”, or for wider areas as discrete “Parking Reviews”.

This report covers the content of the next Phase (Phase 14) of the Action Plan, and an update on the Borough’s parking reviews

1.1 Phase 14

1.1.1 A list of location requests recommended for consideration in Phase 14 of the Parking Action Plan is shown in **Annex 1**.

1.1.2 Members will note that the list includes 32 locations, which is considered to be the maximum number of schemes that can be addressed within the available staff resources with the Parking team.

1.2 Future Phases

1.2.1 A further list of 95 requests is shown in **Annex 2** which will be held on a ‘holding list’ for consideration in future phases of the Plan.

1.2.2 **Annex 3** shows a list of a further 5 sites where we have received requests for review. However, these sites have been identified as already been delivered, been resolved by other authorities, part of a parking review area, are no longer be required or unsuitable on the public highway.

1.3 Current Procedure

1.3.1 The current procedure for requesting and progressing changes to parking restrictions is as follows:-

- Request received and added to waiting list.
- Sites collated into manageable phases

- Approval for the next phase reported to Joint Transportation Board with recommendation to move to informal consultation.
- Report to Joint Transportation Board on the outcome of informal consultation with recommendation to alter/adjust proposals if appropriate and to move to formal consultation.
- Report to Joint Transportation Board following formal consultation with recommendations to approve/abandon proposals.
- Install approved schemes.
- Review of impact of proposals after 12 months if required.

1.4 Phase 14 Consultation

- 1.4.1 Subject to Member approval it is proposed that locations and proposals recommended for consideration in **Annex 1** should now be taken forward for investigation and then to informal consultation.
- 1.4.2 The response to the informal consultation will be reported back to a future meeting of this Board.

2 PARKING REVIEWS

- 2.1.1 In addition to the Phased Parking Action Plans, the Borough Council has agreed a programme of Parking Reviews, where more complex issues or packages of measures can be addressed.
- 2.1.2 There are currently three Parking Reviews under way, Kings Hill, Hadlow and Hildenborough, with a future review programmed for Snodland.
- 2.1.3 The delivery of the Borough's parking reviews has been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, not only has it impinged on the Council's ability to carry out reviews, but there has also been a significant variation in day-to-day parking habits as there has been a shift to more home working and less travel to work.
- 2.1.4 The parking issues in Kings Hill cover a number of locations across the development, with a variety of issues relating to the style of the development and the number of adopted and private roads.
- 2.1.5 The Council has taken proposals through informal consultation and formal consultation. However, local Members have asked that the review be placed on-hold to allow additional locations to be brought forward.
- 2.1.6 The Council has also been developing proposals for parking restrictions across Hadlow (and Golden Green) ready for informal consultation in the next few

months. Once again it is the intention to report the outcome of this consultation to a future meeting of this Board.

- 2.1.7 Proposals are still in development for Hildenborough. The issues are complex due to competing demands for residential, business, commuter and school parking. These have been significantly affected by the change of commuter habits and will be re-visited once more normal traffic patterns establish themselves.
- 2.1.8 Hildenborough Parish Council have reviewed the initial proposals and their comments are being considered and some elements of the proposals may require re-assessment.
- 2.1.9 Officers will continue to develop the proposals for Hildenborough, ready for informal consultation in the next few months.

2.2 Legal Implications

- 2.2.1 The on-street parking service is undertaken by the Borough Council on behalf of Kent County Council under the terms of a formal legal agreement.

2.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 2.3.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plans and the Parking Reviews exists within the Borough Council's revenue budgets.

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 -

1.the Board agree the locations listed for Phase 14 of the Parking Action Plan shown in Annex 1,and

2.the holding list of requests shown at Annex2 be held for future consideration in future phases of the Parking Action Plan

Background papers:

Annex 1 – Locations for Phase 14

Annex 2 – Holding list

Annex 3 – Locations not progressing

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