

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

01 December 2014

Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN

Summary

This report updates Members on the phased approach to on-street parking management with a focus on the work in progress.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Borough Council's approach to on-street parking management has been divided into phases so economies of scale can be applied and work is delivered in a timely manner. The current priorities are set out below together with future proposals.

1.2 West Malling Parking Review

1.2.1 As part of the work of the West Malling Parking Review Steering Group we are currently carrying out informal consultation on alterations to the existing parking area codes and other parking changes in a number of areas of West Malling. We have sent consultation leaflets to all properties in West Malling asking residents for their views. We have also sent specific letters to the residents where actual changes to on-street parking layouts are proposed. The areas covered by these changes are:

Swan Street
High Street
Town Hill
Offham Road
Norman Road
Fatherwell Avenue
A20 London Road

1.2.2 The consultation runs until 28th December.

1.3 East Malling Parking Review

1.3.1 We carried out a review of parking arrangements in East Malling a few years ago and have had an outstanding commitment to carry out minor alterations and adjustments to the restrictions.

1.3.2 Earlier this year we carried out informal consultation on parking changes in a number of areas and reported the responses back to the Board. We are now carrying out formal consultation on those parking changes.

1.3.3 The areas where we are currently consulting on changes are:

Stickens Lane
 Middle Mill Road
 Chapel Street
 Clare Lane
 Cottenham Close
 Mill Street
 Upper Mill
 Wateringbury Road
 The Grange
 The Rocks Road

1.3.4 The consultation consists of letters to residents, notices on-street and in the local press, documents on deposit at the Council Offices, and letters to the normal statutory consultees. The consultation closes on 19th December 2014.

1.4 Borough Green Parking Review

1.4.1 Next in our parking programme of work is a review of the Local Parking Plan for Borough Green, including a review of on-street disabled parking in the town centre. We have recently started looking at local concerns across the town with local members and the Parish Council and will bring back to the Board any proposals for changes.

1.5 Hadlow – Local Parking Plan

1.5.1 Following on from the above reviews we will be in contact with Hadlow Parish Council and the local Borough Councillors to consider the development of a Local Parking Plan for the community and we will address requests by traders for some restricted local short stay parking to encourage turnover.

1.5.2 Other Minor Changes

1.5.3 Further to an unresolved request to make some minor adjustments to the restrictions in Royal Avenue/Goldsmid Road area of Tonbridge we are currently consulting with local residents on some adjustments to the current restrictions.

Any changes which we feel are appropriate will be brought to the Board for approval.

1.6 Local Parking Plan - Phase 8

1.6.1 We are now compiling a list of locations which may form Phase 8 of the Local Parking Plan.

1.6.2 The locations currently on the list for consideration or investigation are listed below and we will start to look at these as soon as resources permit.

No.	Town	Location
1	Addington	Millhouse Lane
2	Aylesford	The Avenue and Hall Road
3	Aylesford	The Hawthorns and The Avenue
4	Blue Bell Hill	Old Chatham Road (access to industrial estate)
5	East Malling	Twisden Road (disabled bay)
6	East Peckham	Chidley Cross Road and Church Lane
7	Hadlow	Twyford Road
8	Hildenborough	Noble Tree Road
9	Hildenborough	Philpots Lane
10	Hildenborough	Lower Street
11	Hildenborough	Church Lane/Riding Lane junction
12	Hildenborough	Mount Pleasant/Riding Lane junction
13	Hildenborough	Woodview Crescent/Brookmead
14	Hildenborough	Church Road
15	Hildenborough	Lower Street and Rings Hill
16	Kings Hill	Discovery Drive (School Keep Clear)
17	Kings Hill	Francis Lane
18	Kings Hill	Hazen Road
19	Larkfield	Willow Road and Lunsford Lane
20	Larkfield	Kingfisher Road, Heron Road and Woodpecker Road
21	Larkfield	Reeves Court and Garner Drive
22	Larkfield	Lunsford Lane (south of Leybourne Way)
23	Leybourne	Baywell
24	Mereworth	Herne Pound
25	Platt	Grange Road
26	Snodland	Birling Road (between Roberts Road and Recreation Avenue)
27	Tonbridge	Mill Crescent (new property near No.1)
28	Tonbridge	The Drive (an additional afternoon hour restriction)
29	Tonbridge	Cromer Street (alter parking bays)
30	Tonbridge	Vale Rise
31	Tonbridge	Hunt Road (disabled bay)
32	Tonbridge	Welland Road
33	Tonbridge	Deakin Leas

34	Tonbridge	Haydens Mews
35	Tonbridge	Medina Road (disabled bay)
36	Tonbridge	Chiltern Way
37	Tonbridge	Barden Road (changes due to redevelopment)
38	Tonbridge	Priory Road (disabled bay)
39	Tonbridge	Medway Wharf Road
40	Tonbridge	Angel Lane (disabled and loading controls)
41	Tonbridge	The Botany (disabled and loading controls)
42	Tonbridge	Salisbury Close and Salisbury Road
43	Tonbridge	Martin Hardie Way
44	Tonbridge	Lower Hayesden Country Park entrance
45	Tonbridge	Howard Drive and Norwich Avenue
46	Tonbridge	Scott Road (permit parking)
47	Wrotham	Kemsing Road and Randall Hill Road
48	Wrotham Heath	A25/A20 junction

1.7 Legal Implications

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

1.8 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

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

1.9 Risk Assessment

1.9.1 The assessment and consultation process applied to parking management should provide the assurance that the Borough Council has the will and ability to adapt the Parking Plans, in the light of comment and circumstances, to ensure that it achieves a best balance of local parking needs. A regular review of the schemes is crucial to ensure that we can correctly and effectively manage on-street parking in these areas as the proposals are either introduced for safety reasons or to provide a more appropriate balance of parking needs.

1.9.2 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of local support. This risk is mitigated by the considerable effort devoted to ensuring there is widespread consultation on proposals through two stages of informal consultation before any formal stage of consultation is reached. There is also care given to ensuring that schemes are adjusted and adapted in the light of comments and observations received from the local community, without compromising safety or the Council's commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.10 Equality Impact Assessment

1.10.1 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.

1.11 Policy Considerations

1.11.1 Community

1.12 Recommendations

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

The Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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