

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

04 March 2024

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

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN, ACCESS GROUP 8

Summary

This report covers the formal consultation on proposals in Access Group 8 – a subset of the Parking Action Plan where the Council has applied a streamlined process for the consideration and promotion of minor changes to the Traffic Regulation Order.

1.1 Access Group 8 – locations

1.1.1 The locations for minor amendments are as follows:

Location	Ward	Town	Issue	Proposal
10 Weald View Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	New vehicle crossover	Adjust permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
3 St Mary's Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	New vehicle crossover	Adjust permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
24 St Mary's Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	New vehicle crossover	Adjust permit parking bay and install double yellow lines
70 High Street		Snodland	Prevent obstruction of existing vehicle crossover	Adjust existing double-yellow lines

1.2 Access Group 8 – Formal consultation

1.2.1 In line with the streamlined process, formal consultation was carried out on the above locations from 6th October 2023 to 29th October 2023 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

1.2.2 A summary of the consultation responses are as follows:

Location	In favour	Against	No of properties consulted
10 Weald View Road	1	5	24
3 St Mary's Road	1	2	13
24 St Mary's Road	3	2	30
70 High Street, Snodland	0	0	22

- 1.2.3 In line with the Council's procedure, those locations where no objections were received (70 High Street, Snodland) can be implemented and are reported to this Board as an information only item.
- 1.2.4 The proposals for 3 St Mary's Road and 24 St Mary's Road, Tonbridge received less than 5 objections therefore the objections were shared with the local County and Borough Members along with the Chair of this Board to seek their agreement to either set aside the objections or to refer the objections to this Board for consideration.
- 1.2.5 Consensus was reached by local County and Borough members and the Chair of this board to set aside the objections of the proposals for 3 St Mary's Road and 24 St Marys Road, Tonbridge. The changes to these locations are to be implemented and are reported to this Board as an information only item.
- 1.2.6 The remaining location (10 Weald View Road, Tonbridge) received 5 or more objections, therefore could not be considered by local Members and JTB Chair, but instead must be reported for consideration by this Board.
- 1.2.7 A list of all the locations, the issues raised and a recommendation for each is included in Annex 1.
- 1.2.8 Annex 2 contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate, analysis and recommendation.
- 1.2.9 Annex 3 contains plans of the Access Group 8 proposals that were circulated as part of the consultation.
- 1.2.10 Annex 4 contains redacted copies of all the consultation responses relating to the Access Group 8 proposals that have been received within the consultation period.

1.3 Legal Implications

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

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plan Access Group 8 is provided within existing revenue budgets.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 The assessment and consultation process applied to parking management should provide assurance that the Borough Council has a will and ability to adapt the Parking Plans, in the light of comment and circumstances, and to ensure that it achieves a best balance of local parking needs. A regular review of the schemes is crucial to ensure that we correctly and effectively manage on-street parking in these areas as the proposals are introduced for safety reasons or to provide a more appropriate balance of parking needs.
- 1.5.2 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of support. This risk is mitigated by the considerable effort devoted to ensuring there is widespread consultation on proposals. There is also care given to ensuring that proposals are adjusted and adapted in light of comments and observations received from the local community, without compromising safety or the Council's commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 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.

1.7 Recommendations

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the recommendations for each location in Access Group 8 shown in Annex 1 be adopted and where appropriate the proposals be implemented.

Background papers:

- Annex 1 – List of locations and recommendations
- Annex 2 – Location summary sheets
- Annex 3 – Plans of locations and proposals
- Annex 4 - Redacted formal consultation responses

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