

### Parking Plan – Access Group 8 – Location Summary

Location reference	AC8-01
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	10 Weald View Road
Requested by	Resident
Plan reference:	DD/601/01

#### Summary

Reduce extent of permit parking bays, and installation of new double yellow lines across new vehicle access to No 10 Weald View Road, Tonbridge

#### Issue

KCC Highways had approved the installation of a new dropped kerb to allow the resident of No 10 to access their new driveway. However, a miscommunication meant that the resident received full approval from KCC without any involvement with TMBC. As a consequence, the dropped kerb has already been installed (in good faith by the resident) and retrospective changes to existing on-street parking restrictions are required to accommodate the new vehicle crossing dropped kerb and prevent its obstruction.

#### Initial investigation

Suitable for changes under the streamlined “access” process, and will proceed separately through the agreed accelerated process with Access Group 8.

#### Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out formal consultation on parking restrictions shown in plan DD/601/01, seeking objections and indications of support. The Consultation started on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and closed on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

As part of the consultation we wrote directly to 24 properties, placed notices on street and in the local press, placed the proposals “on deposit” at the Council Offices (Tonbridge Castle and Kings Hill), the Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Hall and on the Council’s website. We also contacted the normal Statutory Consultees (local Councillors, Emergency Services, bus companies and other interested road groups).

The responses to the formal consultation were as follows;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
6 (25%)	1 (4%)	5 (21%)	0 (0%)

#### Analysis

The objections received are from residents who raise concerns regarding the installation of double yellow lines across the new dropped kerb, as opposed to objections to the changes to the permit parking bay. They refer to the existence of older dropped kerbs in Weald View Road which do not have double yellow lines across them. These existing dropped kerbs are historical arrangements, implemented before the Council adopted a policy of placing double yellow lines across new dropped kerbs for new vehicle crossovers. This affords the new dropped kerb/vehicle crossover protection from obstruction. The alteration to the existing parking bays and install of double yellow lines is necessary in order to accommodate the installation of the new dropped kerb/vehicle crossover which had been approved by KCC in their role as the Highway Authority.

**Streamlined TRO process**

Under the agreed streamlined process for consideration of minor amendments to parking restrictions, minor amendments that attract 5 or more objections cannot be considered by the Chair of JTB and the local Borough and County members for the area, therefore this matter is now for the Board to consider the objections and decide whether to implement the proposals or not.

**Recommendation to the March 2024 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board.**

It is recommended that the views expressed during the formal consultation are noted.

However, the changes to the parking restrictions are necessary to reflect the legal right of access that was established when Kent County Council gave permission for the access. The decision to allow an access is normally covered under “permitted development” rights, administered through KCC as the Highway Authority, or (in conservation areas) through the formal planning application process. The decisions from the planning or the permitted development processes are not part of this procedure, and the changes to the parking arrangements are necessary to accommodate those permissions or rights. There is little scope for the Borough Council to take any action but to facilitate the decisions already made.

Legally we are required to carry out the statutory consultation process, and consider objections received, but the Board are advised that the change is necessary to support the change to the Highway that the Highway Authority has already agreed.

Accordingly it is recommended that the Board note that alterations to the existing permissions are not within the gift of the Joint Transportation Board, and with permissions already granted, **set aside** the objections and the proposals for the changes to parking arrangements be implemented to accommodate the new access.

### Parking Plan – Access Group 8 – Location Summary

Location reference	AC8-02
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	3 St Mary's Road
Requested by	Developer
Plan reference:	DD/601/02

#### Summary

Adjustment to permit parking bay, and installation of new double yellow lines across proposed new vehicle access to No 3 St Mary's Road, Tonbridge.

#### Issue

KCC Highways have approved the installation of a new dropped kerb to allow the occupiers of No 3 to access a new driveway. As a consequence, changes to existing on-street parking restrictions are required to accommodate the proposed new vehicle dropped kerb.

#### Initial investigation

Suitable for changes under the streamlined "access" process, and will proceed separately through the agreed accelerated process with Access Group 8.

#### Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out formal consultation on parking restrictions shown in plan DD/601/02, seeking objections and indications of support. The Consultation started on 6th October 2023 and closed on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

As part of the consultation we wrote directly to 13 properties, placed notices on street and in the local press, placed the proposals "on deposit" at the Council Offices (Tonbridge Castle and Kings Hill), the Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Hall and on the Council's website. We also contacted the normal Statutory Consultees (local Councillors, Emergency Services, bus companies and other interested road groups).

The responses to the formal consultation were as follows;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
3 (23%)	1 (7.6%)	2 (15%)	0 (0%)

#### Analysis

The two objections were received from residents of St Mary's Road who wanted the new dropped kerb to be located at the side of No 3 (rather than the front), utilising land at the entrance to The Chamber car park adjacent and thus retain the existing parking bay. However, this is not an option for consideration as this land is not adopted as public highway. With regard to their concerns over the loss of on-street parking – even though parking on St Mary's Road is part of a wider resident parking zone, parking close to your address (or indeed any space) cannot be guaranteed. The alteration to the existing parking bay is necessary in order to accommodate a new dropped kerb which has been approved by KCC in their role as Highway Authority.

#### Streamlined TRO process

Under the agreed streamlined process for consideration of minor amendments to parking restrictions, minor amendments that attract less than 5 objections can be considered by the Chair of JTB and the local Borough and County members for the area, and if of a

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consensus, the objections can be set aside and the proposals implemented, with the matter reported as information to the next meeting of the Board.

This proposal and the objections were reported for consideration by the Chair and the relevant local members on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A consensus was reached to set aside the objections.

### **Recommendation to the March 2024 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board.**

In line with the streamlined process, the objections have been considered and set aside, and in light of this the changes can be implemented as advertised, and this is being reported to the Board as an information item.

### Parking Plan – Access Group 8 – Location Summary

Location reference	AC8-03
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	24 St Mary's Road
Requested by	Resident
Plan reference:	DD/601/03

#### Summary

Adjustment to permit parking bays, and installation of new double yellow lines across proposed new vehicle access to No 3 St Mary's Road, Tonbridge.

#### Issue

KCC Highways have approved the installation of a new dropped kerb to allow the residents of No 24 to access a new driveway. As a consequence, changes to existing on-street parking restrictions are required to accommodate the proposed new vehicle dropped kerb.

#### Initial investigation

Suitable for changes under the streamlined "access" process, and will proceed separately through the agreed accelerated process with Access Group 8.

#### Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out formal consultation on parking restrictions shown in plan DD/601/03 seeking objections and indications of support. The Consultation started on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and closed on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

As part of the consultation we wrote directly to 30 properties, placed notices on street and in the local press, placed the proposals "on deposit" at the Council Offices (Tonbridge Castle and Kings Hill), the Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Hall and on the Council's website. We also contacted the normal Statutory Consultees (local Councillors, Emergency Services, bus companies and other interested road groups).

The responses to the formal consultation were as follows;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
5 (16.6%)	3 (10%)	2 (6.6%)	0 (0%)

#### Analysis

The two objections were received by residents of St Mary's Road who raised concerns regarding the loss of on-street parking close to their property. However, even though parking on St Mary's Road is part of a wider resident parking zone, parking close to your address (or indeed any space) cannot be guaranteed. The alteration of the existing parking bays is necessary in order to accommodate a new dropped kerb which has been approved by KCC in their role as Highway Authority.

#### Streamlined TRO process

Under the agreed streamlined process for consideration of minor amendments to parking restrictions, minor amendments that attract less than 5 objections can be considered by the Chair of JTB and the local Borough and County members for the area, and if of a consensus, the objections can be set aside and the proposals implemented, with the matter reported as information to the next meeting of the Board.

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This proposal and the objections were reported for consideration by the Chair and the relevant local members on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A consensus was reached to set aside the objections.

### **Recommendation to the March 2024 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board.**

In line with the streamlined process, the objections have been considered and set aside, and in light of this the changes can be implemented as advertised, and this is being reported to the Board as an information item.

### Parking Plan – Access Group 8 – Location Summary

Location reference	AC8-04
Town	Snodland
Ward	
Road / Area	70 High Street
Requested by	Resident
Plan reference:	DD/601/04

#### Summary

Adjustment to uncontrolled parking bay and extension of existing double yellow lines.

#### Issue

The residents of No 70 have reported their existing dropped kerb vehicle crossover is regularly obstructed by parked vehicles.

#### Initial investigation

Suitable for changes under the streamlined “access” process, and will proceed separately through the agreed accelerated process with Access Group 8.

#### Formal consultation

The Borough Council carried out formal consultation on parking restrictions shown in plan DD/601/04, seeking objections and indications of support. The Consultation started on 6th October 2023 and closed on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

As part of the consultation we wrote directly to 22 properties, placed notices on street and in the local press, placed the proposals “on deposit” at the Council Offices (Tonbridge Castle and Kings Hill), the Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, County Hall and on the Council’s website. We also contacted the normal Statutory Consultees (local Councillors, Emergency Services, bus companies and other interested road groups).

The responses to the formal consultation were as follows;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

#### Analysis

No consultation responses were received in relation to the proposal for No 70 High Street.

#### Streamlined TRO process

Under the agreed streamlined process for consideration of minor amendments to parking restrictions, minor amendments that do not attract any objections can be implemented with the matter reported as an information only item at the next meeting of the Board.

#### Recommendation to the March 2024 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board.

No responses were received, consequently there are no objections for the Board to consider.

Accordingly, the proposals can be implemented and is reported to the Board for information only.