

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-01
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford South & Ditton
Ward Members	Cllr Robert Cannon Cllr Steve Hammond Cllr Colin Williams
Road / Area	Howick Close
Requested by	TMBC Waste Services
Plan reference:	DD/598/01

Summary

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

Issue

The Councils Waste Services have reported frequent obstruction due to vehicle parking on both sides of the road and at junctions.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines at the junction and to prevent parking on both sides of the road, and at junctions, in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 8 (21%) plus 2 duplicates	3 (38%)	4 (50%)	1 (12%)

Informal consultation responses

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

Discussion

The access issues continue and rely upon residents remembering not to cause an obstruction on refuse collection days. Problems with refuse collection access is also indicative of problems for emergency service vehicles (particularly fire appliances) that may encounter similar problems.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed responses, and the continued access requirements, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 (plus 1 duplicate)	3 (37.5%)	5 (62.5%) plus 1 duplicate

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The objections all followed the theme that parking in the road is already limited and restrictions would reduce parking opportunities for residents.

However, the proposals are intended to maintain access for large vehicles, including refuse freighters and fire appliances. The proposals echo the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement.

Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

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 as advertised.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-02
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford North & North Downs
Ward Members	Cllr Roger Dalton Cllr Dave Davis Cllr Alex McDermott
Road / Area	Rochester Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/02

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have requested double yellow lines around accesses due to obstructive parking.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and to maintain access, in line with requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 20 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 9 (45%)	7 (78%)	2 (22%)	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.

Discussion

There were also comments from residents of Unwin Close, to extend the existing parking controls at the junction further in to Unwin Close, but this would seem to be a different issue and may need to be considered separately as a later item for the Parking Action Plan.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the support from residents, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
12 (plus 1 duplicate)	10 (83.4%)	2 (16.6%) plus 1 duplicate

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

One objection was that the proposals may displace parking further up Rochester Road, and the other was that they did not feel the need for restrictions and feared that parking restrictions would devalue their property.

However, the proposals are intended to maintain visibility and prevent obstructive parking. The proposals echo the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement.

Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented.

Other issues

Several of the respondents asked for the existing double yellow lines at the entrance to Unwin Close to be extended further in to the close. This was not part of the proposals so cannot be included at this time, but the request has been added to the holding list for consideration as part of a later Phase of the Parking Action Plan.

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 as advertised.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-03
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford South & Ditton
Ward Members	Cllr Robert Cannon Cllr Steve Hammond Cllr Colin Williams
Road / Area	The Avenue, Premier Parade & The Lindens
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/598/03

Summary

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

Issue

The Parish Council has reported that parking at the junctions and on bends causes issues.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent parking at junctions and on bends, in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 7 (26%)	4 (57%)	1 (14%)	2 (29%)

Informal consultation responses

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

The "don't know" comments supported introducing restrictions on bends and junctions but questioned the introduction of restrictions directly in front of the shops.

Analysis

The proposed restrictions are intended to address the reported problems of obstructive parking, and also to deal with potential displacement issues that could cause access issues for Premier Parade, where parking directly outside the shops prevents access to the echelon parking laybys.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed responses, and the continued access requirements, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
25 (plus 5 duplicate)	6 (24%) plus 1 duplicate	19 (76%) plus 4 duplicate

Aylesford Parish Council also responded, however, their response was a query as to the background for the proposals rather than a comment on the proposals themselves.

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

From the responses it is evident that the proposals in their advertised form were too extensive, with many questioning the need for restrictions in Premier Parade or extending in to The Lindens, though many welcomed the proposal for double yellow lines on The Avenue, around the bend.

There is a way forward from the advertised proposals – The Council has the facility to amend proposals by reduction following receipt of objections, as long as the only changes are reducing the extent and not changing the type of restriction.

With this in mind the proposals for Premier Parade can be deleted, and the proposals for The Lindens can be reduced to standard junction protection, as shown in revised drawing DD/598/03A (Annex XX)

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board consider the objections and the revised restrictions shown in DD/598/03A, and agree that the revised restrictions should be introduced.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-04
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford South & Ditton
Ward Members	Cllr Robert Cannon Cllr Steve Hammond Cllr Colin Williams
Road / Area	The Avenue, The Oaks & Elm Walk
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/04

Summary

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

Issue

The Parish Council has reported that obstructive parking is taking place and that parking on the bend causes issues.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and parking on the bends in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 10 (26%) plus 2 duplicates	5 (50%)	4 (40%)	1 (10%)

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The responses against the proposals cover a number of issues – the potential loss of facility to park near or outside homes (and the inconvenience this may cause), that the parking problems only occur at school times, that the junctions are already covered by the requirements of the Highway Code (and that adding double yellow lines at these locations would set a confusing precedent).

The majority of the responses indicate that there is a problem of parking at the junction, whether it be at any time, or is limited to school times. However, the only tool for dealing with parking on or around junctions is “no waiting at any times” (double yellow lines), as these reinforce the requirements of the Highway Code.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed responses, and the reported parking issues around the junctions, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 plus 3 duplicates	9 (50%)	9 (50%) plus 3 duplicates

Aylesford Parish Council also responded, however, their response was a query as to the background for the proposals rather than a comment on the proposals themselves.

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The proposals against were predominantly on the basis that residents wished to retain parking outside their own homes. Interestingly a number of those who objected actually confirmed that there were parking issues at the junctions, though only at certain times during the day.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

The only restriction that we can introduce is "no waiting at any time" (double yellow lines) as any restriction to prevent parking at certain times condones parking at the other times.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Other issues

One of the consultation responses also asked for slow signs and markings in the bend in The Avenue, However, the provision of SLOW markings and warning signs would be for Kent County Council to consider, as they are the Highway Authority and are responsible for these matters.

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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-05
Town	Blue Bell Hill
Ward	Aylesford North & North Downs
Ward Members	Cllr Roger Dalton Cllr Dave Davis Cllr Alex McDermott
Road / Area	Common Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/05

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported obstructive parking at the single yellow lines, and white access protection markings.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing to change the single yellow lines, and the white access protection markings, to double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 3 (50%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	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, though the number of properties consulted was small.

Analysis

The objection related to the loss of parking for visitors, and that visitors with disabilities may be disadvantaged (though these may benefit from use of a disabled "blue badge"). Concern was also raised that parking by visitors to the Picnic Site would displace further in to Maidstone Road.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed responses, and the reported parking issues around the junctions, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 (50%)	1 (50%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was fair for this sort of proposal, with the responses split.

Analysis

The objection was on the basis that it would displace parking to other locations in Common Road.

The proposals are intended to deter parking on the bridge and near to the properties where parking on the existing single yellow lines has caused problems.

Recommendation

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

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-06
Town	Ditton
Ward	Aylesford South & Ditton
Ward Members	Cllr Robert Cannon Cllr Steve Hammond Cllr Colin Williams
Road / Area	Cherry Orchard & Kiln Barn Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/06

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported obstructive parking at the junctions and turning area.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent parking at the junctions and turning area in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 10 (56%)	1 (10%)	9 (90%)	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.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-07
Town	East Malling
Ward	East Malling, West Malling & Offham
Ward Members	Cllr Trudy Dean Cllr Roger Roud Cllr Michell Tatton
Road / Area	Cottenham Close
Requested by	Cllr Roud
Plan reference:	DD/598/07

Summary

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

Issue

Councillor Roud has reported that obstructive parking occurs around the bend.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing to extend the double yellow lines to prevent parking around the bend in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 77 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 22 (29%) plus 1 duplicate	16 (73%)	6 (27%)	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 supporting the proposed changes.

Analysis

The responses against the proposals indicated that they did not think that there was a parking issue, that any parking on the bend helped reduce vehicle speeds and also raised concerns that excluding parking on the bend would displace parking further in to Cottenham Close.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the mixed responses, and the reported parking on the bend, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
46 (plus 1 duplicate)	14 (30.4%)	32 (69.6%) plus 1 duplicate

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.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, it is recommended that the Members of the Board uphold the objections and abandon the proposals.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-08
Town	East Malling
Ward	East Malling, West Malling & Offham
Ward Members	Cllr Trudy Dean Cllr Roger Roud Cllr Michell Tatton
Road / Area	Edward Walk
Requested by	Cllr Roud
Plan reference:	DD/598/08

Summary

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

Issue

Councillor Roud has reported obstructive parking along Edward Walk and at the end of the path.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent parking on both sides of the road, and at the end of the path, in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 26 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 1 (4%)	0	1 (100%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The response against the proposal was that the proposals were a waste of money, as they had not observed problem parking at this location, and that the money would be better spent filling potholes (though this would be an issue for Kent County Council as the Highway Authority to address).

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the low level of response, and the intention to prevent obstructive parking, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 no responses to the formal consultation

Implementation

As there were no objections to the proposals at the formal consultation stage, the Board should note that the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-09
Town	East Peckham
Ward	East Peckham, West Peckham, Mereworth & Wateringbury
Ward Members	Cllr Matt Boughton Cllr Sarah Hudson
Road / Area	Branbridges Road
Requested by	Local businesses
Plan reference:	DD/598/09

Summary

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

Issue

Local businesses have reported that obstructive parking, also causing visibility issues, regularly takes place in the spur road off the roundabout.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive 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 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 22 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 3 (14%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

The objection related to a nearby business who wished to store recovered vehicles awaiting repair in this area. However, it has to be considered whether this is a valid use of the public highway.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the low level of response, and the intention to prevent obstructive parking, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
25 plus 1 duplicate	12 (48%) plus 1 duplicate	13 (52%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with the responses split between support and objection.

Analysis

The comments in support indicate that there is an issue with parking close to the roundabout and access to the business premises at the end of the road, whilst the objections raise that they do not feel that parking at this location is an issue.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction.

Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem. It also has to be considered that there is no right for businesses to setup or trade from the public highway.

Our aim is to maintain access along the public Highway and to and from commercial premises for large vehicles.

One objection was actually a request for traffic calming on Branbridges Road and Hale Street, though this would be for Kent County Council (as the Highway Authority) 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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-10
Town	Eccles
Ward	Aylesford North & North Downs
Ward Members	Cllr Roger Dalton Cllr Dave Davis Cllr Alex McDermott
Road / Area	Bull Lane
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/10

Summary

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

Issue

Aylesford Parish Council has reported obstructive parking taking place near the Church and 206 Bull Lane.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive 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 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 20 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 5 (25%)	1 (20%)	4 (80%)	0

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was fair for this sort of proposal, with the majority of the respondents against the proposed changes, mainly citing lack of parking and potential displacement to other locations.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-11
Town	Eccles
Ward	Aylesford North & North Downs
Ward Members	Cllr Roger Dalton Cllr Dave Davis Cllr Alex McDermott
Road / Area	Hawkes Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/11

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported obstructive parking near and opposite driveways and off-street parking areas and on both sides of the road.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive 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 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 93 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 12 (13%)	4 (33%)	8 (67%)	0

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the majority of the respondents against the proposed changes. There were comments relating to problems with parking associated with nearby football matches, but there was not a willingness to have parking restrictions.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-12
Town	Hildenborough
Ward	Hildenborough
Ward Members	Cllr Kath Barton Cllr Mark Rhodes
Road / Area	Brookmead & Woodview Crescent
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/12

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported that obstructive parking regularly takes place at the junction.

Initial Proposal

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

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 14 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (14%)	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 split between those in favour and those against.

Analysis

The objection actually commented that they were not opposed to the proposals, but was concerned about parking displacement that may affect their property.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the low level of response, and the intention to prevent obstructive parking, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 (67%)	1 (33%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the responses split.

Analysis

The objection is that the proposals could mean that residents may have to park further down the road.

However, the Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented.

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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-13
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield
Ward Members	Cllr Timothy Bishop Cllr Anita Oakley Cllr David Thornewell
Road / Area	The Lakes & Reed Close
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	

Summary

Request for double yellow lines around the junction.

Issue

Parking around the junction of The Lakes and Reed Close has caused concern for residents.

Initial Proposal

This location has been combined with The Lakes as a wider area.

At the June 2023 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board it was agreed that the proposals should be combined with wider proposals for The Lakes.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-14
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield
Ward Members	Cllr Timothy Bishop Cllr Anita Oakley Cllr David Thornewell
Road / Area	Swallow Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/14

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported that obstructive parking regularly takes place across the driveway to number 102.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive 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 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 11 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 3 (27%)	1 (33%)	2 (67%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

One of the properties that responded against the proposals was the originator of the request, who no longer wished for the changes to be introduced.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-15 (including Phase 14-13 Reed Close)
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield
Ward Members	Cllr Timothy Bishop Cllr Anita Oakley Cllr David Thornewell
Road / Area	The Lakes area
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/15

Summary

Permit parking scheme and new double yellow lines

Issue

Residents have requested a permit scheme as visitors to the nearby Country Park are parking in The Lakes development. Residents also reported obstructive parking at the junction to Reed Close.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing permit parking restrictions to prevent non-resident parking and double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 337 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 112 (35%)	28 (25%)	76 (68%)	8 (7%)

Informal consultation responses

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

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-16
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield
Ward Members	Cllr Timothy Bishop Cllr Anita Oakley Cllr David Thornewell
Road / Area	Springfield Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/16

Summary

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

Issue

The Council has received a petition from residents asking for double yellow lines to prevent parking around the bend.

Initial Proposal

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

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 24 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 5 (21%)	3 (60%)	1 (20%)	1 (20%)

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was fair for this sort of proposal, with the majority of the respondents supporting the proposal.

Analysis

The "don't know" comment actually supported the proposal but wished for additional time limited parking restrictions.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the positive responses, and the intention to prevent obstructive parking, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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	3 (43%)	4 (57%)

Formal consultation responses

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

Analysis

One objection was that the changes would displace parking along the road, to the inconvenience of residents, Another wished to retain the parking as it slowed people down. A third commented that there should be parking close to Hanover Green to allow residents to park with their shopping and one objection gave no reasons.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction, bend or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented. However, it remains that loading and unloading can still take place on double yellow lines so residents wishing to unload shopping nearby can still do so.

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.

It should be noted that this is the second time this location has progressed through the Parking Action Plan, and should Members decided not to implement these proposals then no further requests for similar restrictions will be considered by the Borough at this location. Any further requests would need to be considered by Kent County Council as the Highway Authority

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-17
Town	Leybourne
Ward	Birling, Leybourne & Ryarsh
Ward Members	Cllr Bill Banks Cllr Paul Boxall
Road / Area	Little Oxley & Copse Hill
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/17

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported that obstructive parking occurs.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking around junctions, accesses and garages, in line with requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 62 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 41 (66%) plus 5 duplicates	7 (15%)	38 (83%)	1 (2%)

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.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-18
Town	Platt
Ward	Borough Green & Platt
Ward Members	Cllr Wendy Palmer Cllr Mike Taylor
Road / Area	Grange Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/18

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported that obstructive parking occurs across and near driveways affecting visibility, and at junctions.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive 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 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 31 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 21 (68%)	6 (29%)	14 (67%)	1 (5%)

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.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-19
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland East & Ham Hill
Ward Members	Cllr Sue Bell Cllr Wayne Mallard
Road / Area	Bramley Road & Recreation Avenue
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/19

Summary

Permit parking scheme and new double yellow lines

Issue

Residents have requested a permit scheme due to frequent parking by non-residents.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing a permit scheme to prevent parking during restricted days and times without a permit.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 102 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 35 (34%)	14 (40%)	21 (60%)	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.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-20
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland East & Ham Hill
Ward Members	Cllr Sue Bell Cllr Wayne Mallard
Road / Area	Nevill Road & Nevill Place
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/20

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have reported that obstructive parking occurs.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and to maintain access, in line with requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 42 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 4 (10%)	0	3 (75%)	1 (25%)

Informal consultation responses

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

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-21
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Cage Green & Angel
Ward Members	Cllr Anna Cope Cllr Robert Oliver Cllr Bethan Parry
Road / Area	Howard Drive
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/21

Summary

Permit parking scheme

Issue

Residents have requested a permit scheme due to frequent parking by non-residents. Residents also requested double yellow lines to improve visibility and access.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing permit parking restrictions to prevent non-resident parking and double yellow lines to improve visibility and access.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 83 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 32 (39%)	8 (25%)	18 (56%)	6 (19%)

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.

Analysis

There were a number of responses (either objecting or “Don’t know”) indicating that they were against the permit parking proposals, but actually supported the changes to the double yellow lines.

Amended proposals

The proposals should be revised to reflect the negative comments relating to the parking permits and the supportive comments relating to the double yellow lines, as shown in Plan Ref DD/598/21A

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative responses relating to the permit parking arrangements, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should be adjusted to omit the permit parking arrangements, but keep the double yellow line changes, and that the redrawn proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
9 plus 2 duplicates	8 (88.9%) plus 1 duplicate	1 (11.1%) plus 1 duplicate

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, and much lower than the initial consultation, indicating more acceptance of the revised proposals.

Analysis

The objections covered that the respondent thought that the restrictions should go further, Also discussed was that the proposals were a waste of money and that the changes were not wanted. However this seems contrary to the responses in favour of the changes.

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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-22
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Higham
Ward Members	Cllr Lee Athwal Cllr Dennis King
Road / Area	Lawrence Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/22

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have requested double yellow lines to keep parking on one side of the road due to obstructive parking.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent parking on both sides of the road and at the junction, in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 44 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 18 (41%)	6 (33%)	11 (61%)	1 (6%)

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.

Analysis

The majority of objections related to the lack of alternative parking and the existing parking pressures in the area. However, the Borough Council is unable to create additional parking facilities.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-23
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Ward Members	Cllr Garry Bridge Cllr James Clokey Cllr Frani Hoskins
Road / Area	Royal Rise
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/23

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have requested double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing changing the existing single yellow lines, and the white access protection marking outside number 1, to double yellow lines, in line with the requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 24 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 14 (58%)	6 (43%)	8 (57%)	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.

Analysis

There were a number of comments that the proposals would prevent visitors from parking, and suggestions that the parking restrictions should be Monday to Friday only. However, the existing restrictions already operate during Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-24
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Cage Green & Angel
Ward Members	Cllr Anna Cope Cllr Robert Oliver Cllr Bethan Parry
Road / Area	Mill Lane
Requested by	Local business
Plan reference:	DD/598/24

Summary

Extended parking bays

Issue

Residents have requested that the permit parking bay (just off Hadlow Road) is extended to create additional parking.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing to extend the permit parking bay.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 1 (11%)	0	1 (100%)	0

Informal consultation responses

The response rate to the informal consultation was very low for this sort of proposal, though the number of properties consulted was also small. The only respondent was against the proposed changes.

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-25
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Trench
Ward Members	Cllr Adem Mehmet Cllr Keith Tunstall
Road / Area	The Chase
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/25

Summary

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

Issue

Former Councillor Thomas has requested that the existing double yellow lines are extended to prevent obstructive parking to improve safety and visibility.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing extending the existing double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking to improve safety and visibility, in line with requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 43 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 11 (26%) plus 1 duplicate	2 (18%)	9 (82%)	1 (9%)

Informal consultation responses

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

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 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and decided that the proposals should be abandoned.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-26
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Trench
Ward Members	Cllr Adem Mehmet Cllr Keith Tunstall
Road / Area	Forest Grove and Shipbourne Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/26

Summary

New double yellow lines and bus stop clearway

Issue

Residents have reported problems with obstructive parking in Forest Grove, and obstructive parking at the bus stop in Shipbourne Road.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking, and a new bus stop clearway.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 60 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 16 (27%)	6 (38%)	8 (50%)	2 (13%)

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The responses against the proposals tended to be from properties around the central island, and there was support from properties in the northern section. There were also supportive comments relating to changes in Shipbourne Road, but with a request for additional restrictions.

Amended proposals

The proposals should be revised to reflect the negative comments relating to the restrictions around the central island, which should be deleted, and for additional double yellow lines to be included on Shipbourne Road, as shown in Plan Ref DD/598/26A

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the intention to prevent obstructive parking, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the revised proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 (57.1%)	3 (42.9%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was average for this sort of proposal, and much lower than the initial consultation, indicating more acceptance of the revised proposals.

Analysis

Of the objections, one did not see the benefit of restricting parking in the areas proposed. One raised a number of issues, requesting more street cleansing in Forest Grove and one asking that the green central island be converted to additional parking facilities.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented.

Unfortunately we cannot look to make physical alterations to the public highway, as this would be for Kent County Council 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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-27
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Ward Members	Cllr Garry Bridge Cllr James Clokey Cllr Frani Hoskins
Road / Area	Baltic Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/27

Summary

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

Issue

Councillor Hoskins has reported obstructive parking close to the vehicle access to the rear of properties.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing extending the existing double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and improve visibility.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 2 (20%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The respondent against the proposal cited limited parking availability in the area, but surveys of the area around the proposals show that there is frequently availability nearby. The proposals are minor and would lose only one parking opportunity, for increased visibility for vehicles using off-street parking facilities, this is unlikely to be significant.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the intention to prevent obstructive parking, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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 (100%)	0

Formal consultation responses

All the responses received were in favour of the proposed changes. We received no objections.

Implementation

As there were no objections to the proposals at the formal consultation stage, the Board should note that the proposals are to be implemented as proposed.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-28
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Ward Members	Cllr Garry Bridge Cllr James Clokey Cllr Frani Hoskins
Road / Area	Woodside Road
Requested by	Local residents and Cllr Hoskins
Plan reference:	DD/598/28

Summary

Permit parking scheme

Issue

Residents have requested all-day permit parking controls to deter non-resident parking and that obstructive parking is taking place outside number 123.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing to extend existing permit parking restriction timings to Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and introduce double yellow lines.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 156 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 40 (26%)	3 (8%)	36 (90%)	1 (3%)

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.

Amended proposals

The proposals should be revised to reflect the negative comments relating to the change of parking permit times and the supportive comments relating to the double yellow lines, as shown in Plan Ref DD/598/28A

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative responses relating to the permit parking arrangements, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should be adjusted to omit the permit parking arrangements, but keep the double yellow line changes, and that the redrawn proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
20 plus 1 duplicate	17 (85%) plus 1 duplicate	3 (15%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was good for this sort of proposal, with a majority in support – a significant change from the initial consultation response, indicating that the revised proposals are more reflective of residents wishes.

Analysis

One objection was that the respondent thought the current parking arrangements were adequate, one stated their objection, but actually supported the changes in their comments and one objected to the elements of the proposals that had already been withdrawn after the prior round of consultation.

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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-29
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Ward Members	Cllr Garry Bridge Cllr James Clokey Cllr Frani Hoskins
Road / Area	Goldsmid Road
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	

Summary

Request for resident permit parking restrictions.

Issue

Residents have reported issues with non-resident parking and have requested a resident permit parking scheme

Initial Proposal

The former Councillor for the area, Cllr Boughton reflected that a similar proposal had recently been made for the area, and residents had not supported a permit parking scheme, so the location should be dropped.

At the June 2023 meeting of the Joint Transportation Board it was agreed that the proposals should not be taken forward.

Parking Plan – Phase 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-30
Town	Walderslade
Ward	Walderslade
Ward Members	Cllr Des Keers
Road / Area	Woodbury Road & Falkland Place
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/30

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have requested double yellow to prevent parking close to the junction.

Initial Proposal

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

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

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

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 9 (24%) plus 2 duplicates	4 (44%)	4 (44%)	1 (11%)

Informal consultation responses

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

The "don't know" was a request for additional restrictions to assist vehicles exiting from 15-21 Woodbury Road..

Amended proposals

The proposals should be revised to reflect the comments relating to the access issue for 15-21 Woodbury Road, as shown in Plan Ref DD/598/30A

Recommendation after informal consultation

It is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should be adjusted and the redrawn proposals should proceed to formal consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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
13	6 (46%)	7 (54%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was fair for this sort of proposal, with the responses again split between the respondents.

Analysis

The majority of the objections commented that the proposals are likely to displace parking rather than remove it.

One objector commented that they did not feel that parking was a problem as it was, but other residents commented that they had 7 cars and frequently parked their excess vehicles on street.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented.

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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-31
Town	Walderslade
Ward	Walderslade
Ward Members	Cllr Des Keers
Road / Area	Tunbury Avenue, Foresters Close & Longhurst Drive
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/31

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have requested double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking in front of accesses.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and to maintain access, in line with requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 52 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 11 (21%)	10 (91%)	1 (9%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the support from residents, it is recommended that the Joint Transportation Board agree that the proposals should **proceed to formal** consultation.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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	2 (50%)	2 (50%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was low for this sort of proposal, with the responses split.

Analysis

One objector provided no detail as to their objection, and the other supported the proposals but only if additional restrictions were introduced as well.

One in support, wanted restrictions extended further in case of displacement parking.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

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 14 – Location Summary

Location reference	Phase 14-32
Town	Wrotham
Ward	Pilgrims with Ightham
Ward Members	Cllr Robin Betts Cllr Martin Coffin
Road / Area	West Street
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/598/32

Summary

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

Issue

Residents have requested double yellow lines to prevent obstruction of a driveway and access for garages.

Initial Proposal

To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and to maintain access, in line with requirements of The Highway Code.

Informal consultation

The Borough Council carried out informal consultation on the proposed parking restrictions, from 19th May to 11th June 2023.

As part of the informal consultation we wrote to 22 properties, asking residents for their views, and we received the following responses;

Response rate	In favour	Against	Don't Know
Overall 4 (18%)	0	4 (100%)	0

Informal consultation responses

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

Analysis

The proposals are intended to prevent obstructive parking to a resident who wishes to exercise his right to access his property and echoes the requirements of the Highway Code.

Recommendation after informal consultation

In light of the negative responses, it is recommended that the views of the local Members are sought in this issue.

Outcome from Joint Transportation Board

At the 18th September 2023 meeting the Board considered the proposals and the informal consultation outcome and the views of Cllr Coffin (as one of the Ward members) 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 6th October to 29th October 2023.

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	0	4 (100%)

Formal consultation responses

The response rate to the formal consultation was again fair for this sort of proposal,

Analysis

Again the responses were against the proposal, mainly citing the loss of parking facility in the area and the existing problems with finding parking within an acceptable distance.

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement. Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

Parking between the vehicle crossover and the existing disabled parking bay affects visibility for the user of the access and for vehicles emerging from the garage block. The minimum requirement for this is 10m, and this would not then leave space between the disabled bay and the end of the yellow lines. The disabled bay cannot be relocated due to the road hump.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented. The proposals are intended to deter obstructive parking that is obviously a contentious issue in the area.

Recommendation

In light of the requirements of the Highway Code, and the consultation responses, the views of the local Members are sought, either to set aside the objections and implement, or to abandon the proposal.

It should be noted that this is the second time this location has progressed through the Parking Action Plan, and should Members decided not to implement these proposals then no further requests for similar restrictions will be considered by the Borough at this location. Any further requests would need to be considered by Kent County Council as the Highway Authority.