

5.1.1 The locations for minor amendments are as follows:

Location	Ward	Town	Issue	Proposal
126 & 128 St Mary's Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	Valid application for new disabled person parking bay received	Adjustment to the permit parking area to accommodate new enforceable disabled person parking bay outside No's 126 & 128
10 Somerhill Road	Vauxhall	Tonbridge	Valid application for new disabled person parking bay received	Adjustment to the permit parking area to accommodate new enforceable disabled person parking bay.
Opposite no 23 Carnation Crescent	East Malling, West Malling & Offham	East Malling	Recent installation of advisory bay being abused by non-blue badge holders.	Change disabled persons parking advisory bay opposite No 23 to be made an enforceable disabled persons parking bay.

5.1.2 In line with the streamlined process for Access Group applications, formal consultation was carried out on the above locations from 4th October 2024 to 27th October 2024 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

A summary of the consultation responses are as follows:

Location	In favour	Against	No of properties consulted
St Mary's Road, (Vauxhall Ward, Tonbridge)	3	0	39
Somerhill Road, Vauxhall Ward, (Tonbridge)	1	1	28
Carnation Crescent (East Malling)	0	0	37

5.1.3 In line with the Council's procedure and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders Procedures (England & Wales) 1996, locations where no objections were received (St Mary's Road, Tonbridge and Carnation Crescent, East Malling) can be implemented and as such are reported to this Board for information only.

5.1.4 However, the proposals for Somerhill Road, Tonbridge received one objection

5.1.5 In line with the Council's agreed policy for dealing with minor alterations under the Access Group arrangements the objection was shared with the local County and Borough Members along with the Chair of this Board for their views, and to seek their agreement to recommend to the Borough's Cabinet Member for Transformation and Infrastructure to either set aside the objection and decide to implement, or to refer the objection to this Board for consideration.

5.1.6 A list of all the locations, the issues raised and the recommendations that were put to the local Members and Chair of this Board for each proposal are included in **Annex 1**.

- 5.1.7 **Annex 2** contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate, analysis and recommendation.
- 5.1.8 **Annex 3** contains plans of the Access Group 9 proposals that were circulated as part of the consultation.
- 5.1.9 **Annex 4** contains redacted copies of all the consultation responses relating to the proposals that have been received within the consultation period.
- 5.1.10 Consensus was reached by local County and Borough members and the Chair of this Board on the proposal for Somerhill Road and the

Cabinet Member for Transformation and Infrastructure agreed and decided to set aside the objections and implement the changes. Details of the correspondence between Members, the Chair and the Cabinet Member are shown in **Annex 5**.

6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 6.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plan Access Group 9 proposals is provided within existing revenue budgets.

7 Risk Assessment

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

8 Legal Implications

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

9 Consultation and Communications

9.1 The proposals were advertised on the Council's website, with frontages, and with on-street notices and advertisements in the local press.

10 Implementation

10.1 In line with the Cabinet Member's decision the Council will be carrying out changes to the parking restrictions in the areas covered in the next few months.

11 Cross Cutting Issues

11.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

11.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

11.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

11.1.3 The changes should have little effect on climate change or biodiversity as they allow preferential parking to disabled residents rather than generate more traffic or increase parking demand.

11.2 Equalities and Diversity

11.2.1 The decisions recommended through this paper will support disabled drivers.

Background Papers	None
Annexes	Annex 1 – List of locations and recommendations Annex 2 – Location summary sheets Annex 3 – Plans of locations and proposals Annex 4 - Redacted formal consultation responses Annex 5 - Correspondence with local Members, JTB Chair and Cabinet Member