

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES

Monday, 16th June, 2025

Present: Cllr M A Coffin (Chair), County Cllr S Hudson (Vice-Chair), Cllr R I B Cannon, Cllr A Cope, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr D Thornewell, County Cllr M Hood and County Cllr H Rayner

In attendance: Councillors A G Bennison, Mrs M Tatton, M Taylor, L Chapman*, W E Palmer*, M R Rhodes* and R V Roud* were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

(*participated via MS Teams)

Mrs S Barker participated via MS Teams on behalf of the Kent Association of Local Councils.

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr P Stepto, Mrs S Butterfill and Mr T Shaw (representatives of the Kent Association of Local Councils).

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 25/7 NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members.

JTB 25/8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

JTB 25/9 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on 3 March 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**JTB 25/10 PARKING ACTION PLAN - PHASE 15 (INFORMAL CONSULTATION)**

(Decision Notice D250069MEM)

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update on the progress of Phase 15 of the Borough Council's Parking Action Plan and detailed the outcomes arising from the informal consultation, undertaken between 18 February and 16 March 2025.

A list of all the locations, the issues raised and a summary of the responses received were attached at Annex 1 and the plans for each location were attached at Annex 2. A location summary and a more detailed response rate and analysis, and recommendation for each location were attached at Annex 3.

The views of local members were sought and where appropriate and/or practical these would be reflected in the final proposals.

In addition, reference was made to the proposal to reintroduce single yellow line parking restrictions at Common Road, Blue Bell Hill, as part of Phase 14 of the Council's Parking Action Plan. It was noted that no objection had been received following a full public consultation and therefore the scheme would proceed to implementation subject to a decision being taken by the Cabinet Member.

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the recommendations in respect of locations Phase 15-01, 15-03, 15-06, 15-07, 15-09, 15-10, 15-14, 15-15, 15-16, 15-21 & 22, 15-24 and 15-30 for Phase 15 (as set out in Annex 1) be taken forward for investigation and formal consultation;
- (2) the views of local Members having been sought, the following revised recommendations be taken forward for investigation and formal consultation:
 - (i) location Phase 15-08 (The Rocks Road (near Paris House), East Malling) introduction of 'No waiting at any time' parking restrictions (double yellow lines) based on a revised plan in order that small gaps could be retained for residents parking and parking at access locations could be restricted;
 - (ii) location Phase 15-18 (Charles Close, Snodland) extension of the proposed double yellow lines to one end of the road, taking into account any highway boundary issues;

- (iii) location Phase 15-27 (Robin Hood Lane, Walderslade) amendment of the proposed restriction to single yellow line, extended to the far cul-de-sac end of the road; and
 - (iv) location Phase 15-29 (Worrall Drive, Wouldham) restrictions to manage parking at Peters Village, subject to further discussion between Officers and the local Members to agree a revised plan for formal consultation, taking into account proposals for restriction in the area by Kent County Council and highway boundary issues;
- (3) the recommendations in respect of locations Phase 15-02, 15-04, 15-05, 15-11, 15-12, 15-13, 15-17, 15-19, 15-20, 15-23, 15-26 and 15-28 for Phase 15 (as set out in Annex 1) be abandoned; and
- (4) it be noted that the parking restriction proposed for location Phase 15-25 had already been completed in Phase 14.

***Decision taken by Cabinet Member / Deputy Leader**

JTB 25/11 HILDENBOROUGH PARKING REVIEW

(Decision Notice D250070MEM)

Members received an update on the outcome of the formal consultation on the Hildenborough Parking Review and considered whether proposals should be implemented or abandoned.

Due regard was given to the responses received and it was noted that whilst there might have been a need for a wide scale parking review prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the need for intervention had significantly diminished as working from home arrangements and the desire to commute by train had altered. As a result the proposals had been revised significantly at informal consultation stage in respect of reducing residential parking permits and elements of on-street pay parking, prior to a formal consultation undertaken in January 2025.

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) the objections received for proposals shown for Riding Lane (North) (Location 2), Stocks Green Road (East) (Location 9) and Watts Cross Road and B245 London Road (Location 12) be set aside and parking restrictions at these locations proceed for implementation, subject to the effect of the agreed reduced restrictions set out as follows:
- (i) Riding Lane / Riding Park junction – new “junction protection” double yellow lines for 15m in each direction;

- (ii) Leigh Road (opposite Stocks Green Road) – replacing existing single yellow lines with double yellow lines; and
 - (iii) Watts Cross Road and B245 London Road – new double yellow lines at the junction of Watts Cross Road and B245 London Road, extending southeastwards to the northwestern side of Foxbush (on the northeast side) and to the northern side of Noble Tree Road (on the southwest side).
- (2) the objections at all other locations be upheld and those parking restriction proposals be abandoned, including Ashley Road (Location 3) which was originally recommended for implementation by Officers.

***Decision taken by Cabinet Member / Deputy Leader**

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

JTB 25/12 HIGHWAYS FORWARD WORKS PROGRAMME 2025/26

The report of the Kent County Council Highways and Transportation summarised schemes programmed for delivery in 2024/25 and 2025/26. The report provided an update on Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Schemes (Appendix A), Drainage Repairs and Improvements (Appendix B), Street Lighting (Appendix C), Transportation and Safety Schemes (Appendix D), Developer Funded Works (Appendix E), Bridge Works (Appendix F), Traffic Systems (Appendix G), Combined Members Grant (Appendix H) and Road Markings (Appendix I).

A clarification was sought on the road names where street lighting column replacements had been identified in Borough Green by way of a map to be provided by Kent County Council.

Members were provided with details about the methodology used in the micro resurfacing and surface dressing, in response to a query raised on inconvenience caused to the users during the surface settlement period and any specific concerns regarding pre-patching were invited to be raised with Kent County Council Highways directly.

Planned footway improvements in Vauxhall Ward were welcomed by ward Members and it was suggested that consideration should be given to sequencing the work on the plan and avoiding working on Deakin Leas during school term time.

Lastly, a query was raised in respect of the A20 London Road/Hall Road Aylesford Junction Improvement Scheme and it was noted that Kent

County Council had decided not to proceed with this scheme but to use the funding to support other schemes.

JTB 25/13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other businesses raised.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

JTB 25/14 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.29 pm