

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

30 March 2015

Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

Matter for Recommendation to Borough Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 EAST MALLING PARKING REVIEW

Summary

This report follows the formal consultation for the proposals agreed by the Board with a recommendation to proceed with their implementation.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 We carried out a review of parking arrangements in East Malling a few years ago, and have had an outstanding commitment to carry out minor alterations and adjustments to the scheme.

1.1.2 Last year we carried out informal consultation on parking changes in a number of areas, and reported the responses back to the Board. The responses from that consultation have helped shape the current proposals.

1.2 Proposals

1.2.1 Following the informal consultation we finalised proposals for the following locations;

No.	Location	Proposal(s)
EM-01	Stickens Lane	New double yellow lines to prevent parking on the bend and approaches
EM-02	Middle Mill Road and Mill Street (near Elizabeth Smith's Court)	Changes to existing double yellow lines to provide more parking. New double yellow lines to prevent obstruction.
EM-03	Clare Lane	New double yellow lines to prevent parking on the bend and the approaches.
EM-04	Mill Street	New double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking around junctions and the narrow sections of the road.
EM-05	Mill Street 2	New double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and parking on both sides of the road.
EM-06	The Grange	New double yellow lines
EM-07	Rocks Close	Abandoned after informal consultation

EM-08	Wateringbury Road	New double and single yellow lines
EM-09	The Rocks Road	New double yellow lines
EM-10	High Street	New disabled parking bay
EM-11	Chapel Street	New double yellow lines to prevent parking opposite an access

1.2.2 Plans of the proposals are shown in **Annex 1**

1.3 Formal Consultation

1.3.1 We carried out formal consultation on changes to parking arrangements in East Malling, with letters to residents, notices on-street, in the local press and the proposals were also placed on-deposit at the Council offices and on our website.

1.3.2 The formal consultation was open to all to comment and ran from 21st November to 19th December 2014.

1.4 Consultation Responses

1.4.1 The consultation produced a number of responses – we sent out 490 letters to residents and local businesses and received 72 responses, a response rate of 14.7%.

1.4.2 This represents a relatively low level of response, suggestive that there is a reasonable level of acceptance of the proposals and the current situation amongst the majority of residents.

1.4.3 An assessment of the responses together with recommendations for each location is shown in **Annex 2**.

1.4.4 Copies all responses received will be available to Members at the meeting of this Board. Redacted copies will be included with the minutes.

1.5 Legal Implications

1.5.1 The proposals reinforce current Highway legislation and advice set out in the Highway Code.

1.6 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.6.1 The introduction of changes to parking restrictions is not without cost, as the physical works require funding and any new restriction has a potential increase in workload to the Parking Enforcement team.

1.6.2 The estimated costs of carrying out the proposed changes are approximately £1700, to be met out of the existing budgetary provision.

1.6.3 The additional restrictions should be able to be accommodated in the existing Civil Enforcement Officers' patrolling regime, and the changes should have a high level of self-enforcement and deterrent.

1.7 Risk Assessment

1.7.1 There are no significant risks associated with the additional areas of on-street parking enforcement that are proposed that are outside the existing assessments for the tasks.

1.8 Equality Impact Assessment

1.8.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.9 Recommendations

1.9.1 That the recommendations for each location set out in Annex 2 **BE AGREED**.

The Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Formal consultation responses (available in unredacted format in the Council Chamber prior to the meeting, and in redacted format online).