

5 Proposal

5.1 Access Group 11 – In line with the streamlined process, formal consultation was carried out on the above locations from 30th April 2026 to 25th May 2026 in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements where we invited objections to the proposed.

5.2 The locations for minor amendments are as follows:

a) Tonbridge – 21 Wilson Road

A resident has requested that an advisory disabled persons parking bay be made enforceable.

b) Tonbridge – 97 Judd Road

Adjustment to the permit parking area to accommodate a new enforceable disabled persons parking bay to provide more disabled parking facilities following a request from a resident with mobility issues.

c) Tonbridge – 37 Tudeley Lane

A resident has requested that an advisory disabled persons parking bay be made enforceable.

d) Tonbridge – 18 Gladstone Road

Adjustment to the permit parking area to accommodate a new enforceable disabled persons parking bay to provide more disabled parking facilities following a request from a resident with mobility issues.

e) Eccles – Springett Close

A resident has requested double yellow line protection across their vehicle crossover.

f) Borough Green – 3 Rock Road

A resident has requested an amendment to the current parking bay to provide access to their driveway.

6 A summary of the consultation responses and objections are as follows:

| Location | In favour | Against | No of properties consulted |
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| Wilson Road | 1 | 2 | 22 |
| Judd Road | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| Tudeley Lane | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| Gladstone Road | 4 | 6 | 38 |
| Springett Close | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Rock Road | 2 | 2 | 23 |

6.1 In accordance with the Council's agreed policy for dealing with minor alterations under the Access Group arrangements, the objections were shared with the local

County and Borough Members, as well as the Chair of this Board. Their views were sought to determine whether to recommend to the Borough's Cabinet Member that the objections be set aside and the proposal implemented, or that the objection be referred to this Board for consideration.

- 6.2 On this occasion it was not possible to obtain a consensus from the chair and local members for any of Access Group 11 locations. Though it should be noted that the local Borough Member for Vauxhall Ward, Aylesford North and North Downs, Borough Green and Platt have submitted their agreement of the proposal in their particular ward.
- 6.3 A list of all the locations, the issues raised and the recommendations that were put to the local Members and JTB Chair for each are included in Annex 1.
- 6.4 Annex 2 contains each location summary, with more detail as to the response rate, analysis and recommendation.
- 6.5 Annex 3 contains plans of the Access Group 11 proposals that were circulated as part of the consultation.
- 6.6 Annex 4 contains redacted copies of all the consultation responses relating to the Access Group 11 proposals that have been received within the consultation period.
- 6.7 Annex 5 contains Correspondence with local Members, JTB Chair and Cabinet Member.

7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 7.1 Funding to implement works associated with the Parking Action Plan Access Group 11 is provided within existing revenue budgets.

8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.

9 Legal Implications

- 9.1 The proposals have followed and exceeded the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 9.2 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.

10 Consultation and Communications

- 10.1 As part of the Consultation and Communications strategy, letters were sent to all affected addresses to inform residents and statutory consultees of the proposed works. Information was also published on our official website to ensure wider public access, while the press was notified to encourage broader community awareness. In addition, site notices were erected at key locations around the area to provide clear and visible updates about the project and consultation process.

11 Implementation

- 11.1 Once the locations have been considered, we would look to proceed with implementation within the next few months.

12 Cross Cutting Issues

12.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

12.1.1 Limited or low impact on emissions and environment.

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

12.1.3 The proposals outlined in this report are not expected to have any significant impact on climate change. The nature and scale of the works are such that they neither contribute to an increase nor a decrease in emissions or environmental disruption.

12.2 Equalities and Diversity

12.2.1 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.

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| 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 |