

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

Decision Made: 18 March 2011

OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Issue for Decision

To consider the objections received as part of the formal consultation following the advertising of:

- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Order (variation No 5) Order 2010.
- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Designated Parking Places Order (variation No 5) Order 2010.

Decision Made

1. That the recommendations, as set out in appendices A and B to the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services, be agreed and the objectors informed of the outcome.
2. That Kent Highway Services be advised that the orders be made and signed as set out in Appendices A and B to the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services.

Reasons for Decision

A number of requests were received by Parking Services for the introduction of parking restrictions at several locations across the Borough. These have been surveyed and evaluated to assess the impact on parking provision within each local area where significant parking difficulties were identified. Proposed orders were advertised and all comments received during the formal consultation were reviewed and considered.

A Public Notice formally advertising the orders was published in Local Press during the week ending Friday October 22nd 2010.

Full details were contained in the draft orders which, together with a copy of the Public Notices, site plans and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the orders were placed on deposit at the Main Reception, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, and at the Gateway reception, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ. The

proposals were also made available on- line at www.kentonline.co.uk and at www.maidstone.co.uk.

Letters were sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees and street notices were posted in the affected roads.

All comments received during the formal consultation period were reviewed and considered. Consideration was given to objections and formal letters of support and balanced against the risks involved in relation to road safety, traffic congestion, environmental impact and vehicle migration. Appendices A and B of the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services identify recommendations to proceed, amend or defer traffic regulation order proposals as required.

The results of the public consultation were formally presented to the Joint Transportation Board on 19th January 2011.

Members were informed that following the implementation of the traffic order in Headcorn, the parking situation will be closely monitored. Where parking problems are identified in nearby streets these may be subject to future restrictions where appropriate.

A Member also asked that Fant Lane continue to be monitored, particularly as it is a bus route.

The Joint Transportation Board resolved;

That the Maidstone Borough Council Cabinet Member for Environment agrees the recommendations identified in the appendices to the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services.

Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services sets out a schedule of all proposals not receiving objections and it was recommended to proceed with each of these proposals and make the Order.

Appendix B to the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services sets out a schedule of the proposals receiving objection, together with a summary of the objections and the relevant recommendations.

Appendix C to the report of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services provided maps of the proposed orders.

Alternatives considered and why rejected

To not proceed with the recommendations would result in some much needed orders not being implemented, which are intended to regulate parking to reduce identified difficulties.

To make the orders as advertised would not take account of comments received by objectors during formal consultation.

Background Papers

None

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Head of Change and Scrutiny by: 25 March 2011
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