

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2020

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting - The public proceedings of the meeting will be broadcast live and recorded for playback on the Maidstone Borough Council website.

Membership:

Councillors D Burton (Chairman), Clark, English, Garten, Mrs Grigg (Vice-Chairman), McKay, Munford, Parfitt-Reid and Spooner

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Alison Broom

Alison Broom, Chief Executive

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2020/21 WORK PROGRAMME

	Committee	Month	Origin	CLT to clear	Lead	Report Author
Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22-2025/26	SPI	08-Dec-20	Governance	Yes	Mark Green	Ellie Dunnet
Q2 Budget and Performance Monitoring 2020/21	SPI	08-Dec-20	Officer Update	No	Mark Green	Ellie Dunnet
Fees and Charges 2020/21	SPI	08-Dec-20	Governance	No	Mark Green	Ellie Dunnet
Authority Monitoring Report	SPI	08-Dec-20	Local Plan Process	?	Mark Egerton	Anna Ironmonger
Local Plan Review Update	SPI	08-Dec-20	Officer Update		Phil Coyne	Mark Egerton
Infrastructure Funding Statement Report	SPI	08-Dec-20	Officer Update	Yes	Rob Jarman	Rob Jarman
Medium Term Financial Strategy & Budget Proposals 2021/22	SPI	12-Jan-21	Governance	Yes	Mark Green	Ellie Dunnet
Overview of the Draft Building Safety Bill and the Implications for the Council	SPI	12-Jan-21	Officer Update		William Cornall	Robert Wiseman
Local Plan Review Update	SPI	12-Jan-21	Officer Update		Phil Coyne	Mark Egerton
Q3 Budget and Performance Monitoring 2020/21	SPI	09-Feb-21	Officer Update	No	Mark Green	Ellie Dunnet
Local Plan Review Update	SPI	09-Feb-21	Officer Update		Phil Coyne	Mark Egerton
Local Plan Review Update	SPI	09-Mar-21	Officer Update		Phil Coyne	Mark Egerton
Parking Charges and Tarriff Options	SPI	13-Apr-21	Cllr Request		Jeff Kitson	Jeff Kitson
Local Plan Review Update	SPI	13-Apr-21	Officer Update		Phil Coyne	Mark Egerton
Revised Integrated Transport Strategy	SPI	TBC	Cllr Request	Yes		
Ensuring Conditions are Incorporated in Delegated Decisions	SPI	TBC	Cllr Request	?	Rob Jarman	Rob Jarman
Future Funding Opportunities for the Conservation Area Work Programme	SPI	TBC	Cllr Request			
Review of Building Control	SPI	TBC		Yes	Rob Jarman	TBC

2020/21 WORK PROGRAMME

	Committee	Month	Origin	CLT to clear	Lead	Report Author
KCC 20mph Speed Limit Pilot Scheme - Hale Road	SPI	TBC	Cllr Request		TBC	TBC

Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee

18 November 2020

Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

Final Decision-Maker	Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.
Lead Head of Service	Jeff Kitson Parking Services Manager
Lead Officer and Report Author	Charlie Reynolds, Operations Engineer
Classification	Public
Wards affected	North

Executive Summary

Requests have been received by Parking Services for the introduction of parking restrictions at several locations across the borough. These locations have been surveyed and evaluated to assess the current conditions and impact of the restrictions requested on parking provision within each local area where significant parking difficulties were identified.

Proposed orders were advertised, and all representations received during the formal consultation period have been reviewed and considered.

Proposals for the introduction of restrictions were advertised for 14 locations. During the consultation period representations were received for two locations – Loose Road and Northdown Close.

A more extensive proposal for major road improvements in Loose Road has subsequently been put forward and as a result we do not intend to progress this proposal.

This report sets out details of representations for Northdown Close and seeks the views of the committee on the officer recommendation that the proposed waiting restrictions are implemented.

The objections to the traffic regulation order proposals were presented to the Joint Transportation Board on 14th October 2020 and the Boards recommendations are included in this report.

Purpose of Report

The Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee is asked to make decisions on the results of the objections to the traffic regulation order.

The report provides the background details of the traffic regulation order proposal's which received objections during the consultation period and the recommendations of the Joint Transportation Board which require approval by the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

This report makes the following recommendations to this Committee:

1. That the views of the public and the Joint Transportation Board members be considered.
2. That the Joint Transportation Board recommendations to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee as set out in Appendix 1, be agreed as:
 - a. The proposed parking regulations for Northdown Close are proceeded.
 - b. The objectors be informed of the outcome and Kent County Council as the Highway Authority be recommended that the orders are made and implemented.

Timetable

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>
Joint Transportation Board	14th October 2020
Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.	18th November 2020

Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

1. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Impact on Corporate Priorities	The Strategic Plan objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embracing Growth and Enabling Infrastructure 	Parking Services Manager
Cross Cutting Objectives	The report recommendations support the community by taking into consideration the traffic issues and managing the parking demand.	Parking Services Manager
Risk Management	Consideration must be given to objections and formal letters of support in relation to each proposal. However, this must be balanced against the risks involved in relation to road safety, free flow of traffic, environmental impact, and vehicle migration.	Parking Services Manager
Financial	The costs of the order variation and implementation will be met from within the existing Parking Services budget.	Finance Team
Staffing	There will be no impact on staffing.	Parking Services Manager
Legal	Formal orders will need to be made and signed by Kent County Council as the Highway Authority under their statutory powers	Mid Kent Legal Services (Planning)
Privacy and Data Protection	Parking Services will hold that data in line with our retention schedules.	Policy and Information Team
Equalities	The public consultation has identified a possible impact on Disabled residents or those in poor health who require regular visits as a result of the proposed restrictions. The restrictions proposed are designed to cause as little disruption as possible to the residents. Disabled badge holders can also park on restrictions for 3 hours when displaying a valid disabled badge.	Equalities and Corporate Policy Officer
Public Health	None.	Public Health Officer
Crime and Disorder	None.	
Procurement	None.	

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Requests have been received by Parking Services for the introduction of parking restrictions at several locations across the borough.
- 2.2 These locations have been surveyed and evaluated to assess the impact on parking provision within each local area where significant parking difficulties were identified.
- 2.3 Proposed orders were advertised, and all comments received during the formal consultation were reviewed and considered.
- 2.4 This report identifies those proposals where objections have been received.
- 2.5 Parking Services received a survey from the residents of Northdown Close requesting a parking restriction from Monday – Friday 1.00 -1.30pm to prevent all day parking to improve levels of parking availability and manage parking demands.
- 2.6 During the Consultation Period, Parking Services received 7 objections and 14 representations in support of the proposed waiting restrictions in respect of Northdown Close.
- 2.7 A full summary of the consultation results is contained in Appendix B
- 2.8 The residents of Northdown Close have petitioned the council for the introduction of waiting restrictions to prevent all day parking, the survey received indicated that out of 39 households surveyed, 30 were in support of Restricted Parking Monday-Friday, 2 for No change 1 with other suggestions with 1 abstaining and 5 with no response indicated.
- 2.9 The proposal was advertised and during the formal consultation period 7 objections were received on the grounds that the restriction times would have an impact on residents and their visitors and would inconvenience people and dispersion of vehicles into other surrounding streets would also have a detrimental effect on the mainly residential streets.
- 2.10 We also received 14 representations in support of the proposals, all properties have driveways and a proportion of vehicles parking in the location are non-residents. The proposed restrictions are as minimal as feasible to cause as little disruption as possible to the residents, any vehicle dispersion will be monitored and if identified surveyed and considered for further restrictions.
- 2.11 As the proposal was put forward initially after we received representations from the residents and during the formal consultation the majority of residents are in favour of the proposal we would recommend proceeding with the proposal.
- 2.12 The objections to the Traffic Regulation Order proposals were presented to the Joint Transportation Board along with recommendations on the 14th

October 2020, The Board agreed the recommendation to proceed with the proposal.

3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 To accept the recommendations of the Joint Transportation Board will recognise objections made in relation to specific proposals and will allow orders to be implemented to regulate parking to reduce difficulties.
 - 3.2 Rejecting the recommendations of the Joint Transportation Board will result in some orders not being implemented, which are intended to regulate parking to reduce identified difficulties.
 - 3.3 To make the orders as advertised would not take account of comments received during formal consultation, or the views expressed by the Joint Transportation Board.
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4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To accept the recommendations of the Joint Transportation Board and recognise objections made in relation to specific proposals. This will allow orders to be implemented to regulate parking to reduce difficulties
 - 4.2 Appendix A provides details of the proposed orders receiving objection, to the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Maidstone) (Waiting restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Variation No 30) Order 2020 with a summary of the objections and the relevant recommendations.
 - 4.3 Appendix B provides a summary of the consultation and responses.
 - 4.4 Appendix C provides maps of the of the proposal.
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5. RISK

- 5.1 As part of the legal process to amend Traffic Regulation Orders, formal consultation was undertaken, and any objections received considered. As this is a legislative process, the risks associated to legal challenge are reduced.
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6. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 6.1 Correspondence was sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees; Public Notices were also posted in the affected roads.

- 6.2 A Public Notice formally advertising the orders for The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Maidstone) (Waiting restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Variation No 30) Order 2020 were published in the Local Press during the week ending Friday 19th June 2020.
 - 6.3 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 Maidstone Borough Council website: <https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/>
 - 6.4 Proposed orders were advertised, and all comments received during the formal consultation were reviewed and considered.
 - 6.5 The results of the public consultation were formally presented to the Joint Transportation Board on 14th October 2020.
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7. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 7.1 The decision of the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee will allow the Traffic Regulation Order to be progressed accordingly.
 - 7.2 The objectors will be informed of the outcome.
 - 7.3 Once the formal process has been completed the Has Made Order will be submitted to Kent County Council for sealing.
 - 7.4 After the Order has been sealed then the restrictions will then be implemented in Northdown Close.
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8. REPORT APPENDICES

- 8.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

Appendix A: Proposed orders receiving objections and recommendations.

Appendix B: Consultation summary of responses.

Appendix C: Maps of the proposal.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

**Proposed orders receiving objection to The Kent County Council
(Various Roads, Borough of Maidstone) (Waiting restrictions and
Street Parking Places) (Variation No 30) Order 2020**

**Roads in Maidstone in the Borough of Maidstone; NORTHDOWN
CLOSE;**

Parking Services received a survey from the residents of Northdown Close requesting a parking restriction from Monday – Friday 1.00 -1.30pm to prevent all day parking to improve levels of parking availability and manage parking demands.

A proposal was advertised and during the formal consultation period 7 objections were received on the grounds that the restriction times would have an impact on residents and their visitors and would inconvenience people and dispersion of vehicles into other surrounding streets would also have a detrimental effect on the mainly residential streets.

We also received 14 letters in support.

All properties have driveways and a proportion of vehicles parking in the location are non-residents. The proposed restrictions are as minimal as feasible to cause as little disruption as possible to the residents, any vehicle dispersion will be monitored and if identified surveyed and considered for further restrictions.

Recommendation: To consider the views of the Joint Transportation Board in that the Strategic Planning and infrastructure Committee, be recommended to proceed with the proposal to make the order.



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NORTHDOWN CLOSE – from a point 27 metres north-west of its junction of Boxley Road for the remainder of its length

Around the entire circumference of the island at the south western end of the close.

SYL – 1pm to 1:30pm, Monday to Friday

Variation 30

NORTHDOWN CLOSE

Objection: 7	Comment	Support: 14
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	Comments	Response
Objection	<p>I would like to object to the proposal to place parking restrictions on Northdown Close. I am a resident of the Close and live at number [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]</p> <p>I object for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All residents on the Close have a driveway on which they can park. I am in support of parking restrictions on roads where residents do not have a driveway to park on and therefore need to park on the road and would be disrupted by other cars parking. This is not the case on Northdown Close. - If commuters are not able to park on Northdown Close they will park on the next available piece of unrestricted road. This is Heathfield Road and Boxley Road. The parking on Boxley Road, in my opinion causes a safety risk. If a car parks on the brow of the hill directly after the double yellow lines finish, in order to pass the parked car, you need to move over in to the lane of traffic. You are not able to see if there is an oncoming car when someone is parked in that spot. It is likely to cause a bottleneck of traffic at busy times as cars cannot move as freely down Boxley road as they do now. - The request for the restrictions is being driven by a house that has extended their driveway beyond the width of their dropped curb. I suggest they apply and pay the necessary fees to extend their dropped curb to prevent people 'blocking their drive' by parking on a 	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objections have been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible.</p> <p>Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd response</p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objection has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual comment received, however once all replies have been collated a report may be presented to the Joint</p>

	<p>stretch of road that is curbed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I do fully appreciate the commuter parking is annoying for people at the top end of the road as occasionally people will park inconsiderately and on rare occasions will block their driveway. I would suggest an alternative to parking restrictions is painting lines to clearly mark where driveways start and finish or mark bays on the road so people park more considerately. This would also be an opportunity to put bays down one side of the road only so people are not parked in a zig zag making it hard for cars and bin trucks to get through. <p>I would also like to object about the timing of the public notice. The very people who park on our road to then go in to Maidstone to work (and therefore will be the people who will want to object to this proposal) are all currently on lockdown (and are highly likely to be for the duration of the consultation) and will not be able to see the public notice. It is not reasonable to expect people to routinely check the Maidstone Borough Council website on the off chance there may be a planning notice on the road they happen to park on, it is important that they have the opportunity to see the notice on the lamp post. I think it only fair that the consultation is paused until we are out of a lockdown situation.</p> <p>2nd email Firstly, I would like to thank you for halting the consultation during COVID19 restrictions. Although many people are still working from home and therefore will not become aware of the consultation, I do appreciate it can't be kept on hold forever. I would like to object to the proposal to place parking restrictions on Northdown Close. I am a resident of the Close and live at number [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Transportation Board at their next scheduled meeting with our recommendations, the board will provide their comments on the proposals. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>3rd – withdraw request I am writing regarding the proposed single yellow line restriction in Northdown Close. Your objections have been carefully considered by Parking Services. And after careful consideration it has been agreed that the current proposal can be amended to reflect the views expressed. Therefore we propose to amend the current proposal and propose to introduce a single yellow line restriction that would apply on Monday to Friday from 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side of the Close and 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side of the Close. This will keep the area free of long-term parking during the day whilst allowing availability during the day and in the evenings and at the weekends. Therefore I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing, or if you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate in contacting me.</p> <p>4th response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. I can confirm the initial request was a petition from the residents with the majority being in support of a restriction.</p>
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	<p>I object for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All residents on the Close have a driveway on which they can park. I am in support of parking restrictions on roads where residents do not have a driveway to park on and therefore need to park on the road and would be disrupted by other cars parking. This is not the case on Northdown Close. - Parking restrictions will not solve the issue; it will simply move it elsewhere. If commuters are not able to park on Northdown Close they will park on the next available piece of unrestricted road. This is Heathfield Road and Boxley Road. The parking on Boxley Road, in my opinion causes a safety risk. If a car parks on the brow of the hill directly after the double yellow lines finish, in order to pass the parked car, you need to move over in to the lane of traffic. You are not able to see if there is an oncoming car when someone is parked in that spot. It is likely to cause a bottleneck of traffic at busy times as cars cannot move as freely down Boxley road as they do now. - The request for the restrictions is being driven by a house that has extended their driveway beyond the width of their dropped curb. I suggest they apply and pay the necessary fees to extend their dropped curb to prevent people 'blocking their drive' by parking on a stretch of road that is curbed. - I do fully appreciate the commuter parking is annoying for people at the top end of the road as occasionally people will park inconsiderately and on rare occasions will block their driveway. I would suggest an alternative to parking restrictions is painting lines to clearly mark where driveways start and finish or mark bays on the road so people park more considerately. - The impact on some in the street will be enormous. 	<p>As previously stated, dispersion will be inevitable, but we will monitor this.</p> <p>Access highlight markings or "Dog Bones" used to be laid by the Highway authority, Kent County Council but this service has now been withdrawn and no alternative lining is currently offered.</p> <p>The proposed restriction is not to stop vehicles blocking driveways. Vehicles causing obstructions should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101. This is because the offence of obstruction was not decriminalised and therefore cannot be enforced by the local authority.</p> <p>Once all replies have been collated, and if there are a certain number of objections received, a report, along with our recommendations will be submitted to either the Director of Highway Transportation and Waste or The Joint Transportation Board who will then provide their comments on the proposals and make a decision.</p> <p>Thank you again for taking the time to record your comments and once again I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing.</p> <p>5th response</p> <p>Thank you for your further email. I can confirm the proposed restrictions are to prevent long term parking at the request of the residents.</p> <p>Update</p> <p>Ref: Proposed Restrictions to introduce a single yellow line between 1pm and 1.30pm, Monday to Friday in Northdown Close</p> <p>I am writing to update you with regard to the</p>
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	<p>One resident is in the situation where they will need to sell their much-treasured caravan as this is parked on their drive meaning they park their car permanently on the road. This would no longer be possible with the restrictions and it seems a real shame to affect someone's life in such a way as they will no longer be able to enjoy going on holiday.</p> <p>- I think denying commuters the opportunity to save over £1000 a year in parking charges whilst getting some daily exercise shows a lack of community spirit and is quite frankly a bit mean.</p> <p>3rd email Thank you for your email and alternative proposal. I will not be withdrawing my objection to the parking restrictions as the new proposal does not change many of the reasons I object to the proposal:</p> <p>Reason for objection Impact of revised proposal All residents on the Close have a driveway on which they can park. I am in support of parking restrictions on roads where residents do not have a driveway to park on and therefore need to park on the road and would be disrupted by other cars parking. This is not the case on Northdown Close. The new proposal does not address this objection.</p> <p>Parking restrictions will not solve the issue, it will simply move it elsewhere. If commuters are not able to park on Northdown Close they will park on the next available piece of unrestricted road. This is Heathfield Road and Boxley Road. The parking on Boxley Road, in my opinion causes a safety risk. If a car parks on the brow of the hill directly after the double yellow lines finish, in order to pass the parked car you need to move over in to the lane of traffic. You are not able to see if there is an oncoming car when someone is parked in that spot. It is likely</p>	<p>proposed restrictions in Northdown Close.</p> <p>I can confirm an alternative proposal of Monday to Friday 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side and Monday to Friday 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side was suggested in an effort to persuade objectors into withdrawing their objections. However, this was not successful and therefore, we have reverted back to the original proposal.</p> <p>Therefore a report will be submitted to The Joint Transportation Board on 14th October 2020, with all objections received along with our recommendations, they will then provide their comments on the proposals.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p>
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to cause a bottleneck of traffic at busy times as cars cannot move as freely down Boxley road as they do now. Like the previous proposal, the new proposal will simply push the 'problem' of full day parking to the next available spaces, which in my view are dangerous.

The request for the restrictions is being driven by a house that has extended their driveway beyond the width of their dropped curb. I suggest they apply and pay the necessary fees to extend their dropped curb to prevent people 'blocking their drive' by parking on a stretch of road that is curbed. This reason for my objection remains.

I do fully appreciate the commuter parking is annoying for people at the top end of the road as occasionally people will park inconsiderately and on rare occasions will block their driveway. I would suggest an alternative to parking restrictions is painting lines to clearly mark where driveways start and finish or mark bays on the road so people park more considerately. I genuinely believe this approach will prevent drives being blocked and will therefore create a 'best of both worlds' scenario. Commuters can still park their cars, get some daily exercise and save over £1000 a year in parking charges while the residents of Northdown Close will not have any issues getting on and off their drives and will not have to move their cars multiple times a day.

The impact on some in the street will be enormous. One resident is in the situation where they will need to sell their much treasured caravan as this is parked on their drive meaning they park their car permanently on the road. This would no longer be possible with the restrictions and it seems a real shame to affect someone's life in such a way as they will no longer be able to enjoy going on holiday.

The new proposal would not resolve this issue. The resident in

question is currently unable to drive due to having a stroke. He would be unable to move his car every day. His caravan is a glimmer of hope for him that he may one day recover sufficiently from his stroke to use it on a holiday. In the meantime his grandchildren enjoy playing in it. The parking restrictions in the new form would not change his situation and he would still need to sell the caravan to enable him to park his car on his driveway.

I think denying commuters the opportunity to save over £1000 a year in parking charges whilst getting some daily exercise shows a lack of community spirit and is quite frankly a bit mean.

I have objected to the proposal as I do not wish to deter commuters from parking on our road while they go to work. The new proposal still prevents people from parking all day and therefore I object. I urge the council to consider my alternative proposal of marking bays on the street or marking where driveways start and end, to encourage people to park considerately. I think this would satisfy those for and against the proposal. I understand however that it may not be desirable for MBC as there would be no potential revenue from issuing parking tickets.

On a final note, I think any parking restrictions on our road will on balance create more aggravation for the residents than the current arrangement. For houses with multiple cars having to remember to move your car every day is far more inconvenient than having someone block your drive once in a blue moon.

Since this proposal has been put forward I have been observing how long term parkers have been positioned and I have never witnessed a driveway being blocked.

Thank you for your consideration.

	<p>4th email Thank you for your email. In your email below, you state that the purpose of the restriction is not to prevent people from blocking other peoples driveways. If this is not the reason for the restriction, it would be helpful for me to understand what the reasons for the restrictions are? I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>5th email In which case my objection still stands as I do not wish to prevent people from being able to park on our street as an alternative to paying to park in town. I would like to request that you do not ask me to withdraw my objection again as I will not be changing my mind on this matter. I do hope that those who are for the parking restrictions have been contacted numerous times to try and make them withdraw their applications in the same way that those objecting have been?</p>	
Objection	<p>I wish to strongly oppose the above parking restrictions proposal I have lived in Northdown Close since [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and have never had a problem parking. To comply with this proposal, I would have to pave over my front garden which would entail more run off of rainwater, a thing the council did not approve of. I have [REDACTED] adult children and [REDACTED] grandchildren who visit by car. They live as far apart as [REDACTED] to expect them to visit but have to move their cars for half an hour each day is too much. To add to the inconvenience. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] cannot walk without assistance. Hopefully, this will eventually wear off. The person who instigated this [REDACTED] Northdown can park about</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objections have been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively. Thank you once again for taking the time to record</p>

█ cars on his drive and still leave █ double garage free. The reason he wants this is his █ complained about the number of cars in the road, he said he would do something about it, I was there when this conversation took place. The last time we had this proposal, our MP got involved and it was dropped. Nothing has changed... since then. It would be a high price to pay to lose a winter flowering hedge from my garden for a yellow line.
Thank you for reading this letter.

2nd email

I still wish to oppose the proposal. The inconvenience it will cause all because the person █ does not like to see cars in the road and it will make no difference to them as they have parking for at least █ cars. I suggest somebody visits the road before a decision is made.

your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.

2nd – withdraw request

I am writing regarding the proposed single yellow line restriction in Northdown Close. Your objections have been carefully considered by Parking Services. And after careful consideration it has been agreed that the current proposal can be amended to reflect the views expressed. Therefore we propose to amend the current proposal and propose to introduce a single yellow line restriction that would apply on Monday to Friday from 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side of the Close and 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side of the Close. This will keep the area free of long-term parking during the day whilst allowing availability during the day and in the evenings and at the weekends. Therefore I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing, or if you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate in contacting me.

3rd response

Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Unfortunately, your correspondence appears to be incomplete. Please can you resend your response?

Update

Ref: Proposed Restrictions to introduce a single yellow line between 1pm and 1.30pm, Monday to Friday in Northdown Close

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Support	<p>I write in response to the public notice advising of the proposed introduction of parking restrictions to Northdown Close. I wish to add my support for the Order.</p> <p>2nd email I understand that the Northdown Close Parking Restrictions Order has been re-issued. I would again wish to add my support for the order.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process.</p>

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Support	Yes, please provide the parking restrictions (Variation No. 30) in Northdown Close.	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible.</p> <p>Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>Update</p>

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Support	<p>I wish to support the parking restriction for Northdown Close as quite often it is dangerous trying to exit the close onto the Boxley Road. The additional street parking by non-residents on the left side of the carriageway hinders the outgoing traffic both physically and loss of sight line for a safe exit.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>Update I am writing regarding the proposed single yellow line restriction in Northdown Close. After careful consideration it has been agreed that the current proposal can be amended to reflect a number of objections received. Therefore we propose to amend the current proposal and propose to introduce a single yellow line restriction that would apply on Monday to Friday from 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side of the Close and 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side of the Close. This will keep the area free of long-term parking during the day whilst allowing availability during the day and in the evenings and at the weekends.</p>

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Objection	<p>With regard to the above Public Order Notice for a yellow line restriction to be added to Northdown Close, I would like to object to this.</p> <p>I am a resident in Northway, the next road up from Northdown Close, and believe this will simply move all of the commuter</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objections have been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-</p>

	<p>traffic currently parking there to our road as we currently have no road restrictions. We already have issues with commuters parking down our road and this will simply add to the congestion. Whilst I am sure you will appease the residents of Northdown Close, I can assure you the residents of my road and the surrounding area will not be happy. I would appreciate if you could re-consider your options and also kindly provide me with acknowledgement of my objection.</p> <p>2nd email Thanks for your email. I cannot recall the original timings of the proposal. Can you confirm what they were please?</p> <p>3rd email Thanks for your quick response but I fail to see what your amended solution achieves. It still means that vehicles will be dispersed potentially to my road, as well as others. Changing the times doesn't prevent this and may well cause confusion for anyone that wants to park in Northdown Close for a short period. My objection therefore still remains.</p>	<p>19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd – withdraw request I am writing regarding the proposed single yellow line restriction in Northdown Close. Your objections have been carefully considered by Parking Services. And after careful consideration it has been agreed that the current proposal can be amended to reflect the views expressed. Therefore we propose to amend the current proposal and propose to introduce a single yellow line restriction that would apply on Monday to Friday from 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side of the Close and 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side of the Close. This will keep the area free of long-term parking during the day whilst allowing availability during the day and in the evenings and at the weekends. Dispersion to other roads will occur, but we will continue to monitor this and review. Therefore I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing, or if you wish to discuss the matter</p>
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		<p>further please do not hesitate in contacting me.</p> <p>3rd response Thank you for your further correspondence. The original proposal was as follows: "It is proposed to introduce (single yellow line) restriction between 1pm and 1.30pm Mondays to Friday in NORTHDOWN CLOSE, from a point 27 metres north-west of its junction of Boxley Road for the remainder of its length. And round the entire circumference of the island perpendicular to numbers 23 to 44."</p> <p>Update Ref: Proposed Restrictions to introduce a single yellow line between 1pm and 1.30pm, Monday to Friday in Northdown Close I am writing to update you with regard to the proposed restrictions in Northdown Close. I can confirm an alternative proposal of Monday to Friday 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side and Monday to Friday 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side was suggested in an effort to persuade objectors into withdrawing their objections. However, this was not successful and therefore, we have reverted back to the original proposal. Therefore a report will be submitted to The Joint Transportation Board on 14th October 2020, with all objections received along with our recommendations, they will then provide their comments on the proposals. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p>
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<p>Objection</p>	<p>I wish to register my objections to the proposed parking changes in Northdown Close. There are a number of reasons for this objection:</p> <p>As a resident of the neighbouring road, North Way, I feel the commuter parking issues experienced in Northdown Close will just be pushed along to the surrounding roads and areas. North Way, as you are aware, is a private road with no parking restrictions, which will encourage commuters to leave their cars here all day. There are already several commuters doing this at the moment.</p> <p>It will also cause an increase in traffic along North Way, which the residents have to pay for to maintain and is already degraded in several places. The road is already used as a cut through to avoid the small roundabout at the end of junction of Boxley Road and Sandling Lane.</p> <p>There is the potential for badly and inconsiderately parked cars to block access or cause inconvenience for residents.</p> <p>2nd email Hello, do you know when any consultations will be going ahead regarding Northdown Close?</p> <p>3rd email Hi, have you thought about the impact this will have on the surrounding rounds? All you're doing is pushing the problem along. If people are willing to walk from Northdown Close to avoid parking charges, they're not going to be bothered about walking a few metres further.</p> <p>My main concern is North Way is a private road that doesn't have the same protection etc as a normal road.</p> <p>I knew when I first objected it would be a futile effort as most of these things are already decided and the consultation process is merely a formality.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objections have been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions.</p> <p>I can confirm the consultation has begun and your original objection has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual comment received, however once all replies have been collated a report may be presented to the Joint Transportation Board at their next scheduled meeting with our recommendations, the board will provide their comments on the proposals.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to</p>
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<p>Objection</p>	<p>I am writing to object the single yellow line on Northdown Close. This will not alter any of the problems we have as the inconsiderate parking does not come from commuters but from visitors to houses, mainly at the weekends.</p> <p>2nd email I would like to oppose the planed parking restrictions for Northdown Close. The reason is this would not help the small problem we have. Parking along one side of the road is fine, the problem occurs when some drivers park on both sides, making this difficult for emergency services to get down the road. A very few residents in [REDACTED] don't like visitors parking outside their house. But that's life. We don't have a problem with commuter parking in Northdown Close. If we did have restricted parking, that would not solve the problem of double-sided parking, which often occurs on the weekend.</p> <p>3rd email Thank you for your email. I am very disappointed to hear MBC are advising me to withdraw my objection to the single yellow line in Northdown Close.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objections have been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions.</p>

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Support	<p>We support the making of an Order prohibiting waiting between 1.00pm and 1.30pm Monday to Friday in Northdown Close. Notwithstanding the above, we would also suggest the Order if it included the retention of some visitor parking bays within the Close which were not subject to the 1.00 – 1.30pm restriction. I trust the above is sufficient for our support for the proposed Order to be recorded but please contact us should you need anything further.</p> <p>2nd email We understand that the notice relating to the introduction of restrictions in Northdown Close (Variation No.30) has been reissued with a closing date for submissions of the 13th July and for the avoidance of doubt therefore wanted to resubmit our original support email below. I trust that is sufficient to confirm our support for the proposed Order but please let me know if you need anything further.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. In light of the recent situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Parking Services have decided it is not appropriate to launch new public consultations. We recognise the importance of proper consultation and so for this reason we believe it would not be appropriate to expect any meaningful and valid consultation to be possible. Therefore, once the current situation has improved, we will conduct a new consultation to allow residents the opportunity to be consulted effectively. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual</p>

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Support	<p>Re yellow line parking restrictions, 1pm and 1.30pm Northdown Close [REDACTED] We wish to vote in favour of the changes.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual comment received, however once all replies have been collated a report may be presented to the Joint Transportation Board at their next scheduled meeting with our recommendations, the board will provide their comments on the proposals.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>Update</p> <p>I am writing regarding the proposed single yellow line restriction in Northdown Close.</p> <p>After careful consideration it has been agreed that the current proposal can be amended to reflect a number of objections received. Therefore we propose to amend the current proposal and propose</p>

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Objection	<p>I would like to raise my objection to the proposed street parking changes on Northdown Close.</p> <p>I do not agree to any changes being made to the current street parking on the close.</p> <p>I am a resident of the close.</p> <p>2nd email</p> <p>Thank you for the email updating me. Can I ask if there would be any facility for parking permits, or disabled bay? I am aware of a few older residents for whom these would be important considerations.</p> <p>3rd email</p> <p>Apologies for calling you [REDACTED] in my previous reply dated 17th July.</p> <p>As I have not had a reply to my questions in the above mentioned email, I will take it that the answer is a no.</p> <p>In that case I uphold my objection to all proposed changes to</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your objection has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual comment received, however once all replies have been collated a report may be presented to the Joint Transportation Board at their next scheduled meeting with our recommendations, the board will provide their comments on the proposals.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>2nd – withdraw request</p> <p>I am writing regarding the proposed single yellow line restriction in Northdown Close.</p> <p>Your objections have been carefully considered by</p>

	<p>parking currently being put forward for Northdown Close.</p> <p>4th email I uphold my objection, and can see no reason at this time for me to withdraw it.</p>	<p>Parking Services. And after careful consideration it has been agreed that the current proposal can be amended to reflect the views expressed. Therefore we propose to amend the current proposal and propose to introduce a single yellow line restriction that would apply on Monday to Friday from 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side of the Close and 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side of the Close. This will keep the area free of long-term parking during the day whilst allowing availability during the day and in the evenings and at the weekends.</p> <p>Therefore I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing, or if you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate in contacting me.</p> <p>3rd response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Apologies for the delay in my response, I have been on leave.</p> <p>I can confirm the initial request was a petition from the residents with the majority being in support of a restriction.</p> <p>Disabled Badge holders are permitted to park for 3 hours on single yellow lines.</p> <p>It is not anticipated to extend the resident parking scheme as schemes where operational within Maidstone, allow waiting periods to non-permit holders and subsequently are not for residents only use. As implemented schemes result in enforcement by penalty charge notices for contraventions and annual permit charge costs which need to be met by residents, without the guarantee of a parking space, such schemes inevitably find insufficient support</p>
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Support	<p>I am a resident at [REDACTED] Northdown Close, [REDACTED] and wish to express my support regarding the proposed parking restrictions.</p> <p>The first third of Northdown Close has become narrowed to one side due to the volume of cars parked by non-residents. This is proving hazardous when driving with the intention of leaving or entering Northdown Close via Boxley Road and I am concerned that there will be an accident at some point if no restrictions take place. Residents have generous driveways so rarely park in the road.</p> <p>I therefore support the proposed restrictions to parking in Northdown Close,</p>	<p>Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions.</p> <p>Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual comment received, however once all replies have been collated a report may be presented to the Joint Transportation Board at their next scheduled meeting with our recommendations, the board will provide their comments on the proposals.</p> <p>Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p> <p>Update</p>

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	<p>Is this what the people who signed the petition really want to subject our key workers to contend with ? Can you please advise what reason 's have been stated on the petition to request this proposal.</p>	<p>agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing, or if you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate in contacting me.</p> <p>3rd response Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. I can confirm the initial request was a petition from the residents with the majority being in support of a restriction. As previously stated, dispersion will be inevitable, but we will monitor this. Once all replies have been collated, and if there are a certain number of objections received, a report, along with our recommendations will be submitted to either the Director of Highway Transportation and Waste or The Joint Transportation Board who will then provide their comments on the proposals and make a decision. Thank you again for taking the time to record your comments and once again I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing.</p> <p>Update Ref: Proposed Restrictions to introduce a single yellow line between 1pm and 1.30pm, Monday to Friday in Northdown Close I am writing to update you with regard to the proposed restrictions in Northdown Close. I can confirm an alternative proposal of Monday to Friday 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side and Monday to Friday 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side was suggested in an effort to persuade objectors</p>
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<p>Objection</p>	<p>I am writing to raise an objection of the proposed parking restrictions in Northdown Close, Penenden Heath. After careful consideration of the proposals set out the parking restrictions are unnecessary and would cause the following issues which I believe to be unacceptable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The result of this parking restriction would cause inadequate parking and loading for many residents in the street who rely on parking at the kerbside. Many residents are elderly and would end up being unable to move their vehicle every day at the given time 2) I would seek compensation and an award of costs against the council for loss of value to my property at [REDACTED] Northdown Close due to these parking restrictions as they would cause difficulty and make the property less desirable 3) The appearance and layout of these lines have not been made available and therefore I can assume that these would look unsightly and ugly. The design and appearance needs to be offered up before a decision can be reached in any case. Yellow lines in the round-a-bout end of the cul-de-sac would not be necessary due to the amount of drop kerbs installed for example 4) The road condition cannot take the proposed yellow lines as the road surface is full of pot holes and broken surface tarmac. The proposed cost of the yellow lines would in fact be wasted as they could not possibly stick to the current uneven and broken surface without the resurfacing of the entire road, a project that was going to be completed years ago but never took place. Perhaps you could confirm resurfacing intentions for the close? 5) Disabled and Elderly residents have not been given the opportunity to request exemption in front of their own homes or a disabled box prior to these proposals being forced upon us 6) The proposed parking restrictions do not offer any exemption for trades working at the addresses in the close and the proposals have not allowed for additional parking or permits as a result of the new proposals <p>In view of the above I do not feel that a proper and exhaustive</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. I can confirm the initial request was a petition from the residents with the majority being in support of a restriction. Disabled Badge holders are permitted to park for 3 hours on single yellow lines. It is not anticipated to extend the resident parking scheme as schemes where operational within Maidstone, allow waiting periods to non-permit holders and subsequently are not for residents only use. As implemented schemes result in enforcement by penalty charge notices for contraventions and annual permit charge costs which need to be met by residents, without the guarantee of a parking space, such schemes inevitably find insufficient support from local residents during consultation processes. Matters relating to the resurfacing of the highway are the responsibility of Kent County Council who can be contacted on either tel. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to make your report/request and receive a case number. Please find the link below which outlines the process for application. Once all replies have been collated, and if there are a certain number of objections received, a report, along with our recommendations will be submitted to either the Director of Highway Transportation and Waste or The Joint Transportation Board who will then provide their comments on the proposals and make a decision. Thank you again for taking the time to record your comments. I respectfully request that you consider withdrawing your objection which would enable us to continue with the proposal and if you are agreeable to withdrawing your objection this must be in writing.</p>
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	<p>consultation has taken place prior to introducing these yellow line proposals. Many residents have been bullied or persuaded to agree to the yellow lines as they believe that everyone wants them. I request that you put a stop to this yellow line proposal until the above points, and the concerns of others, have been properly considered and evaluated.</p>	<p>Update Ref: Proposed Restrictions to introduce a single yellow line between 1pm and 1.30pm, Monday to Friday in Northdown Close I am writing to update you with regard to the proposed restrictions in Northdown Close. I can confirm an alternative proposal of Monday to Friday 10:30 – 11:00am on the north side and Monday to Friday 2:00 – 2:30pm on the south side was suggested in an effort to persuade objectors into withdrawing their objections. However, this was not successful and therefore, we have reverted back to the original proposal. Therefore a report will be submitted to The Joint Transportation Board on 14th October 2020, with all objections received along with our recommendations, they will then provide their comments on the proposals. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking order in the near future.</p>
Support	<p>I confirm that I support the proposal to introduce (single yellow line) restriction between 1pm and 1:30pm Mondays to Fridays as described.</p>	<p>Thank you for your further correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. Your support has been recorded and will be considered as part of the traffic regulation process. I regret we are unable to reply to each individual comment received, however once all replies have been collated a report may be presented to the Joint Transportation Board at their next scheduled meeting with our recommendations, the board will provide their comments on the proposals. Thank you once again for taking the time to record your comments and I look forward to being able to update you on the progress of the proposed parking</p>

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	<p>Regarding Northdown Close parking proposal in Penenden Heath: I have been informed that the parking proposal has been changed to incorporate different no-parking times on either side of Northdown close. Please could you write to residents with details of this new proposal?</p> <p>Second email Is there still an opportunity to object? Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence received in relation to the above proposed parking restrictions. I can confirm an alternative proposal was suggested in an effort to persuade the objectors into withdrawing their objections. However, this was not successful and therefore, we have reverted back to the original proposal. I hope this is of assistance to you.</p> <p>Update Ref: Proposed Restrictions to introduce a single yellow line between 1pm and 1.30pm, Monday to</p>

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Agenda Item 15

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

18 NOVEMBER 2020

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

PETITION – HOUSEBUILDING TARGETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

At the meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2020, Mr Steve Heeley presented a petition in the following terms on behalf of the Save Our Heathlands Action Group (SOHAG):

We the undersigned request our elected representatives in Maidstone Borough to:

- *Challenge and campaign against national Government's housebuilding targets.*
- *Rethink the building of Garden Communities. They are not an appropriate planning policy for the Borough of Maidstone, especially in places like Lenham Heath, Marden and Langley as perfect examples.*
- *Not accept new housebuilding levels that are unsustainable for the Borough of Maidstone.*
- *Complete a full infrastructure assessment before the Local Plan Review and ensure all historical infrastructure issues are rectified across the Borough before projects commence.*
- *Be transparent and engage Parish Councils and local communities before any final decisions are made with regards to planning and new developments in the area.*

In presenting the petition, Mr Heeley said that:

- *The petition had been signed by thousands of Maidstone residents calling upon the Council to rethink its plans on housebuilding.*
- *The SOHAG was opposed to the Council's proposed Garden Community at Lenham. However, through its work, the Group was finding that there was a lot of opposition to the overall planning approach in the Borough.*
- *Many of the people the Group had spoken to appeared resigned to the fact that the Council would carry on with its growth strategy without properly seeking the views of residents. The petitioners were calling upon Members to hear and listen to the voices of Maidstone residents who were saying "Enough is Enough".*
- *The petition was specifically asking Members to challenge and campaign against national Government's housebuilding targets and to rethink the building of Garden Communities as this was not considered to be a suitable planning policy approach for the Borough. The petitioners did not expect the Council to accept new housebuilding levels that are*

unsustainable for Maidstone and were asking the Council to be transparent and engage with Parish Councils and local communities before any final decisions are made regarding where new development goes.

- In terms of housebuilding targets, the petitioners were well aware that the Council had made attempts to challenge the targets imposed already but were underwhelmed by the action taken to date which had constituted a few letters to the Secretary of State and a meeting with Civil Servants. Instead they wanted loud and clear voices against national targets and were calling upon the Council to join forces with MPs across Kent and further afield and the Kent Association of Local Councils to amplify the opposition to these targets.*
- In terms of Garden Communities, the petitioners were calling upon the Council to listen to the many residents who are opposed to this form of growth. Maidstone residents did not want new towns built in the countryside at the expense of hundreds of acres of greenfield land miles away from the main conurbations. Garden Communities were the right solution in the right place but were not the right solution for Maidstone. Existing Garden Communities such as Ebbsfleet in north Kent and Kingshill, West Malling were sites which had former uses and were being regenerated. Unfortunately, Maidstone did not have these types of sites. Instead, the Council seemed intent on building over the countryside and green space around existing rural villages such as Marden and Lenham. This was not what residents wanted.*
- In recent weeks, the petitioners had seen and heard Members protecting their own backyards as part of the Local Plan review. It was not good enough to have such a blinkered approach.*
- The Council had made decades of poor decisions regarding the provision of the necessary infrastructure to deal with the growth of Maidstone town centre in a sustainable way. The solution was not to flood rural villages with houses just to get the numbers required. Rural centres like Lenham were already taking their fair share of new homes; over 1,000 in the next ten years almost doubling the size of the village. Urban and suburban parts of the Borough had got to do their fair share too and the Council needed to be serious about its infrastructure strategy to properly unlock growth.*
- The opposition to so many new homes across the Borough was because roads cannot cope with existing traffic. The town centre was congested, and this was exacerbated by the lack of a serious and credible transport strategy and ambition.*
- Finally, the petition was calling on the Council to be more transparent and properly engaged with Parish Councils and local communities. The petitioners understood the difficult decisions faced by the Council in agreeing a spatial strategy but considered that the current proposed solutions were not the answer. The petitioners were calling upon the Council to think again, particularly about the building of Garden Communities. Maidstone residents were saying "Enough is Enough" and it was hoped that Members would listen to and act upon these concerns.*

The Council's Constitution states that a petition, having been debated by the Council, will be referred, together with the views expressed in the debate, to the appropriate decision-making body.

The views expressed in the debate are set out below:

Residents are angry and that is understandable, but the Council is not the Highway Authority. Attacking the Borough Council for decisions taken on transport and road infrastructure is perhaps not hitting the right target.

The Council does not have a strategy for growth. The housing numbers have been imposed on this and all other Councils across the country by the Government. The issue should not really be who is to blame for this but what Members as politicians across the board in Maidstone and in other local authority areas do about it. The Council has been working with MPs and most MPs in Kent have made strong representations against the proposed changes in the Government's planning policy. The Council has been trying to work with them.

Turning to the details of the Local Plan, contrary to what has been asserted, the Council has not made decisions on Garden Communities or any other site allocations yet. The Council as land promoter/developer has a view on a particular proposal but that is not a proposal that has been adopted by the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee at this time.

The debate has not closed, decisions have not been made. The Council has not closed off discussions with Parish Councils or with the public and is still engaged in them. The decisions will be made in the public arena; fully, clearly and transparently.

Fully support the petition on behalf of the people of Maidstone.

Fully support the petition which has arisen out of the frustration felt by residents all over the Borough about housing development without the supporting infrastructure. There is concern that the houses being built are unaffordable and do not reflect the needs/changing requirements of real family situations. For example, in Harrietsham, Lenham and other areas almost all of the houses being built at the moment are larger properties, but starter homes and properties suitable for downsizing are required and they need to be built near to the services that will support the people who will be living there. The petition reflected residents' view that these larger properties and Garden Communities are not the answer. The Council is being over-reliant on Garden Communities in its strategic planning.

Residents' groups and Parish Councils are combining and united in their

opposition. The petition is not about “nimbyism” – it represents collective disquiet about the whole process. There is a need for community engagement and transparency, to share information and to listen to Parish Councils and local residents.

Under recent changes to the planning laws sent out for consultation, the Government is proposing changes to the standard methodology used to calculate housing need resulting in a new national total of 337,000 homes a year. Under the current methodology the Council is required to build 1,214 houses per year. Under the new methodology proposed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, which is presently subject to consultation and might change, this number increases to 1,569 houses per year. Together with others, the Council is challenging the existing and proposed new Government imposed housebuilding requirements, but the Government is being very firm.

The Council is also in the process of amending the timeline for its current Local Plan Review in an attempt to avoid increased housing requirements for the maximum time.

As part of the Council’s Call for Sites exercise, there was a prospectus dedicated to the submission of proposals from landowners/developers for a Garden Community and various proposals were put forward which were considered.

It is now necessary for everyone to work together towards the various stages of the Local Plan Review process and to ensure the delivery of houses supported by the necessary infrastructure.

The Local Plan is more than just housing, it is also about the infrastructure required to support it including medical facilities, open space, libraries and employment. A holistic approach is required.

Whilst Parish Councils are very welcome to contact Members, a lot of Members represent Wards in the urban area of the Borough which do not have the benefit of Parish Councils and, possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, do not have such active residents’ groups. There is a need to ensure that urban views do not go unheard.

There is also a need to consider the other changes the Government is considering to the current planning system.

No decisions have been made yet. Garden Communities are currently being assessed. It is necessary to go through the process to provide the evidence to demonstrate a sound Plan whilst at the same time lobbying the Government for a reduction in the housebuilding targets.

We are all defending our areas and certainly looking at the evidence in

relation to the sites coming forward. Ebbsfleet was a development where the whole planning process was taken away from Dartford Borough Council.

There will be an opportunity to engage with residents through Regulation 18b of the current Local Plan Review. If the Council moved straight to Regulation 19, it would be for the Inspector to go through evidence that he/she may not necessarily be familiar with as a potentially non-resident.

In my view, the Council is probably not competent to deliver the supposed benefits of a Garden Community without all the obvious adverse impacts and I have always objected to the way the Council approaches these matters, but I must object to the statement that the urban and suburban areas need to take their fair share.

That is not what the petition says, and it is not what people have signed up to. It ignores the fact that urban and suburban Maidstone have taken the lion's share of development for years. I do not wish to see the countryside needlessly churned up and we do need to be pushing back on the Government's targets, but, to be clear, the town is literally choking and should not be used as an easy solution. We have done our bit in the town. Most of the brownfield sites have been used because we have borne the brunt for twenty years; so no more please.

I have every sympathy with the petitioners, but there is no more space left in the urban/suburban areas to build. Infrastructure is needed to support new development and people to support that infrastructure. People think that signing the petition will make a difference, but if the Council does not comply with the requirements, there will be an Inspector who does it for us.

As far as I am aware all national parties acknowledge the same level of housebuilding. The alternative which I think the petition is asking us to consider is this Council will not accept the new housebuilding levels because we do not think it is right for our Borough. However, it is necessary to weigh up the consequences and the consequences are that it will not stop development. It will come; it will be developer-led, market-led, approved by an Inspector piecemeal. We have to decide whether it would be appropriate to respond to what the residents are saying across the Borough, but what a price would be paid. I would welcome another petition asking residents whether they want the Council to let the market take over or try and keep some sort of control of the process locally.

A copy of the briefing note which was prepared to assist Members in their consideration of the petition is attached as Appendix A.

RECOMMENDED: That the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee consider the petition relating to Housebuilding Targets and Infrastructure together with the views expressed during the debate at the Council meeting.

Briefing Note to All Members Full Council 30th September 2020

ITEM 9 - Petitions

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:

We the undersigned request our Elected Representatives in Maidstone Borough to:

- Challenge and campaign against National Government's Housebuilding targets.

The Council has challenged National Government's Housebuilding Targets in the context of both the existing target being planned for as part of the current Local Plan Review, and the potential numbers being proposed, should the planned changes to the 'Standard Methodology' formula come into effect in their proposed form.

This challenge has included letters directly to the Secretary of State and Senior Civil Servants, responses to government consultation on both the original methodology and proposed changes to it, lobbying of MPs, meetings with Senior Civil Servants and press releases around the potential impact of both the existing number and proposed changes.

- Rethink the building of Garden Communities. They are not an appropriate planning policy for the Borough of Maidstone, especially in places like Lenham Heath, Marden and Langley as perfect examples.

The decision around which, if any, Garden Community proposals Maidstone pursues will be part of the deliberations at Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee in November of this year, when it selects a preferred spatial strategy for the Local Plan Review.

- Not accept new housebuilding levels that are unsustainable for the Borough of Maidstone.

The Council is challenging existing and proposed new Government imposed housebuilding requirements. In addition, the Council is in the process of amending the timeline for its current Local Plan Review with the explicit purpose of attempting to avoid increased housing requirements for the maximum time in order that lobbying around this issue by the Council directly, and by others, can continue.

Failure by the Council to accommodate and plan for housing targets set by Government, will result in Maidstone being exposed to the 'presumption in favour of development'. This will mean that where the Council refuses planning applications and these are subject to appeal, there will be a greatly increased likelihood that the Council's decision will be overturned by the

Planning Inspectorate and we will start to lose control of both where new development takes place and the ability to ensure that it provides the necessary infrastructure.

- Complete a full infrastructure assessment before the Local Plan Review and ensure all historical infrastructure issues are rectified across the Borough before projects commence.

Before the Local Plan Review is completed, it will be supported by a full infrastructure assessment and a viability appraisal to ensure that development proposals are viable and are able to contribute toward the necessary infrastructure.

- Be transparent and engage Parish Councils and local communities before any final decisions are made with regards to planning and new developments in the area.

The Council's commitment to the Parish Charter and to the principle of public and stakeholder consultation in the planning system remains resolute. Whilst there is a proposal to reduce the consultation period at Regulation 18b of the current Local Plan Review from 6 weeks to a minimum of 3 weeks, this relates directly to question 3 above and to the Council's attempts to ensure that it avoids, for as long as possible, any increase in the housing target currently being pursued by the government .

Notwithstanding the proposed reduction in the formal period of public consultation around Regulation 18b of the current Local Plan Review, the Council is committed to commencing work with Parish Council's and key stakeholders in the period between selection of a preferred spatial strategy and the commencement of the formal public consultation period – thereby, effectively increasing this to 6 weeks.

Agenda Item 16

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

18 November 2020

Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Preferred Approaches Public Consultation Update

Final Decision-Maker	Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee
Lead Head of Service	Rob Jarman, Head of Planning and Development
Lead Officer and Report Author	Mark Egerton, Strategic Planning Manager, and Sue Whiteside, Principal Planning Officer
Classification	Public
Wards affected	All Wards.

Executive Summary

To update the Committee on the progress of implementing the consultation on the Local Plan Review, following the Committee's consideration and approval of the consultation document at its meeting on 9 November 2020.

Purpose of Report

For noting.

This report makes the following recommendations to this Committee:

1. That the report be noted.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee	18 November 2020

Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Preferred Approaches Public Consultation Update

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its meeting on 9 November 2020, the Committee considered the public consultation version of the Local Plan Review (Regulation 18¹) and the plan, together with its sustainability appraisal, were approved for consultation. Consultation and pre-consultation arrangements were also agreed, so that public consultation on the plan would be undertaken between 1 and 22 December 2020. The Committee authorise the Head of Planning and Development, in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, to make subsequent minor amendments and factual alterations to the consultation document.
 - 1.2 The Committee requested that factual changes be made to the plan regarding matters that had been raised by a cross-section of Members during the discussion on the report.
 - 1.3 Officers are now implementing the consultation arrangements for the plan, and progressing pre-consultation engagement with Parish Councils, infrastructure providers and statutory bodies, and developers during the run-up to the consultation period.
 - 1.4 Where relevant, the proposed factual amendments to the consultation document raised by Members at the 9 November Committee meeting will be incorporated into the Local Plan Review prior to the commencement of consultation.
 - 1.5 This report is for noting only.
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2. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 2.1 An initial stage of public consultation under Regulation 18² has been completed. The consultation considered and sought responses on the 'Scoping, Themes and Issues' for the Local Plan Review and took place between 19 July and 30 September 2019. Over 550 responses were received, and the analysis was fed back to this Committee in March 2020.

¹ Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

² Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

3. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

- 3.1 The Local Plan Review Preferred Approaches Document and the Sustainability Appraisal of spatial approaches will be published for public consultation between the 1 December and 22 December 2020. Pre-consultation on the plan will be undertaken with the bodies identified in paragraph 1.3 of this report.
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4. REPORT APPENDICES

None.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

18 NOVEMBER 2020

REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL

MOTION – ANTI-IDLING

At the meeting of the Council held on 30 September 2020, the following motion was moved by Councillor Adkinson, seconded by Councillor Harper:

Following the question to Council by a member of the public at its meeting on 15 July 2020, and whilst welcoming the findings of Maidstone Borough Council's 2020 air quality Annual Status Report, it is disappointing to note that the provisions of Regulation 12 of The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 have still not been implemented by Maidstone Borough Council.

These provisions are even more relevant today as the country slowly emerges from lockdown due to Covid-19.

Schools are back, but social distancing rules and understandable anxiety of parents have meant that fewer journeys to schools are being made by public transport. It is estimated that you would need at least 5 times the number of buses the UK currently has to enable safe social distancing.

Therefore, there are now more cars on our already polluted roads than ever before – all pumping out noxious fumes.

Idling is detrimental to the modern automotive engine, but even more seriously idling engines are adding to already bad air pollution. Air pollution is linked to poor recovery and higher infection rates of Covid-19 due to damage caused to the lungs.

This Council therefore resolves to ensure that the provisions of Regulation 12 of The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 are enacted immediately, with appropriate publicity, training of enforcement officers, engagement with local businesses, bus and taxi operators and presentations in schools as has been done in the London-wide Idling Action's #enginesoff campaign.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.5, the motion, having been moved and seconded, was referred to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

A copy of the briefing note which was prepared to assist Members in their consideration of the motion is attached as Appendix A.

RECOMMENDED: That the Committee consider the motion relating to anti-idling.

Briefing Note on Motion by Councillors Adkinson and Harper

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This note has been prepared to inform members in their consideration of the Motion

“Following the question to Council by a member of the public at its meeting on 15 July 2020, and whilst welcoming the findings of Maidstone Borough Council’s 2020 air quality Annual Status Report, it is disappointing to note that the provisions of Regulation 12 of The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 have still not been implemented by Maidstone Borough Council.

These provisions are even more relevant today as the country slowly emerges from lockdown due to Covid-19. Schools are back, but social distancing rules and understandable anxiety of parents have meant that fewer journeys to schools are being made by public transport. It is estimated that you would need at least 5 times the number of buses the UK currently has to enable safe social distancing. Therefore, there are now more cars on our already polluted roads than ever before – all pumping out noxious fumes. Idling is detrimental to the modern automotive engine, but even more seriously idling engines are adding to already bad air pollution.

Air pollution is linked to poor recovery and higher infection rates of Covid-19 due to damage caused to the lungs. This Council therefore resolves to ensure that the provisions of Regulation 12 of The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 are enacted immediately, with appropriate publicity, training of enforcement officers, engagement with local businesses, bus and taxi operators and presentations in schools as has been done in the London-wide Idling Action’s #enginesoff campaign.

- 1.2 In response to the question from a member of public in July 2020 the following advice was provided
- The Council, through the Low Emission Strategy working group, considered the adoption of the powers to control idling vehicles but found the current legislative framework impractical. The offence is one of leaving your engine idling “unnecessarily”. The key issue being able to prove the driver was idling unnecessarily and how that could be interpreted if, for example, a driver wants to leave his engine idling for the heating, in cold weather, or the air conditioning in hot weather.
 - The majority of complaints we receive in relation to engine idling relate to buses, taxis and school pick-ups. We have addressed these directly through the Taxi-Trade and bus company representatives together with the assistance of schools, with the emphasis on education like the Clean Air for Schools campaign, rather than punitive measures. Generally speaking, emissions from

idling vehicles are low and these are to be contrasted with the additional emissions associated with stopping and restarting an engine which could potentially be worse than emissions from an idling engine.

2 Points for discussion September 2020

- 2.1 Anti idling legislation is intended to prevent vehicles from causing unnecessary emissions at locations where people may be exposed to poor air quality such as schools, transport points such as bus and train stations.
- 2.2 The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 authorises officers of the Council to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to drivers allowing their engines to run unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary. The Council does not need to adopt the power but does need processes to implement the powers and authorise the most suitable officers to undertake enforcement. This could be parking attendants, community safety officers or environmental health officers.
- 2.3 Arguably the most important part of the legislation is the awareness campaigns focussed on 'hot spot' locations such as outside schools, railway stations and other areas where vehicles are known to idle for periods of time, this would be based on local intelligence or key places within Maidstone's Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) will generally only be a last resort if drivers refuse to co-operate and switch off engines when asked to do so or regularly flout the Regulations.
- 2.4 Anti idling has been considered in Maidstone's Low Emissions Strategy with consideration given to Anti Idling by the Parking Service. The advice provided at the time was that although the contravention of 'Parked with engine running where prohibited' is available under Civil Parking Enforcement legislation, the burden of proof required makes enforcement under current legislation difficult to prove and therefore ineffective.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 Under the Environment Act 1995 and the Local Air Quality Management framework, Maidstone Borough Council has a statutory duty to review and assess air quality within its borough and take the necessary actions to improve areas of poor air quality.
- 3.2 Implementing the anti-idling legislation has been considered as part of the Low Emissions Strategy (LES) action plan during 2018 to reduce air pollution but due to the wording in the legislation the offence is one of leaving your engine idling "unnecessarily" which can be problematic to enforce. Nonetheless issuing an FPN should be the last step in a wider campaign of education surrounding idling.

- 3.3 The impact on Maidstone would fall mainly to the Parking Service in terms of 'boots on the ground'. A defined policy on how the regulations are to be implemented would be needed between Parking, Environmental Protection and Communications to allow for a targeted approach to enforcement. Suitable delegation of authority to officers will also be required.
- 3.4 Emissions from vehicles play a large part in poor air quality which can exacerbate health problems such as heart and lung disease. As well as emitting NO₂ and particulates, vehicle fumes also contain CO₂ which contributes towards climate change. Idling vehicles can emit more pollution than a vehicle moving at e.g. 30mph.
- 3.5 We are currently working with schools in the borough via the Clean Air for Schools campaign (CAFS) and vehicles parked outside schools with engines left running is a common problem.
- 3.6 The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 are made under Section 87 of the Environment Act 1995. Under the regulations powers are given to Local Authorities to issue FPNs to drivers who allow their vehicle engines to run unnecessarily while the vehicle is parked. The Regulations cover all vehicles including cars, taxis, buses and all commercial vehicles.
- 3.7 Guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Transport 2002 – "Guidance on powers to require drivers to switch off engines" advises that FPNs should be used as a deterrent and only issued as a last resort. It would be anticipated that FPNs will be issued in limited circumstances and only if a driver refused to switch off an engine when asked to do so by an authorised officer of the Council. The guidance also recommends that a 'common sense' approach is taken by officers when using the powers under the Regulations
- 3.8 There are exempted circumstances where vehicles are permitted under Regulation 98(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 and these apply to the 2002 Regulations:
- Where a vehicle is stationary owing to the necessities of traffic e.g. when vehicles are queuing at traffic lights;
 - Where an engine is being run so that a defect can be traced and rectified
 - Where machinery on a vehicle requires the engine to be running e.g. where the engine powers refrigeration equipment or the compaction equipment in a refuse vehicle;
 - Where a vehicle is propelled by gas produced by the functioning of plant carried on the vehicle.
- 3.9 The enforcement process under the 2002 Regulations allows for a £20 FPN to be served in relation to stationary idling offences. This increases to £40 if not paid within 28 days. There is no discretion to amend this charge.

- 3.10 Local Authorities can retain the income generated from the FPNs. However, the amount of income is expected to be minimal as FPNs would only be issued as a last resort.
- 3.11 There is no formal appeal route under the Regulations to support enforcement. The guidance recommends that an FPN can be queried through correspondence with the Council. The terms of the FPN remain in place even if a query is raised. Alternatively, a request in writing for a hearing can be made no later than the 28th day after the FPN was issued. A hearing is effectively a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. In this situation, the FPN is suspended once a hearing has been requested.