

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

**MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**REPORT PREPARED BY: Transport & Parking Services Manager**

1. **OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC ORDERS**

1.1 Issue for decision

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

- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Order (variation No 11) Order 2011.
- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Designated Parking Places Order (variation No 6) Order 2011.

1.2 Recommendation of the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services

1.2.1 That the Joint Transportation Board recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that each of the recommendations identified in the appendices to the report be agreed and the objectors informed of the outcome.

1.2.2 That the Board recommends to Kent County Council as the Highway Authority that the orders be implemented as outlined in Appendix A and B.

1.3 Reasons for recommendation

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

1.3.2 A Public Notice formally advertising the orders was published in the local press during the week ending Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

1.3.3 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 deposit at KCC's Main Reception, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, and at the Gateway reception desk, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.

The details were also available on-line at [www.kentonline.co.uk](http://www.kentonline.co.uk) and at [www.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk).

1.3.4 Letters were sent to statutory and non statutory consultees and residents. Street notices were also posted in the affected roads.

1.3.5 Appendix A provides the proposed orders not receiving objections and the relevant recommendations.

1.3.6 Appendix B provides the proposed orders receiving objections, together with a summary of the objections and the relevant recommendations.

1.3.7 Appendix C provides a graphical representation outlining the detail of each of the proposed orders.

#### 1.4 Alternative actions and why not recommended

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

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

#### 1.5 Impact on corporate objectives

1.5.1 The proposals are intended to resolve parking problems and improve traffic flow by reducing localised congestion; this is in accordance with the Council's priority to improve access across the Borough through better roads.

#### 1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 Consideration must be given to objections and formal letters of support with regard 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.

1.7 Impact on Corporate Implications

1. Financial	X
2. Staffing	
3. Legal	X
4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment	
5. Environmental/Sustainable Development	
6. Community Safety	
7. Human Rights Act	
8. Procurement	
9. Asset Management	

1.7.1 Financial  
The costs of the order variation and implementation will be met from within the existing Parking Services budget.

1.7.2 Legal  
Formal orders will need to be made and signed by Kent County Council as the Highway Authority.

1.8 Background Documents  
None

**IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?**

Yes

No

If yes, when did it first appear in the Forward Plan?

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This is a Key Decision because: .....

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Wards/Parishes affected: .....

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**Proposed orders receiving no objection.**

**MAIDSTONE; Grecian Street;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Vinters Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Wheatsheaf Close;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Wyatt Street;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Marsham Street;** DYL, North Side, From its western junction with Wyatt Street for a distance of 13.5 metres in a westerly direction, From its eastern junction with Wyatt Street for a distance of 14 metres in an easterly direction.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Marsham Street;** DYL, From its western junction with Astley Street for a distance of 8 metres in a westerly direction, From its eastern junction with Astley Street for a distance of 6.5 metres in an easterly direction, From a point 12.5 metres from its eastern junction with Astley Street for a distance of 14 metres in an easterly direction.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to amend the proposal and amend the order to;  
SYL Mon- Sat 8am – 6.30pm From its western junction with Astley Street for a distance of 8 metres in a westerly direction, From its eastern junction with

Astley Street for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction, DYL, From a point 10 metres from its eastern junction with Astley Street for a distance of 17 metres in an easterly direction.

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**BEARSTED; Yeoman Lane;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**LENHAM; Maidstone Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**LENHAM; Faversham Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**LENHAM; Old Ashford Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**LENHAM; High Street;** DYL, South-east side, From its southern junction with Old Ashford Road for a distance of 24 metres in a south-westerly direction, North-west side, From its southern junction with Maidstone Road for a distance of 102 metres in a south-westerly direction.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**Designated free parking places**

**HEADCORN; North Street;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**Designated disabled persons parking places**

**MAIDSTONE; Passmore Way;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Tonbridge Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; King Edward Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**HEADCORN; High Street;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**LENHAM; Faversham Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**LENHAM; The Square;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**Residents' parking**

**MAIDSTONE; Wyatt Street;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**MAIDSTONE; Faversham Road;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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**Designated motor cycle parking places**

**LENHAM The Square;**

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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## Appendix B

### **Proposed orders receiving objections.**

DYL – means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines.  
SYL – means no waiting at the times prescribed.

#### **MAIDSTONE; Clifford Way;** DYL, Both sides, The Whole Length.

2 objections were received on the grounds that although some restrictions were needed to prevent commuters parking some of the residents do not have or have insufficient parking availability for themselves or visitors and therefore have to park on the road as there is nowhere else to park and the restrictions will cause them problems. We also received 1 letter of support for the proposal. It is considered that the restrictions are necessary to ensure the free flow of traffic.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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#### **MAIDSTONE; St Andrews Road;**

2 objections were received however they have since been withdrawn.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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#### **MAIDSTONE; Upper Fant Lane;**

1 objection was received on the grounds the imposition of restrictions along the frontage of 310-326 would greatly inconvenience the residents who would have to park and cross the road and that the removal of the restrictions will increase the speed of vehicles, the current parking situation also serves as traffic calming.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal.

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#### **BOXLEY; Lock Lane;** DYL, Both sides, The Whole Length.

Two letters received during the formal consultation indicated that although they understand the possible need to restrict parking they do not feel it necessary to restrict the whole length. Contact was made by the respondents to the Parking Services Manager after the formal consultation period to

confirm objections to the proposal. Parking Services are working with Kent County Council to ascertain the highway status of the whole road as there remains a question that the section of Lock Lane NE to SW may be un-adopted.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal and make the Order only within the sections of Lock Lane where it is confirmed as adopted highway.

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**LENHAM; High Street; DYL**, From the property boundary of 21/23 for a distance of 16.5 metres in a south-westerly direction.

1 objection was received on the grounds that the proposal to create a 24hr restriction a short distance from the objector's premises would have a detrimental influence on their business as on two nights per week the business is open until 9.00pm to accommodate customers who have to work during the day.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to amend the proposal to reflect the views expressed and amend the order to; A SYL Mon-Sat 8.30am – 6.30pm from the property boundary of 21/23 for a distance of 16.5 metres in a south-westerly direction.

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**LENHAM; High Street; SYL Mon-Sat 8.30am – 6.30pm**, from the property boundary of 15/17 for a distance of 5.5 metres in a south-westerly direction.

1 Objection was received requesting as to why it was intended to re-instate this section of restriction. This area is the access to the rear of the properties and it is therefore important that the section of highway is kept clear.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal.

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**LENHAM; High Street; DYL**, DYL South side, from the property boundary of 41/39 for a distance of 45 metres in a easterly then north-easterly direction.

2 Objections were received however subsequently withdrawn after clarification on the extent of the proposal.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal.

## **Residents parking**

### **MAIDSTONE; Marsham Street;**

2 objections were received on the grounds that the placing of a residents parking bay will impede the safe access/egress from the Community Support Centre car park. 3 other letters were also received who expressed concerns about the proposal.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member not to proceed with the Order.

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### **LENHAM; High Street;**

1 objection was received to the reduction in the waiting times in the Residents Parking Bays from 2 hours to 1 hour and to include Saturdays, on the grounds that the current 2 hour permitted daytime parking allows customers to park and complete their visit as well as shopping elsewhere in the village, and that the reduction in waiting times will have a direct influence on customer levels.

Although the concerns of the objector are understood, Parking Services have been working closely with the Parish Council in an effort to alleviate the present parking situation. It is considered that this proposal is necessary to assist with the parking difficulties within the village as a whole and will improve the general environment by reducing inconsiderate parking. The changes will also improve parking availability for residents and visitors who wish to use the amenities afforded to them within the village. Business permits can be obtained and parking in the Square will remain at 2 hours and there is also the Parish Car Park which would allow customers to park beyond the 2 hour limit.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member to proceed with the proposal.

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## **Designated free parking places**

### **BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA; Church Street;**

4 objections were received one with 4 signatures on the grounds that the placing of time limited bays would exasperate the already difficult parking situation in the area and would also add to congestion.

**Recommendation:** To recommend to the Cabinet Member not to proceed with the proposal.