

Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

Final Decision-Maker	Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.
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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

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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	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.