

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2014

REPORT OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC REALM

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1. OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION 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) (Prohibition of Stopping on the Footway or Verge) (Variation No2) Order 2013
- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Order (Variation No 15) Order 2013.

1.2 Recommendation of the Head of Environment and Public Realm

1.2.1 That the Joint Transportation Board recommends to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Development 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 Joint Transportation Board recommends to Kent County Council as the Highway Authority that the orders be implemented as outlined in Appendix A,B, and C.

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 problems 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 for the Prohibition of Stopping on the footway or Verge (Variation No2) was published in the Local Press during the week ending Friday 11th October 2013.
- 1.3.3 A Public Notice formally advertising the orders for Waiting Restrictions (Variation No 15) was published in the Local Press during the week ending Friday 15th November 2013.
- 1.3.4 Full details were contained in the draft orders which, together with a copy of the Public Notices, site plans and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the orders were placed on deposit at the Main Reception, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, and at the Gateway Reception, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.
- 1.3.5 The details were also available on-line at www.kentonline.co.uk, and www.maidstone.gov.uk.
- 1.3.6 Letters were sent to statutory and non statutory consultees, street notices were also posted in the affected roads.
- 1.3.7 Appendix A provides the proposed orders not receiving objections to the Prohibition of Stopping on the footway or Verge order (Variation No2) and the relevant recommendations.
- 1.3.8 Appendix B provides the proposed orders receiving objection, to the Prohibition of Stopping on the footway or Verge order (Variation No2) with a summary of the objections and the relevant recommendations.
- 1.3.9 Appendix C provides the proposed orders receiving objections to Waiting Restrictions (Variation No 15) with a summary of the objections and the relevant recommendations.
- 1.3.10 Appendix D provides maps of the proposed and amended orders.
- 1.3.11 Appendix E provides a summary table detailing information relating to the consultation comments received for each proposal.
- 1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended
 - 1.4.1 To not proceed with the recommendations would result in some much needed traffic regulation orders not being implemented, which are intended to regulate parking and 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 priorities to improve access across the Borough through better roads and to provide a clean and attractive environment for people who live in and visit the borough.

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, managing parking demand and the environmental impact.

1.7 Other Implications

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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	

1.7.2 Financial

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

1.7.3 Legal

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

1.8 Appendices

Appendix A

Proposed orders receiving no objection to the Prohibition of Stopping on the Footway or Verge, Variation No2, Order 2013.

Appendix B

Proposed orders receiving objections to the Prohibition of Stopping on the Footway or Verge, Variation No2, Order 2013.

Appendix C

Proposed orders receiving objections to the Waiting Restrictions Order Variation No 15, Order 2013.

Appendix D

Maps relating to each traffic regulation order proposal.

Appendix E

Consultation summary table.

1.8.1 Background Documents

None

<u>IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?</u>		<u>THIS BOX MUST BE COMPLETED</u>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, this is a Key Decision because:			
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Wards/Parishes affected:			
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