

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

21 OCTOBER 2009

Report Prepared By: Parking Services Manager

1. **OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC ORDERS**

1.1 Issue for decision

- 1.1.1 To consider the formal objections received as part of the consultation following the advertising of;
- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Order (variation No 3) Order 2009.
 - The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Designated Parking Places Order (variation No 4) Order 2009.

1.2 Recommendation of the Assistant Director of Environmental Services

1.2.1 That the Joint Transportation Board recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment 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 Highway Services that the orders be implemented as outlined in Appendix 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. Proposed orders were advertised and all comments received during the formal consultation were reviewed and considered.

1.3.2 Appendix A provides a schedule of the orders advertised.

- 1.3.3 A Public Notice formally advertising the orders was published in Local Press during the week ending Friday July 24th 2009.
- 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 Highway Information Centre, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, and at the Gateway reception desk, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.
- 1.3.5 Letters were sent to statutory, on statutory consultees, residents and street notices were posted in the affected roads.
- 1.3.6 Appendix B provides a schedule of roads not receiving objections.
- 1.3.7 Appendix C provides a schedule of the orders receiving objection, together with a summary of the objections and the relevant recommendations.
- 1.4 Alternative actions and why not recommended
- 1.4.1 To not proceed with the recommendations would result in some much needed orders not being implemented, which are intended to regulate parking to reduce current 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

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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 | |

1.7.1 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

Appendix A

Schedule of orders advertised.

- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Waiting Restrictions Order (variation No 3) Order 2009.
- The Kent County Council (Borough of Maidstone) Designated Parking Places Order (variation No 4) Order 2009.

DYL – means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines.

SYL – means no waiting at the times prescribed.

Hampton Road

DYL for a distance of 15 meters' at junctions, SYL Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 6.30pm from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Basmere Close to a point 15 metres from its junction with Aldon Close, SYL Mon-Fri 10.30-11.00am on the remainder.

Aldon Close; Bedgebury Close; Bonnington Road; Cooling Close; Emsworth Grove; Farningham Close; Weyhill Close

DYL both sides for a distance of 15 metres from the junctions of Hampton Road.

Basmere Close

DYL both sides for a distance of 15 metres from the junction of Hampton Road, SYL Monday to Friday 10.30-11.00am from a point 15 metres from the junction of Hampton Road for the remainder of its length.

Calehill Close

DYL both sides for a distance of 15 metres from the junction of Hampton Road, SYL Monday to Friday 10.30-11.00am from a point 15 metres from the junction of Hampton Road for the remainder of its length.

Crayford Close

DYL both sides for a distance of 15 metres from the junction of Hampton Road, SYL Monday to Friday 10.30-11.00am from a point 15 metres from the junction of Hampton Road for the remainder of its length.

Norman Close

Change of operational days from Monday to Saturday to Monday to Friday.

Bell Meadow

DYL from the junction of Wallis Avenue on both sides for a distance of 65 metres.

Roseholme

DYL on the south then east then north sides from the boundary of 37/39 for a distance of 73 metres, then a SYL 8.am to 6.30pm Monday – Saturday restriction on the north side for the remainder of it's length.

St Laurence Avenue

DYL both sides from its junction with A20 (Coldharbour Roundabout) to its junction with Liphook Way

Gibraltar Lane

DYL on the North side from it's junction with Chatham Road to its junction with Castle Dene, and from it's western junction with Castle Dene for a distance of 15 metres in a westerly direction

Castle Dene

DYL on both sides for a distance of 15 metres from its junction with Gibraltar Lane.

Leafy Lane

DYL on the north side from the access to the industrial estate for a distance of 25 metres, in a north-easterly direction

Tonbridge Road

North-west, extend the current DYL on the northwest side for a distance of 39 metres in a northeasterly direction

Florence Road

To amend the current single yellow line Mon-Sat 8am – 6.30pm to a DYL from the junction of Bower St for a distance of 19 metres in an easterly direction.

Bircholt Road

DYL west side from a point 10 metres south of its junction with Coldred Road for a distance of 40 metres in a southerly direction

Chillington Street

To amend the current SYL Monday to Saturday 8am-6.30pm restriction to 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday.

Northdown Close

Introduce SYL Monday-Friday 13.00-13.30 restrictions from current DYL both sides for the remainder of its length

Buckland Road

North-east side SYL Monday-Saturday 8am-6.30pm.between the resident parking bays at the proposed location to the bay amendments.

Peel Street

North-west side, amend the current SYL to a DYL from the junction of Arundal Street to the junction of Caning Street and South-east side from its junction with John Street for a distance of 68 metres in a northerly direction.

Lombardy Drive

Both sides SYL 11.00-11.30am Monday-Friday restrictions in its entire length

Bargrove Road

To place DYL at the junction of Hampton Road and to introduce a 10.30-11.00am Mon-Fri restrictions for the remainder of its length

Queens Road

Introduce DYL south side from the junction of Speldhurst Court for a distance of 155 metres in a westerly direction and introduce a SYL 9.00am-3.30pm restriction on its north side from its western junction with Shaftesbury Drive to its eastern junction with Shaftesbury Drive.

Shaftesbury Drive

To introduce both sides a SYL 9.00am-3.30pm Mon-Fri restriction from a point 15 metres from its western junction with Queens Road to its eastern junction with Queens Road.

Langham Grove

Both sides to introduce SYL 9.00am-3.30pm Mon-Fri restriction for its entire length.

Kingsgate Close

Both sides to introduce SYL 9.00am-3.30pm Mon-Fri restriction for its entire length.

Wheeler Street

DYL North-west side from the junction of Well Road to the junction of Grecian Street and south-east side from the junction of Holland Road for a distance of 140 metres in a north-easterly direction

Queen Elizabeth Square

Both sides to introduce a 9.00am-5.00pm Mon-Fri restriction SYL from its west/north-west junction with Queen Elizabeth Square DYL on turning heads.

Faraday Road

Both sides from its junction Penenden Heath Road in a southerly direction, extend the current 15 metres DYL to 30 metres.

Thurnham: Thurnham Lane

Both sides, to introduce SYL restriction from 12.30 – 1.00pm Monday to Friday from the existing double yellow lines to the motorway bridge.

Stockbury : A249 Bimbury Lane

DYL both sides from of the access road to Bimbury Lane for a distance of 25 metres in a northerly direction, and around the central island.

Coxheath : Stockett Lane

DYL East side from its junction with Westway for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction, West side from a point 100 metres north of its junction with Hanover Road for a distance of 20 metres in a northerly direction.

Westway

Both sides, DYL from its junction with Stockett Lane for a distance of 15 metres in a easterly direction.

Marden: Pattenden Lane

DYL west side from its junction with Sovereigns Way for a distance of 110 metres in a northerly direction.

Bearsted: Ashford Road;

DYL south side from it's junction with Cavendish Way for a distance of 12 metres, and outside of Tesco Express/Esso Garage

Residents Parking -

Hampton Road;

Introduce residents parking bays Monday –Friday 10.30-11.00am on its (North-east side from appoint 15 metres from its junction with Sittingbourne Road for a distance of 58 metres), (East side from a point 15 metres from its junction with Bonnington Road for a distance of 67 metres), (South side from a point 15 metres from its junction with Guston Road for a distance of 56 metres), (West side from a point 49.5 metres from its junction with Aldon Close for a distance of 22.5 metres), (North-west side from a point 30 metres from its junction with Farningham Close for a distance of 50 metres)

Upper Stone Street

Introduce new Residents Parking Bays Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 6.30 pm on its west side from a point 42 metres from its Northern junction with Old Tovil Road for a distance of 15 metres.

Buckland Road

To reduce the residents parking bay outside 96/98 to accommodate one vehicle, to introduce a new residents bay outside of 88/90, Monday to Saturday 6.00am to 6.30pm.

Designated free parking places

Bearsted: Ashford Road

To introduce a 1 hour maximum waiting time with No return within 2 hours Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 6.30pm, outside of Yeoman Court on the north side.

On the South side from the existing syl outside of the boundary of 144/146 for a distance of 9 metres in a westerly direction, from a point 14 metres from the boundary of 144/146 for a distance of 7 metres in a westerly direction, from the boundary of 140b for a distance of 9 metres in a westerly direction, and from a point 19 metres from the boundary of 140b for a distance of 11metres in a westerly direction.

On the south side 12 metres from the junction of Cavendish Way for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction and from a point 28 metres from its junction with Cavendish Way for a distance of 22 metres in a westerly direction.

Designated disabled parking places

Pope Street, outside of number 4
Hastings Road, outside of number 23
Bonnington Road, at the rear of 14
St Anne Court, outside of number 38
Florence Road, outside of number 52
Allen Street outside of number 53
Western Road outside of 10
Charles Street outside of 12
Hardy Street outside of 4
Perryfield Street outside 16/18

Staplehurst

High St outside of United Reform Church

Appendix B

Schedule of orders receiving no objection.

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Recommendation: To Proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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Recommendation: To Proceed with the proposal and make the Order.

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Recommendation: To not proceed with the proposal.

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Appendix C

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2 objections were received to the proposal, one on the grounds that the 24 hour restrictions on the junctions although supported do not cover the area opposite the junctions, and that the placing of the restrictions will disperse vehicles into other streets where some commuter parking already occurs, This could further increase parking which will impede access/egress, and as no parking difficulties have been experienced at lower section of Hampton Road, residents and visitors would be inconvenienced by the restriction being imposed.

15 comments and suggestions were received mainly that the placing of restrictions would inconvenience the residents themselves and disperse vehicles into side streets, with some suggesting residents only parking. We also received 6 letters of support.

A proposal was put forward in October 2006 however at the consultation stage a number of issues were raised, several residents wanted some form of residents parking. Therefore it was decided to carry out further surveying and monitoring. Although it is appreciated that there will inevitably be some inconvenience to the residents with some vehicle dispersion, the current proposals will control some of the dispersion affect and also allow residents to park.

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

Roseholme

DYL on the south then east then north sides from the boundary of 37/39 for a distance of 73 metres, then a SYL 8.am to 6.30pm Monday – Saturday restriction on the north side for the remainder of it's length:

7 objections were received on the grounds that the placing of the restrictions would exasperate the current lack of parking within Roseholme which is a highly populated cul-de-sac, The need for Parking restrictions on the bend were supported.

20 letters were also received commenting on the proposals which ranged from no substantial parking difficulties exist and that most vehicles that park in the street are either residents or visitors to the properties, and that if any restrictions need to be put in place they should include residents parking. the consensus was that the restrictions would impede the residents, 4 letters of support where also received.

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

Peel Street

North-west side, amend the current SYL to a DYL from the junction of Arundal Street to the junction of Caning Street and South-east side from its junction with John Street for a distance of 68 metres in a northerly direction:

5 objections were received on the grounds the current provision of residents bays is already insufficient to meet the needs of residents therefore those parking on the current restrictions during evenings and weekends are almost invariably the residents themselves. By taking away the provision would severely impede the residents already limited parking situation, The Local and Kent County Councilors have also raised concerns against the proposal.

5 letters were received with comments on the proposal which expressed that the residents park on the current restrictions out of necessity due to lack of residents bays. If parking on the pavement is causing difficulties this should be dealt with by the Police, As the parking generally occurs outside of normal working hours. The opposite pavement is not obstructed and is considered an available alternative.

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

Lombardy Drive

Both sides SYL 11.00-11.30am Monday-Friday restrictions for its entire length

5 objections were received on the grounds the parking restrictions would have an adverse effect on the residents as many households have do not have sufficient off street parking facilities. These vehicles as well as family and friends would have nowhere else to park, Objections questioned the need for parking restrictions as they have never seen parking difficulties. Objectors also considered the proposals could also have a negative influence on the value and desirability of properties.

4 letters where received which commented, on the need for the restrictions, and that the parking of vehicles on the road resulted in a traffic calming. We did also receive 10 letters of support to the proposal.

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

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Bargrove Road

To place DYL at the junction of Hampton Road and to introduce a 10.30-11.00am Mon-Fri restrictions for the remainder of its length:

3 objections were received on the grounds the parking restrictions would have an adverse effect on the residents as many households do not have sufficient off street parking facilities objectors were concerned that the residents from Bargrove Road would have no alternative to park in adjoining streets and thus reducing available space within these streets. It was also considered that although parking at the junction from Bargrove Road to the Woodlands is problematic it is felt that it is unnecessary for the rest of the road.

4 letters where received which commented that restrictions would inconvenience the residents, and that the parking of vehicles on the road resulted in a traffic calming. We also received 4 letters of support for the proposal.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Cabinet Member to not to proceed with the proposal, and carry out further consultation and monitoring.

Queens Road

Introduce DYL south side from the junction of Speldhurst Court for a distance of 155 metres in a westerly direction and introduce a SYL 9.00am-3.30pm restriction on its north side from its western junction with Shaftesbury Drive to its eastern junction with Shaftesbury Drive

1 objection was received on the grounds that restricting parking in the vicinity would mean that people visiting will have no place to park, this has subsequently been withdrawn. We also received 2 letters of support.

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

Shaftesbury Drive

To introduce both sides a SYL 9.00am-3.30pm Mon-Fri restriction from a point 15 metres from its western junction with Queens Road to its eastern junction with Queens Road:

8 objections were received on the grounds that, the proposed restriction would inflict difficulties for local residents, and that the parking is of a transient nature.

17 comments were also made on the proposal which included views that the Oakwood campus should find a solution to their parking problems by supplying sufficient parking on site. It was considered that vehicles would disperse into surrounding streets thus creating problems within that particular area. Parking in the vicinity would mean that people visiting will have no where to park. And could also have a negative influence on the value and of the properties, we received 4 letters of support.

It is considered that that restrictions would help reduce the current parking difficulties in the area, however the proposals were not met with sufficient support. As a result alternative solutions into the parking difficulties will be considered.

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

Langham Grove

Both sides to introduce SYL 9.00am-3.30pm Mon-Fri restriction for its entire length

2 objections were received on the grounds that restricting parking in the vicinity would mean that people visiting will have no where to park. It was considered that parking was transient in nature. We received 2 letters commenting on restriction times. Although only two objections were received the above proposal was part of a wider scheme to improve the parking in the area, therefore as a number of objections to the scheme overall were received it is being recommended that the proposal is not approved.

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

Wheeler Street

DYL North-west side from the junction of Well Road to the junction of Grecian Street and south-east side from the junction of Holland Road for a distance of 140 metres in a north-easterly direction:

2 objections were received one with a petition of 77 signatories, with concerns raised on the grounds that although there is some acceptance that restrictions could be needed for safety reasons, the remainder of the space is essential for many residents who cannot find a space in a residents parking bays. Both have subsequently been withdrawn after the amended proposal was presented to them.

5 letters were also received one with a petition with 9 signatories commenting on the lack of available parking for residents and a request to provide additional bays, comments were raised in relation to enforcement.

Two objections were received together with two petitions of 86 signatories. 5 letters commenting on the proposal, highlighting restrictions for safety reasons is accepted therefore taking these comments into account it is recommended to amend the proposal.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Cabinet Member to amend the proposal to reflect the views expressed and; place 24 hours restrictions on the northwest side from the junction of Well Road to the junction of James Street, at the junctions of James Street, Bluett Street and access to Walsingham House.

Southeast side from the junction of Holland Road for a distance of 112 metres in a northeasterly direction

Northdown Close

Introduce SYL Monday-Friday 13.00-13.30 restrictions from current DYL both sides for the remainder of its length:

8 objections were received on the grounds the parking restrictions would have an adverse effect on the residents as many households do not have sufficient off street parking facilities and these vehicles as well as family and friends would be inconvenienced, some objectors questioned the need for parking restrictions as the existing situation is a rarely a problem.

7 letters of support were also received and 7 letters commenting on the proposals.

We have previously put forward a proposal to place restrictions which was not approved after public consultation. However we received a subsequent request to place restrictions after which we wrote to the residents asking for their views, and during the informal consultation stage we received 8 letters of support and only 1 objection.

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

Queen Elizabeth Square

Both sides to introduce a 9.00am-5.00pm Mon-Fri restriction SYL from its west/north-west junction with Queen Elizabeth Square DYL on turning heads:

2 objections were received, on the grounds that the current proposals do not meet the requirement of the residents who want residents parking. It was considered that the proposals would have a adverse impact on the residents parking and disperse vehicles into adjoining streets which are currently unregulated.

It is appreciated that there will inevitably be some inconvenience to the residents with some dispersion into other streets within the vicinity, an overall view of the parking situation within the whole area should be sought.

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

Faraday Road;

Both sides from its junction with Penenden Heath Road in a southerly direction, extend the current 15 metres DYL to 30 metres.

1 objection was received, on the grounds that there is no requirement for the lines to be extended and that the restrictions would disperse vehicles further into the road which could result in further difficulties. We also received 1 letter of support.

1 letter of objection was received and also 1 letter of support the proposal is also supported by Kent County Council due to safety concerns.

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

Thurnham: Thurnham Lane

Both sides, to introduce SYL restriction from 12.30 – 1.00pm Monday to Friday from the existing double yellow lines to the motorway bridge.

1 objection was received, on the grounds that the restriction is extreme and that as the government is attempting to get the public to use public transport the road offers the opportunity of free parking for rail users. It was considered that most of the vehicles park in a considerate manner, 5 letters were received supporting the proposal and 1 letter commenting on the restriction times.

A proposal was put forward in October 2006, however at the consultation stage a number of issues were raised, this identified that residents wanted to extend the restrictions to cover the whole road and reduce the restriction times allow for flexibility of parking.

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

Residents parking -

Hampton Road;

Introduce residents parking bays Monday – Friday 10.30-11.00am on its (North-east side from a point 15 metres from its junction with Sittingbourne Road for a distance of 58 metres), (East side from a point 15 metres from its junction with Bonnington Road for a distance of 67 metres), (South side from a point 15 metres from its junction with Guston Road for a distance of 56 metres), (West side from a point 49.5 metres from its junction with Aldon Close for a distance of 22.5 metres), (North-west side from a point 30 metres from its junction with Farningham Close for a distance of 50 metres):

2 objections were received to the proposal, on the grounds that the restrictions will disperse vehicles into other streets where some commuter parking occurs and could further increase parking difficulties which will impede access/egress. Some considered that no parking difficulties have been experienced at lower section of Hampton Road and visitors should not be inconvenienced by the restriction being imposed.

15 comments and suggestions were received identifying that the placing of restrictions would inconvenience the residents themselves and disperse vehicles into side streets, some suggested a residents only scheme. We also received 6 letters of support. A proposal was put forward in 2006, however at the consultation stage a number of issues were raised, this identified that residents wanted some form of residents parking, and as a result it was decided to carry out further surveying and monitoring. It is appreciated that there will inevitably be some inconvenience to the residents and vehicle dispersion, the current proposals we believe will mitigate some of the dispersion affect and allow residents to park.

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

Designated disabled parking places

St Anne Court, outside of number 38

1 letter of objection and 1 letter received which raised objections and concerns to an additional Disabled bay. The proposal is not to increase the current amount of disabled bays but to formulate the existing bay which was placed as an interim bay whilst the order was processed.

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

Florence Road, outside of number 52;

2 objections were received to the proposal, on the grounds that the bay is not being utilised as the recipient has passed away, and that another bay is located within the vicinity.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Cabinet Member not to proceed with the proposal and carry out further consultation to verify its use.

Hardy Street outside of 4

1 objection and 1 letter commenting on the proposal was received, the objector had originally objected at the informal consultation stage on the same grounds of, the bay is not being fully utilized and only used occasionally and that parking facilities already exist at the rear of the premises.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Cabinet Member to not proceed with the proposal and review its use.

Perryfield Street outside 16/18

1 letter was received which raised objections to an additional Disabled bay, which would impede their ability to park outside of their property. The proposal is not to increase the current amount of disabled bays but to formulate the existing bay which was placed as an interim bay whilst the order was processed.

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