
By: Kent Parking Manager

To: Policy Overview Committee 15 September 2009

Subject: The Management of Yellow Line Waiting Restrictions

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report is to inform the Policy and Overview Committee of the provision of yellow line waiting restrictions following requests from the Emergency Services and Public Transport Operators.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Within Kent, the 12 District/Borough and City Councils are responsible for the practical application of parking policy within Agency Agreements negotiated between the County Council and the 12 District/Borough authorities. Currently, the 12 District/Borough Councils carry out the functions for on-street parking on behalf of the County Council under 12 individual Agency Agreements.

These functions do not include for the introduction and management of yellow line waiting restrictions, however historically this is a function that has been carried out by the District Authorities.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 Due to the lack of resources within the District Councils, the introduction of safety related yellow line waiting restrictions is no longer a function which the local authorities are able to carry out. Therefore it now falls to Kent Highway Services to investigate and introduce these yellow line waiting restrictions.
- 2.2 When a representation for safety related waiting restrictions is received from the Emergency Services it is necessary to introduce measures to allow emergency access as a priority measure. Full consultation is therefore carried out with both the Emergency Services and the Public Transport operators and an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is proposed.
- 2.3 An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is introduced for a period of 18 months during which time the scheme can be assessed and consulted upon to determine its success. At the end of the 18 month period, having taken into account all comments and suggestions received and full monitoring haven taken place, a report will be placed before Members for a decision on whether the Traffic Regulation Order can be altered as is considered necessary, made as stands or abandoned as unsuccessful.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation Orders have been referred to the 12 district authorities and other partners, including public transport operators, emergency services, parish and town councils, local and County Members and any affected residents for a minimum period of 6 weeks prior to any Order being introduced in order that all their comments and professional advice can be taken into account.

4. Conclusions

Members are asked to note the introduction of the following Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders and await a future report to inform Members of the outcome of these Experimental Orders.

Linksfield Road/Dunstan Avenue Westgate-on-Sea, Thanet and the Surrounding Area

Minster-in-Thamet, Kent

Stone Street, Westenhanger, Kent

Shipmans Way, Dover, Kent

Kingsdown Village, Deal, Kent

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