
High Street, Sevenoaks layby outside The Chequers PH – Market trader parking

To: **Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board - 7 March 2018**

Main Portfolio Area: **KCC – Growth Environment and Transport**

By: **Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste**

Classification: **For Information**

Ward: **Sevenoaks Town and St John's Division: Sevenoaks Town**

Summary: **The report summarises the outcome of an investigation by Officers into the feasibility of removing/suspending the double yellow lines in the layby outside the Chequers PH in High Street in order to allow additional parking for market stall holders.**

1.0 Introduction

At its meeting on 5 December 2017, the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board discussed concerns raised about the use of the layby outside the Chequers public house in High Street, Sevenoaks by market stall holders at the Saturday market.

The Board resolved that Officers be asked to investigate the feasibility of removing or amending the yellow line waiting restrictions controlling the entry and exit tapers to parking bays in the layby, allowing the market stall holders to park in the tapers, and that an intermediate solution to the parking requirements of market stall holders be found in the meantime.

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on Officer findings.

2.0 Background

Double yellow line parking restrictions in the entry and exit tapers of the layby outside the Chequers public house have been in place for a number of years, to provide for the safe and efficient movement of traffic.

Without the restrictions, vehicles parking in the tapers would reduce the width of the main northbound carriageway of the High Street, causing danger and obstruction to both north and southbound traffic at this narrow stretch of busy road. The yellow lines at the southern taper of the layby keep the adjacent bus stop clear of parked vehicles, enabling buses to stop and pick up and drop off passengers, without having to stop on the zig-zag markings of the nearby pedestrian crossing.

3.0 Conclusion

Officers have considered the removal or reduction of these yellow lines, to allow market traders to park their vehicles in the tapers of the layby. However, it is the view of Officers that doing so would compromise KCC's statutory duty as highway authority under the Road Traffic Act 1988 to reduce and prevent accidents as well as its Network Management Duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

As an intermediate arrangement, up to two vehicles belonging to market stall holders have been permitted to park in the pay-and-display parking bay opposite the Chequers

public house for longer than the maximum stay on Saturdays. This arrangement will be kept under review while a longer-term solution is sought.

Future Meeting if applicable: N/A	Date: 02/02/2018
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