

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 14 MARCH 2012

WAITING RESTRICTION CONSULTATION RESPONSE - SHOREHAM

Report of the: Kent County Council Director of Highways and Transportation

Status: For Consideration

Executive Summary: This report describes the comments and objections to waiting restrictions recently advertised by public notice. Members are asked to consider and resolve how to proceed.

This report supports the Key Aim of Reducing speed, encouraging safer driving and tackling known speeding crash hotspots. Also improving pedestrian safety, including measures to improve access for people with disabilities as indicated in the Sevenoaks Community Plan.

Chairman Cllr James London

Head of Service KHS – Head of Transportation – Tim Read

Recommendations: Recommendations will be tabled at the meeting of the Board.

Background and Discussion

- 1 A public notice confirming no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) were proposed at the following locations was open for consultation between 12th February and 5th March 2011:
 - The junction of High Street with Mill Lane.
 - The junction of High Street and Crown Road.
 - The bends on Church Street (near The George Inn).
- 2 The original proposed restrictions for all locations are attached as Appendix A.
- 3 With regards to the above proposals Kent County Council's objective is to deter drivers from parking at locations that would:
 - Prevent a fire engine or a bus on a scheduled service from driving along a road.
 - Pose a serious road safety hazard (e.g. by severely restricting visibility at a road junction).
- 4 The extent of these problems in Shoreham means that resolving them has a high priority when it comes to introducing yellow-line waiting restrictions.

- 5 The proposed yellow lines would achieve these objectives at these locations but will in all probability displace most of those who currently park at hazardous locations to park elsewhere. The issue is whether the locations that these drivers will park in future will be any less hazardous and whether the lengths of yellow line should be extended to far beyond where people currently park to avert such a problem. This is why public consultation is so helpful when determining whether there is a preference for restrictions to be extended beyond where people currently park.
- 6 Appendix B (to be provided at the meeting of the JTB) to this report confirms the number of comments and objections received for each proposal and summarises the detail of these for each location.

Key Implications

Financial; Resource (non-financial); Legal etc.; Value For Money

- 7 Sevenoaks District Council will be required to enforce any new waiting restrictions. Kent County Council has allocated funding to introduce these restrictions.

Risk Assessment Statement

- 8 None.

Conclusion

- 9 Officer recommendations on how to proceed will be presented verbally at the meeting.

Appendices

- A Original proposed restrictions for all locations.
- B Summary of Comments Received about Proposed Waiting Restrictions (to be provided at the meeting).
- C Any recommended alterations to the original proposals (to be provided at the meeting).

Sources of Information: Background papers pertaining to this report are held on KHS file.

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