

ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES – TRO 2013 AMENDMENT 2 (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board – 10 March 2015

Report of Chief Officer, Environmental & Operational Services

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: The consideration of objections and responses to proposed parking restriction changes at a number of locations across the District.

This report supports the Key Aims of the Community Plan;

- Safer Communities (by improving road safety issues)
- Caring Communities (by providing or adjusting disabled parking facilities)
- Dynamic Economy (by providing more appropriate restrictions near local retail establishments)
- Sustainable Economy (by improving travel arrangements and reducing congestion)

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Recommendation to Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board:

That the Board consider objections for the proposed changes, and agree with the Officer recommendations as set out in the table to paragraph 7.

Reason for recommendation: The proposals are aimed at providing better management of the Public Highway, in line with the Highway Code and current legislation.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The District Council has received a number of requests for changes to parking restrictions at various locations across the District.
- 2 There are proposals in a number of Parishes and Towns across the District; Crockenhill, Edenbridge, Farningham, Sevenoaks, Swanley and Westerham

- 3 The changes in each Parish are not large enough to warrant a review of parking in a wider area, and so have waited until a package of similar measures could be compiled. We are now in a position to address these issues.

The proposed changes

- 4 The proposals at each location are shown in Appendix A

Consultation on the proposed changes

- 5 Details of the consultations carried out at each location, a summary of the responses and a recommendation for each location are shown in Appendix B, and the full text of each response is within Appendix C. (Due to the size of this appendix, it has not been printed with the agenda but is published online and a paper copy has been placed in the Members' Room)
- 6 The purpose of bringing these responses to the Board is for the Board to consider objections, and to;
- uphold the objections and abandon the proposals
 - Note objections and amend the proposals to address the concerns, and implement the amended proposals. (It should be noted that it is only possible to amend proposals by reduction only. Any extension to the proposed restrictions or change of type of restriction would form a new proposal and require re-advertisement.)
 - Set aside the objections and agree the implementation as proposed.

No decision is required from the Board at the locations where no objections were received, but these locations have been included for information.

- 7 The locations, issues and recommendations are summarised in the following table, which includes the locations where a decision is required..

	Plan ref	Issue	Recommendation	Decision Required	Board Decision
1.	Sevenoaks 5 Granville Road	Obstructive parking	Implement	No	
2.	Sevenoaks Dartford Road	Change to parking bay layout following development	Implement	No	
3.	Sevenoaks High Street Loading Bay	New evening taxi facility	Abandon proposals	No	
4.	Sevenoaks High Street Market Bay	Changes to accommodate the Sevenoaks Market	Implement	No	
5.	Sevenoaks St Botolphs	Obstructive parking	Implement	No	

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6.	Sevenoaks Mount Harry Road	Obstructive parking	Implement	No	
7.	Sevenoaks Avenue Road	New vehicle access through parking bays and the removal of a redundant disabled bay	Implement	No	
8.	Sevenoaks Vine Court Road	Obstructive parking	Implement	No	
9.	Sevenoaks Robyns Way	Obstructive parking	Implement	No	
10.	Sevenoaks Morewood Close	Changes associated with a new property development	Implement	No	
11.	Edenbridge Hilders Lane & Ashcombe Drive	Parking around the junction	Implement	No	
12.	Edenbridge Mill Hill (near Fairfield Close)	Changes associated with a new property development	Implement	No	
13.	Sevenoaks 68 Granville Road	New vehicle access through parking bays	Set aside objection and implement	Yes	
14.	Sevenoaks Victoria Road	New vehicle access through driveways	Set aside objection and implement	Yes	
15.	Sevenoaks Cramptons Road	Minor alterations to a disabled bay	Set aside objection and implement	Yes	
16.	Sevenoaks Moor Road	Changes to provide more parking and to accommodate the redevelopment of the former Ambulance station site	Set aside objection and implement	Yes	
17.	Swanley Sycamore Drive	Reduction in parking bays to improve vehicle movements	Seek views of KCC members	Yes	
18.	Edenbridge Hillcrest Road	Parking around the junction	Amend proposals, set aside objections and implement	Yes	
19.	Farningham High Street	Parking in bus stops	Set aside objection and implement	Yes	

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20.	Sevenoaks The Drive	New vehicle access through parking bays	Amend proposals, set aside objection and implement	Yes	
21.	Sevenoaks Barrack Corner area	Alterations to parking to provide more short-stay parking to support local businesses and measures to reduce obstruction	Amend proposals, set aside objections and implement	Yes	
22.	Swanley Oakleigh Close	Obstructive parking	Amend proposals, set aside objections and implement	Yes	
23.	Crockenhill Broadway	Adjustment to times of restrictions	Abandon proposals *	No *	
24.	Edenbridge Main Road & Brownings	Junction protection, visibility protection and disabled parking	Amend proposals, set aside objections and implement	Yes	
25.	Edenbridge Mill Hill, Ashbys Close, Victoria Road & Waterlakes	Parking around the junction	Set aside objection and implement	Yes	
26.	Farningham Teardrop Centre	Obstructive parking	Implement *	No *	
27.	Westerham Bartlett Road & Delagarde Road	Long stay parking causing problems for residents	Set aside objections and implement	Yes	
28.	Westerham The Green	Relocation of Police parking bay and alterations to parking bays	Set aside objections and implement	Yes	
29.	Westerham Black Eagle Close	Obstructive parking	Set aside objections and implement	Yes	
30.	Westerham The Paddock	New disabled parking bay	Implement	No	
31.	Westerham Farley Nursery	Obstructive parking	Set aside objections and implement	Yes	

8 The locations 23 (for Broadway) and 26 (Teardrop Centre) are marked with (*) to indicate that the local member or Parish Council have added additional information, outside the terms of the consultation.

With regard to the proposal for Broadway, Crockenhill

- 9 The only responses received during the consultation were objections, but the grounds for these were quite “light”. Cllr Lindsay and the Parish Council commented that they would still support the proposals, and that the local owners of the Post Office had also commented in support of the changes, and that the proposals should not be abandoned.

With regard to the Teardrop Centre, Farningham

- 10 The Parish Council commented against the proposal, but only did so outside the consultation period. They commented that the proposals were unnecessary due to closure of one of the commercial premises at the Teardrop Centre. However, the requirements for access for the Highway depot along the Teardrop Centre access road remain and it is still recommended that the proposed restrictions are introduced.
- 11 As an objection to an “at any time” loading ban, objections received during the consultation period would trigger a public enquiry in to the proposal, but as the Parish’s response was outside the consultation dates this is not necessary. It is suggested that the County Members and the Officers from KCC indicate whether this proposals should be implemented as drawn to protect access or be abandoned.

Implementation

- 12 The proposals that have been reported for information, and those where the Board have agreed to be taken forward will now be prepared for implementation.
- 13 Due to changes within the Parking Services team, it is likely that there may be some delay in the introduction of the changes, but it is hoped that these would appear on-street during the Summer 2015.

Key Implications

Financial

The costs of implementing the changes varies with the decision of the Board as to which proposals to implement, but if all proposals are taken forward to implementation, the expected implication is for;

- approximately 7 days of road marking work, at £750 per day
- and approximately £3200 in changes to on-street signs and posts (some of which would be the removal of redundant street furniture).

The costs of implementation would be met from the District’s on-street parking account.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

The District Council has to be aware of the conflict between differing legislation and the decisions of other Authorities, particularly related to planning issues and access to the public highway.

In locations where the Highway Authority has granted permission for a vehicle crossover, they also establish a right of access to the highway, and this needs to be remembered when altering parking restrictions to reflect that new access. Any objections may be for valid reasons, but these have to be considered as secondary to the right of access.

There are no additional risks identified that are outside those already covered within the standard Risk Assessment for carrying out parking enforcement on the Public Highway.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Key Implications

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Some of the proposals deal with the introduction or amendment of on-street disabled parking facilities, in line with the County Council's policy and criteria for the provision of disabled parking bays.

Appendices

Appendix A – Plans of proposals
Appendix B – Location Summaries
Appendix C – Consultation responses (available in a hardcopy in the Members' Room and electronically on the Council's website)

Background Papers:

The Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions 2002 (as amended)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2002/3113>

The Highways Act 1980 (as amended)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1980/66>

The Road Traffic Act 1988 (as amended)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/52>

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27>

The Traffic Management Act 2004 (as amended)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/18>

The Highway Code

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code>

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