
Kippington Area Waiting Restrictions

To: **Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board, 6 December 2016**

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

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

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Sevenoaks Kippington** Division: **Sevenoaks Central**

Summary: The report summarises the responses to the waiting restrictions advertised in the Kippington area.

For Recommendation

1.0.1 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 All day parking on roads in the Kippington area has been causing issues of restricting access, obstruction and visibility. At a site meeting involving Kent County Council and Sevenoaks DC officers along with Town Councillor Richard Parry, a number of different areas were identified where double yellow lines would be beneficial to prevent parking at all times. These were mainly at junctions and on bends where parking causes the most significant safety concerns. In other areas where the parking issues were less severe and some on-street parking would be acceptable, single yellow lines were proposed. These would generally restrict parking in the morning on one side of the road and in the afternoon on the other side. This would allow places for parking by residents or their visitors for part of the day but would prevent the increasing problems caused by the all-day parking.
- 1.2 The streets identified for waiting restrictions are Oak Lane, Grassy Lane, Wellmeade Drive, Burntwood Road, Ashgrove Road and Turners Gardens. The proposed waiting restrictions are shown in the plans in Appendix 1
- 1.3 The waiting restrictions have been advertised and this report summarises the responses and requests that the Board makes a recommendation as to how to proceed in light of the comments received.

2.1.1 Discussion

- 2.1 174 responses were received to the advertised restrictions and the majority (165) of these were supportive of part or all of the proposed restrictions however there were 15 objections to the proposals. A breakdown of the responses is detailed in Appendix 2 and a summary is given below.
- 2.2 **Whole scheme** - There were seven objections to the scheme as a whole from residents, all from Hopgarden Lane, who were concerned about the knock-on effect on Hopgarden Lane which is not included in the proposals. They were concerned that implementing waiting restrictions in the area would displace parking into Hopgarden Lane which is narrow with a single narrow footway. Drivers currently parking in Hopgarden Lane usually park partly on the footway to allow traffic past but this means that pedestrians have to walk in the road around the vehicles. Additional parking will increase the risk to pedestrians. It was also noted that children from the Sevenoaks School walk along Hopgarden Lane. Three of the objectors did state that they would have supported the

proposals had restrictions been included in Hopgarden Lane and one objector did support the waiting restrictions to protect the junctions.

- 2.3 **Oak Lane** – The restrictions were widely supported and there was only one objection specifically citing issues with the Oak Lane proposals other than those in paragraph 2.2 above. Again the concern was related to the displacement of parking into Hopgarden Lane. The parking in Oak Lane has been of particular concern to many of the respondents due to the issues turning in and out of the junctions with Grassy Lane and Kippington Road along with forward visibility for traffic travelling along Oak Lane.
- 2.4 **Grassy Lane** – Four objections were received to these proposals, other than those in paragraph 2.2 above, of which two referred to the parking displacement into Hopgarden Way. Two objectors were concerned about removing the parking as it calms the traffic speeds and one also cited the lack of long stay parking for people working in the town and the need for on-street parking. One objector was also concerned that the single yellow line restrictions would encourage parking where it currently doesn't happen pushing traffic closer to pedestrians on the east side.
- 2.5 **Wellmeade Drive** – No objections were received to the proposals in Wellmeade Drive other than those in paragraph 2.2 above.
- 2.6 **Turners Gardens** – No objections were received to the proposals in Turners Gardens other than those in paragraph 2.2 above. A couple of respondents did have an issue with the double yellow line waiting restrictions in the turning head as they or their visitors park there however this is an area that should be kept clear of parked vehicles so that traffic can turn safely.
- 2.7 **Ashgrove Road** – No objections were received to the proposed waiting restrictions in Ashgrove Road at the junction with Burntwood Road other than those in paragraph 2.2 above.
- 2.8 **Burntwood Road** – The waiting restrictions in Burntwood Road were the most controversial. In addition to the objections noted in paragraph 2.2 above there were seven further objections. These objections were from residents of Hopgarden Lane, or streets off it, who were concerned about the displaced parking affecting Hopgarden Lane for the reasons stated above. In addition, they considered that, as Burntwood Road is wide (typically around 7.5 to 8m wide) with footways on both sides and properties having a good level of off-street parking, it is suitable to allow on street parking. There were 18 letters of support and no objections from residents of Burntwood Road/Burntwood Grove for the proposals which indicates a high level of support.
- 2.9 All but two of the objections to part or all of the proposals have come from residents of Hopgarden Lane and Little Julians Hill (off Hopgarden Lane) who are concerned about displaced parking affecting their streets. Richard Parry has advised that when waiting restrictions have been considered in Hopgarden Lane in the past, they have not been supported by residents which is why they had not been included this time. While it is not possible to add additional waiting restrictions in Hopgarden Lane without re-advertising the Order, County Members Margaret Crabtree and Richard Parry have agreed to fund additional waiting restrictions in Hopgarden Lane which will address the objections received from residents of this road. It is therefore recommended that these waiting restrictions be made as advertised.
- 3.0 Financial**
- 3.1 The waiting restrictions are being funded by County Member Margaret Crabtree from her Combined Member Grant.

4.0 For Recommendation

4.1 The Board is asked to recommend that the Traffic Regulation Order is made and implemented as advertised.

Future Meeting if applicable: N/A	Date: 14/11/2015
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Appendix List

<i>Appendix 1</i>	<i>Waiting restriction proposal plans</i>
<i>Appendix 2</i>	<i>Responses</i>