

Joint Transportation Board
9th September 2014

Addendum Paper

Agenda Item 9 – Formal Consultation on Traffic Regulation Order – Bluebell Road and Violet Way

Comments have been received from the adjacent Ward Member Councillor Bartlett as follows: -

“I am unable to attend JTB on Tuesday but I should be very grateful if you would convey to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of my strong support for the parking restrictions in my Ward being dealt with under item 12. The bus service is long overdue and with more houses being built in Bridgefield (and Finberry) the start of bus service is essential.”

Comments have also been received from the ABC Cabinet Member for Planning & Development Councillor David Robey as follows: -

“I support these proposals, subject to having camera enforcement to prevent misuse of the bridge, which I think is essential. This is an issue with KCC at the moment, but I can't believe that it cannot be resolved, as it is the only rational method to prevent an obvious problem occurring.

The bus link enabled by all of this forms a vital link in Ashford's overall public transport network, and I believe will be of benefit to the town and the Borough as a whole. The small number of residents who are objecting to these parking restrictions knew when they bought their properties, that it was always planned to have the bus route, and have quite naturally been taking advantage of the opportunity to park nearer their homes in advance of this happening. However the long term aim was always to keep this route clear and there is the parking provision for them that was planned into the housing scheme.

Ultimately, the wider benefits to the Borough which this scheme enables must be the key issue. It will help a very large number of people, and I therefore hope that Members will see the value of these proposals and support them.”

A local resident, Mr Timothy Mockford, has applied to speak on this item in objection to the proposals.