
Parking and Waiting Restrictions – Update summary

To: **Ashford Joint Transportation Board – 7 June 2016**

By: **Health, Parking and Community Safety Manager**

Classification: **For decision.**

Ward: **Across the District – Various**

Summary: This report

- (i) **provides an update and summarises schemes that have been brought through the Joint Transportation Board**
- (ii) **seeks the Board’s recommendation regarding the recent consultation on ‘Amendment 1’**

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This report provides an update and summarises parking and waiting restrictions and any schemes that have been through the Joint Transportation Board and what stage in the process they have reached since the last meeting (see Appendix 1).
- 1.2 In recognition of the existing parking and waiting restrictions schemes to be taken forward Officers are proposing to postpone the next joint liaison meeting with Kent County Council for a period of 6 months in order to allow for resources to be allocated towards advancing Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- 1.3 Members are also asked to indicate whether or not they support introduction in part of the recently advertised ‘Amendment 1’ order, plans of which are included in Appendix 2.

2.0 Amendment 1 Consultation

- 2.1 A formal consultation was held between 21st April and 12th May 2016 on alterations to parking controls in Ashford and Tenterden. These changes were proposed to improve the safety of road users (Ashford); to improve the parking amenity for Blue Badge holders (Tenterden); to prevent unsuitable use of roads by HGV traffic (Ashford); and to facilitate the passage of large vehicles along certain roads (Ashford and Tenterden).
- 2.2 Objections were received relating to proposals for Danemore and High Street, Tenterden; and for Wotton Road and Ellingham Way, Ashford, analyses of which included below. A request from the Ward Councillor for

Finn Farm Road has also arisen in regard to the extent of controls proposed. No objections were received in regard to the other sites proposed under Amendment 1.

Finn Farm Road, Ashford

- 2.3 The Ward Councillor for Park Farm South has requested a reduction in the extent of the proposed controls on the north western side of the carriageway closest to Violet Way in order to preserve a higher level of on-street parking availability. On review Officers are satisfied that this request can be accommodated without comprising the safety aims of the proposals, and propose that the scheme should proceed with this reduction.

Danemore, Tenterden

- 2.4 A letter of objection was sent on behalf of four properties in Danemore citing concerns over existing parking issues and the detrimental effect that the proposed controls would have on securing a parking space at the end of the working day. The letter also requested the provision of four parking spaces on the highway outside frontage for dedicated use by the objecting properties.
- 2.5 Amendment 1 proposes an extension to the existing 'no waiting at any time' controls which would remove the equivalent of 2 parking spaces from the cul-de-sac in order to secure large vehicle access through a pinch point. The remainder of controls formalise an existing 'Ambulance only' parking place (where general parking should not take place) or apply only during the hours of 8am-6pm and so would not have an additional impact on parking outside of these hours.
- 2.6 Danemore is a part of the public highway and as such may be used for parking by any member of the public - there is no right of residents above the general public to parking in the road, and the provision of dedicated spaces cannot be readily justified under the relevant legislation. On consideration of these objections, it is the conclusion of Officers that the benefits of the scheme outweigh the merits of the objections, and that the proposals should be implemented for the reasons proposed.

High Street, Tenterden

- 2.7 One objection was received to the introduction of a disabled persons parking bay in the layby outside No's 90-92 High Street, Tenterden, citing concerns over the camber of the road at the proposed parking space location and the impact on residential parking amenity.
- 2.8 There are presently no designated disabled persons parking bays within Tenterden High Street, the closest being located on East Cross or within the town centre car parks. The provision of these three bays is intended to increase opportunities for disabled motorists to secure suitable parking

locations within the High Street as an alternative to parking on double yellow lines, and officers are satisfied that this bay placement is acceptable.

- 2.9 On consideration of the objection received, it is the conclusion of Officers that the benefits of the scheme outweigh the merits of the objection, and that the proposals should be implemented.

Wotton Road, Ashford

- 2.10 Objections were received from four businesses operating on the estate, citing the impact of the proposals on the ability of staff to park, the implications for delivery vehicles at peak times and concerns over access to certain units. Nine responses were received expressing support for the proposals, and all responses received supported the imposition of an overnight and weekend ban on HGV parking.
- 2.11 On reviewing the objections received, Officers feel that there is merit in the concerns raised over HGV access at one point in the estate. After discussion with the affected businesses it is felt that these concerns can be initially addressed through advisory measures, however regular reviews will take place and the site will be revisited if obstruction issues arise.
- 2.12 These proposals will prohibit parking in obstruction of site accesses, turning heads and junctions; and although Officers have sought to retain on-street parking within the estate roads as far as possible, implementation of the proposed scheme in full will entail a reduction in the number of parking spaces available on-street within the Zone.
- 2.13 Existing parking practices on the estate including areas where footway parking, access obstruction and double parking in turning heads occur; and Officers have sought through the proposed scheme to prevent obstructive and nuisance parking and facilitate the movement of legitimate HGV traffic as far as possible. On review of the scheme proposals it is the opinion of officers that the level of permitted parking within the scheme cannot be increased without undermining the aims of improving safety and access.
- 2.14 On consideration of the objection received, it is the conclusion of Officers that the benefits of the scheme outweigh the merits of the objections, and that the proposals should be implemented.

Ellingham Way, Ashford

- 2.15 Objections were received from three businesses citing the impact of the reduction in parking provision at specific locations on the estate and a safety concern over the retention of parking in one location on the main arm of Ellingham Way.
- 2.16 Officers have sought through the design of this scheme to address issues relating not only to overnight and weekend lorry parking but also to address access and obstructive parking issues across the estate as a whole and

facilitate the movement of legitimate HGV traffic as far as possible. Although Officers have sought to retain on-street parking within the estate roads as far as possible, implementation of the proposed scheme in full will entail a reduction in the number of parking spaces available on-street within Ellingham Way.

- 2.17 Having reviewed the scheme design Officers feel that an increase equivalent to 8 additional parking spaces across the estate can be accommodated within the scheme without undermining its aims.
- 2.18 On consideration of the objections and in recognition of the increased number of parking spaces which can be provided it is the conclusion of Officers that the benefits of the scheme outweigh the merits of the objections, and that the proposals should be implemented.

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| Appendix List | |
| <i>Appendix 1</i> | <i>List of sites and their current status</i> |

Amendment 1 (Ashford and Tenterden)

| Location | Description of Scheme | Date at JTB | Current Status |
|---|--|--------------------|--|
| ASHFORD | | | |
| Adams Drive (junctions with Billington Grove and Rayworth Court) | Introduction of double yellow lines | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Austin Road (section accessed from Wotton Road) | Introduction of controlled parking zone and overnight/weekend HGV parking ban | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Billington Grove (junction with Adams Drive) | Introduction of double yellow lines | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Ellingham Way | Introduction of controlled parking zone and overnight/weekend HGV parking ban | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Finn Farm Road (junction with Violet Way) | Introduction of double yellow lines | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Hoxton Close (outside Great Chart Primary School) | Introduction of double yellow lines and 'School Keep Clear' markings | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Rayworth Court (junction with Adams Drive) | Introduction of double yellow lines | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Violet Way (junction with Finn Farm Road) | Introduction of double yellow lines | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| Wotton Road | Introduction of controlled parking zone and overnight/weekend HGV parking ban | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| TENTERDEN | | | |
| Danemore | Extension of double yellow lines, introduction of single yellow line and parking bay for ambulances only | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |
| High Street | Introduction of 3 no. disabled persons parking bays | 07.06.16 | Consultation completed, report to this JTB |

Appendix 1

Amendment 2 (Ashford and Charing)

| Location | Description of Scheme | Date at JTB | Current Status |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| ASHFORD | | | |
| Bybrook Road | Introduction of double yellow lines at southern junction with Tadworth Road | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| Collard Road | Introduction of double yellow lines between junctions with Evans Road and Shepherd Close | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| Heathfield Road | Introduction of double yellow lines opposite junctions with Hill View and Northbrooke and replacement of existing single yellow lines with double yellow lines | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| Riversdale Road | Introduction of double yellow lines on bend and at junction with Torrington Road | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| Tadworth Road | Introduction of double yellow lines at southern junction with Bybrook Road | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| The Street, Kennington | Extension of double yellow lines to prohibit obstructive parking at pinch point | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| Torrington Road | Extension of double yellow lines at bend and introduction of double yellow lines at junction with Riversdale Road | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| Ulley Road | Introduction of double yellow lines to create passing gaps and facilitate movement of large vehicles | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| CHARING | | | |
| High Street | Introduction of equivalent 3 no. limited waiting bays effective 8am-6pm Monday to Saturday | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |
| TENTERDEN (ST MICHAELS) | | | |
| Ashford Road | Introduction of double yellow lines opposite junction with Heather Drive | TBC | Consultation starts 09.06.16 |

Appendix 1

Amendment 3 (Ashford)

| Area | Identified scheme | Current Status |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Kings Avenue, Ashford (Planning App. 09/00962/AS) | Controlled parking zone to mitigate the impact of on-street parking that will be created by the development. | Preparing order for consultation |

Following changes to permissible on-street parking signage brought about by the enactment of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 earlier this year; this order will also propose amending conditions in the existing permit parking zones D, E, F and G to permit holders or 2 hours stay with no return to the respective zone in 4 hours.

Amendment 4 (Ashford)

A Kent County Council led Member Highway Fund scheme for Lees Road, Willesborough. Following an informal consultation on two options held between 11th January and 14th February it has been determined that a scheme of double yellow lines will be consulted on. Officers are presently in discussion with Kent County Council's Traffic Schemes team with regard to progressing the scheme to consultation.

Amendments to Taxi Rank provision (Ashford)

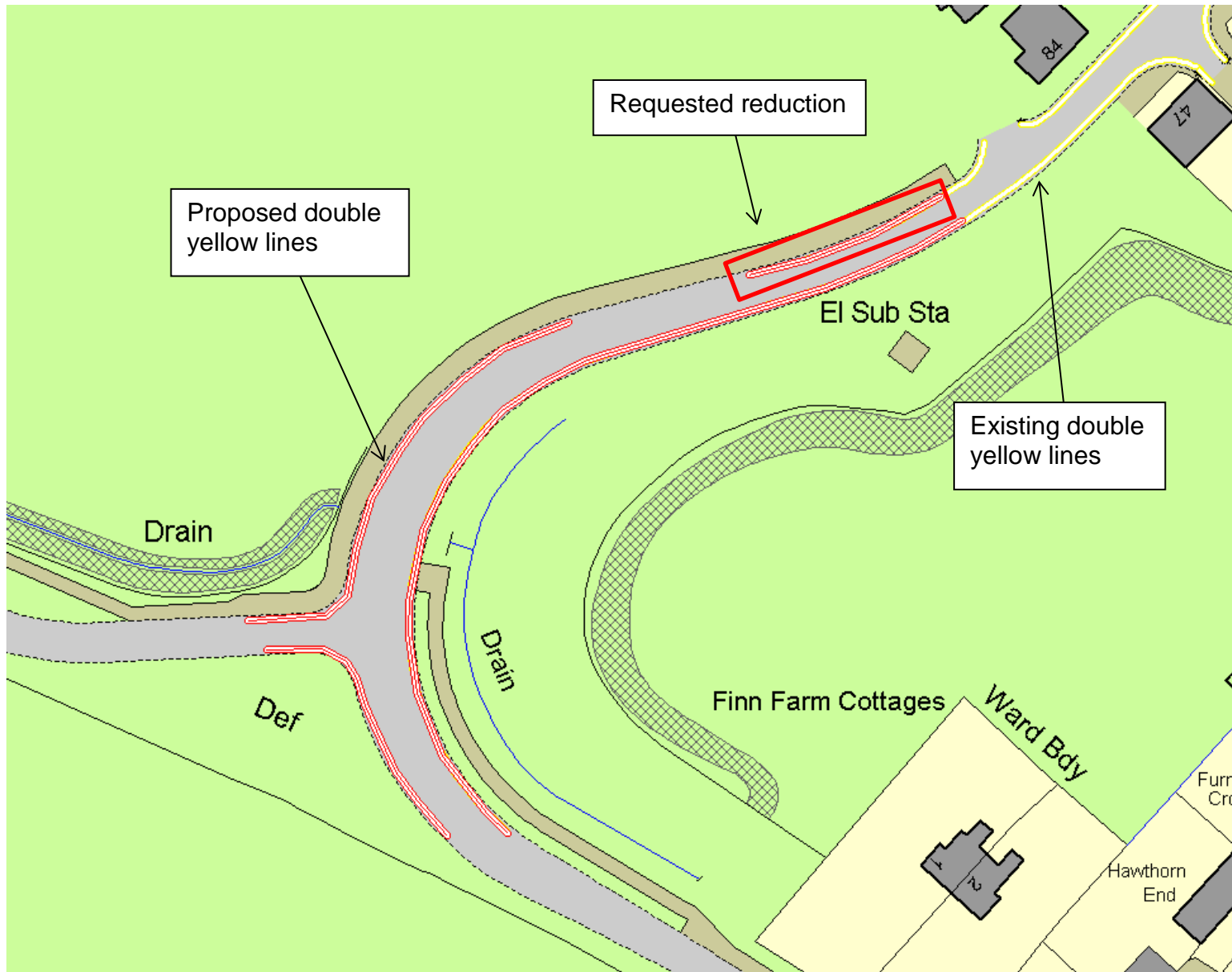
Officers are working with the Licensing team to identify areas for improvement with regard to the provision and location of taxi ranks in the town centre. Investigation and surveying works are on-going and proposals will form part of a future amendment order.

Requests for investigation

As noted in the report to the Board at its meeting of 9th June 2015, the highest criteria for considering requests for new traffic management proposals are safety concerns and proposals linked to planning applications for new developments.

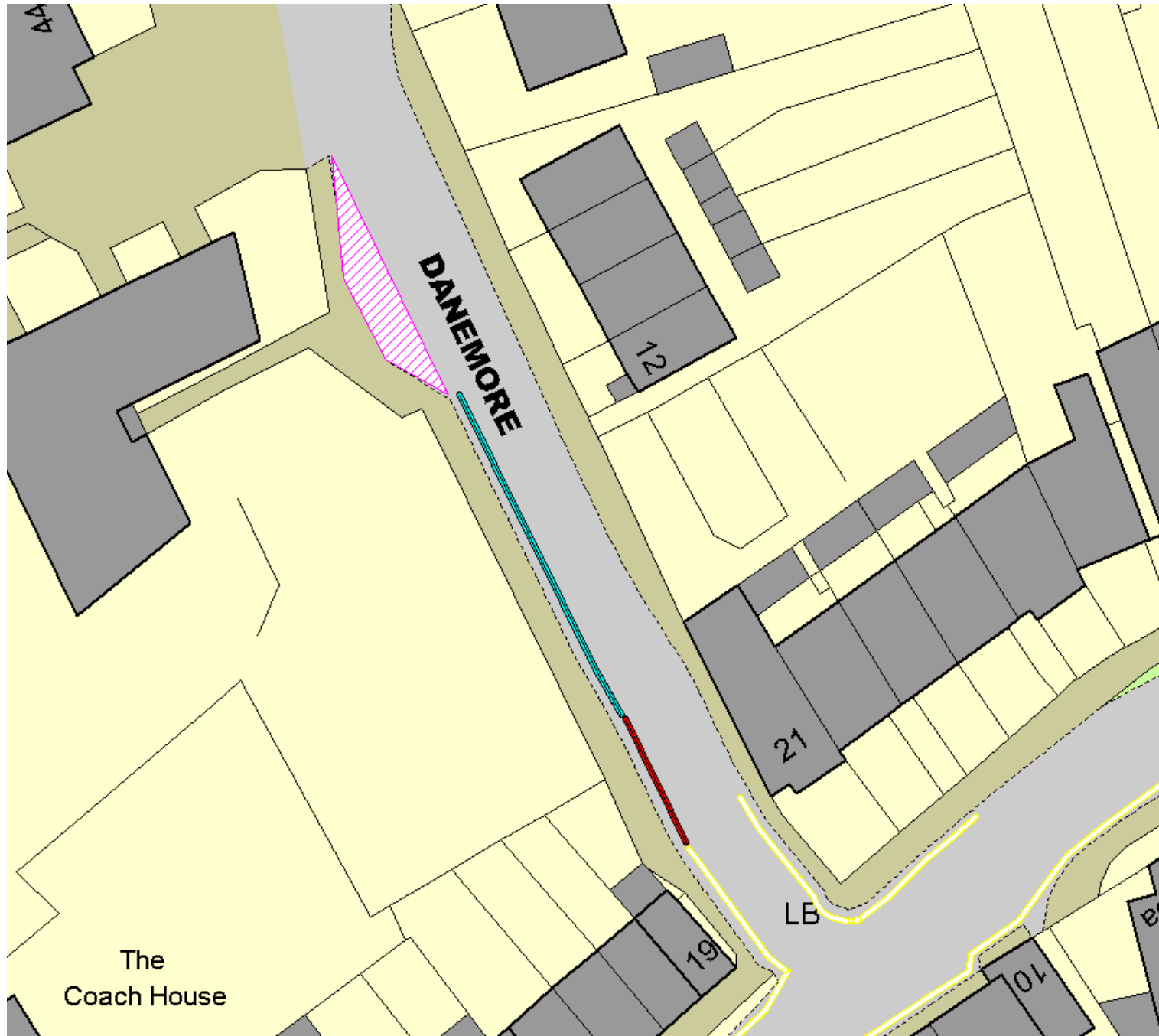
The workload associated with Amendments 2 and 4 and the work required to be undertaken as part of Amendment 3 to advance the scheme identified for planning application 09/00962/AS represent a significant resource commitment, and Officers are proposing to postpone the next joint liaison meeting with Kent County Council for a period of 6 months in order to allow for resources to be allocated towards advancing Amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Appendix 2



Amendment 1 2016
Contested locations
Finn Farm Road, Ashford

Appendix 2



Amendment 1 2016
Contested locations
Danemore, Tenterden

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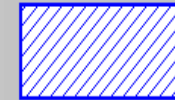
- Existing no waiting at any time
- Proposed no waiting at any time
- Proposed no waiting 8am-6pm Monday to Saturday
- Proposed parking place for ambulances only

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Amendment 1 2016
Contested locations
High Street, Tenterden

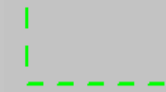
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Proposed disabled persons parking bay with waiting limited to three hours with no return in one hour



Existing no waiting between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday





Existing parking place without charge with waiting limited to one hour with no return in one hour between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday

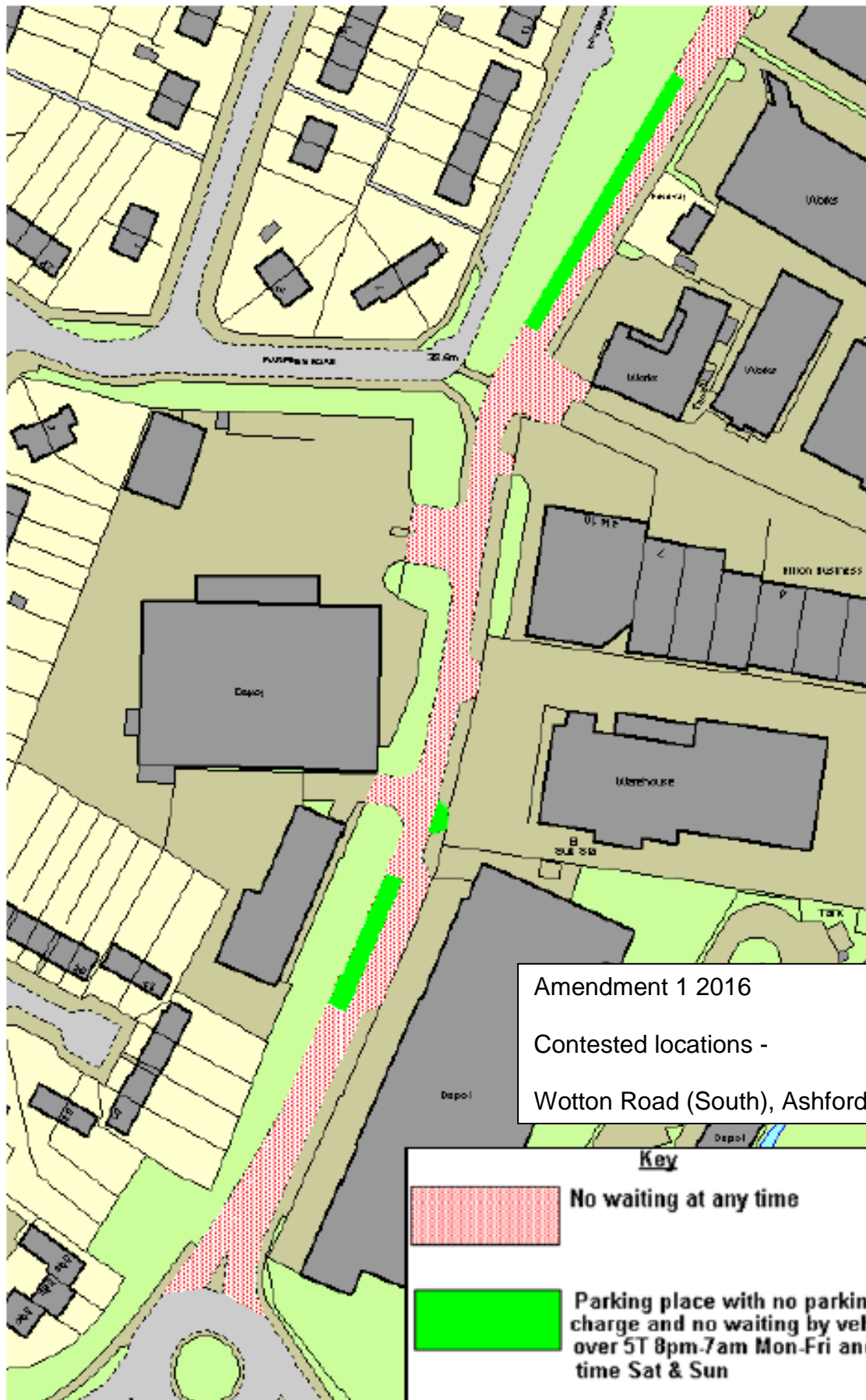
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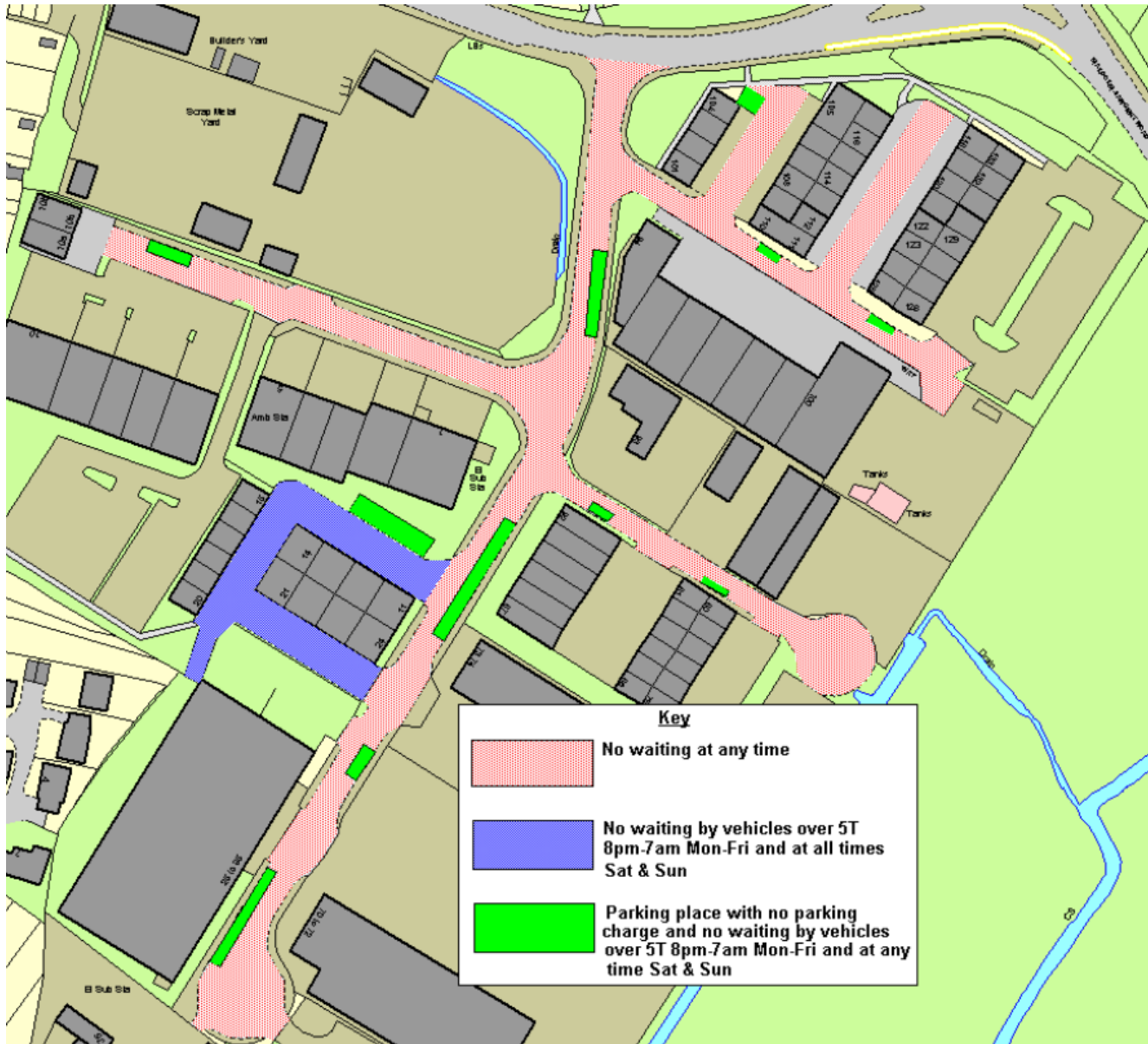
Amendment 1 2016
Contested locations -
Wotton Road (North), Ashford

Key

-  No waiting at any time
-  Parking place with no parking charge and no waiting by vehicles over 5T 8pm-7am Mon-Fri and at any time Sat & Sun



Appendix 2



Amendment 1 2016
Contested Locations

**Ellingham Industrial Estate,
Ellingham Way, Ashford**