

Agenda Item No:

Report To: Joint Transportation Board

Date: 7 March 2023

Report Title: Parking Update and Waiting Restrictions Update

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Summary:	This report provides an update on schemes that are currently being progressed by the Ashford Borough Council's, Parking, Highways and Transportation Team.
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Key Decision: No

Affected Wards: All

Recommendations: That the contents of the report be noted.

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Introduction and background

1. This report provides an update of schemes that are currently being managed and progressed by the Parking, Highways, and Transportation team.

Updates

ParkMap

2. Once Parkmap is in place, we anticipate that the amendment for Tannery lane (see paragraph 8) will be the first Ashford based order to make use of the new software.

Reports

Adley's Yard

3. The Parking Place Order has been made. This car park will be open to the public in March 2023. The car park will have two electric vehicle charge points (EVCP) provided, at the time of opening.

One of the EV bays is provided only for blue badge users with an Electric Vehicle to recharge only. The provision of such a combined- use bay is one of the first of its kind in the country.

Edinburgh Road Car Park

4. Edinburgh Road Car Park has reopened and now hosts 12 EV charging bays on Level 2.

Henwood Car Park

5. This car park is due to cease as a car park with ABC Housing service taking full control and responsibility for the site from Monday 3 April 2023.

Road Markings

6. A combined schedule of outstanding lining work started w/c 20 February 2023 being completed.

New Schemes and Projects

7. The Transport and Technical officer is now in place. Normal functions, such as Disabled Persons Parking Bay applications, are proceeding, with a view to reduce any backlog.

Tannery Lane

8. Following earlier discussion, a KCC engineer visited the area and confirmed that the proposed changes (three limited waiting bays outside the Sorting Office) could be considered with no requirement for a separate safety audit, as was originally suggested. JTB Chair and JTB Vice-chair have accepted this conclusion. (see paragraph 2)

Parking Liaison Meeting

9. With the Transport and Technical Officer post now filled, new liaison meetings will be scheduled with the KCC Parking and Enforcement Manager. The discussion will revolve around those areas reported to Ashford Borough Council in recent months, which touch upon the need for additional parking and waiting restrictions.

10. Changes explicitly made due to road safety are the responsibility of the highway authority (i.e. KCC). Still, priority will only be given to those areas where evidence shows road traffic collisions resulting in personal injury are occurring and where there is an engineering solution that may reduce their number or severity.
11. Apart from those situations already assigned to KCC, the borough can and does assist the highway authority in the provision of parking and waiting restrictions. However, given the eternal nature of such locations, help will be restricted to areas where frustration is confirmed to refuse collection vehicles (RCV) or public transport. RCVs are the largest vehicle type typically required to pass along residential streets. Issues presented to such vehicles indicate similar access problems affect emergency vehicles.

Electric Vehicle Charge Point (EVCP) update

12. The planned implementation of the EVCP programme is progressing. The bays in Edinburgh Road and Civic Centre Car Park are already operational. The next phase of implementations will be in Vicarage Lane, Victoria Road and Adleys Yard car parks.

Recommendation

13. The report be noted.

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