

Parking and Waiting Restrictions Update

To: Joint Transportation Board

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Classification: For information

Ward: All

Recommendations: That the contents of the report be noted

Summary:

This report provides an update on schemes that are currently being progressed by the Ashford Borough Council's Parking Service.

Introduction & Background:

1. This report provides an update of schemes that are currently being managed and progressed by the Parking Service.

Reports:

2. Tannery Lane

This has had to go out for formal consultation for a second time due to an error with the number of bays (two) listed on the original application. This should have been listed as three bays. This has delayed the process by approximately three weeks. The second consultation ends on 8 December 2023 so will be implemented early in 2024 subject to there being no objections.

3. Cash collection

We have recently conducted a procurement process for our cash collection service. We only received two tender responses, neither of which were our current supplier; G4S. We have awarded the contract to BDI Securities for all parking machine collections and processing. The lack of responses to the tender indicates that cash collection services could become harder to procure in the future.

4. Road Markings:

A schedule of lining work was completed in September and November. This was to refresh existing lines, to install new disabled bays & remove ones which are no longer needed. No new restrictions were implemented.

5. Bridewell Lane Car Park, Drainage Works

Work is being done to upgrade the drainage in Bridewell Lane Car Park, Tenterden. This will be paid for using S106 money received from the nearby Tent1 development.

6. East Lodge Road, Dropped Kerb Installation

We have installed a pedestrian dropped kerb on Ashford Borough Council land following a request led by Cllr Bartlett. This improvement makes access easier between East Lodge Road and Sir Henry Brackenbury Road.

7. Electric Vehicle Charge Points (New installations)

Work still ongoing, with the contractor stating that the work should be completed by the end of 2023, with the exception of Tenterden Leisure Centre which will be completed in 2024.

- Civic Centre –11 points are live
- Edinburgh Road Car Park – 12 points are live
- Station Road, Tenterden – 4 points are live
- Vicarage Lane – Live by the end of 2023 (six points)
- Elwick Place – Live by the end of 2023 (four points)
- Victoria Road – Live by the end of 2023 (four points)
- Adley's Yard – Live by the end of 2023 (two points)
- Leisure Centre – Live in 2024

8. Electric Vehicle Charge Points (Replacing old equipment)

We're currently liaising with Kent County Council about joining the Kent600/Kent Connected scheme to replace our old electric vehicle charging points which are approaching ten years old and are unreliable or broken. Once both projects are complete, we will have 55 working charge points in our car parks.

9. Road Closures

This has been a busy period in terms of road closures. We have instigated Town Police Clauses Act closures for a number of events such as the memorial parades, bonfire and Christmas events across the entire borough, including the popular Carnival of the Baubles event in Ashford town centre.

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