

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 Ashford Borough Council Parking Service.

Reports:

2. Traffic Regulation Order Amendments

We are currently in the process of adding all existing Disabled Persons Parking Bays (DPPB) into the traffic order. This will mean that all DPPB's in the borough would be enforceable. Currently, only a handful of bays outside of the town centre are in the traffic order.

In the same amendment, we will also be consulting on adding an additional school zigzag on Highfield Road in Willesborough (opposite and mirroring the current zigzag in place) and formalising the school zigzag in Mersham, making both lines enforceable.

3. Tannery Lane

The 15-minute parking bays was introduced in January 2024, and this seems to be working well. Compliance is very good so far, meaning that a good turnover of vehicles are able to park for short periods of time.

4. **Road Markings**

A schedule of lining work was completed in January. This was to refresh existing lines and to install new disabled bays. Tannery Lane was the only new restriction. Works undertaken are listed in **Appendix 1**.

5. **Electric Vehicle Charge Points (New installations)**

Work is still ongoing. We are aware that progress is slower than we would like, but we are working with the contractor to get this phase completed at the earliest opportunity.

- Civic Centre –11 points are live
- Edinburgh Road Car Park – 12 points are live
- Station Road, Tenterden – four points are live
- Vicarage Lane (six points)
- Elwick Place (six points)
- Victoria Road (four points)
- Adley's Yard (two points)
- Tenterden Leisure Centre – (two points)
- Station Road, Ashford (six points)

6. **Electric Vehicle Charge Points (Replacing old equipment)**

We are currently liaising with Kent County Council about joining the ConnectedKerb scheme to take over the running of our existing electric vehicle charge points which are currently run by BP/ChargeYourCar. These are located in Elwick Place Car Park, Civic Centre Car Park, Julie Rose Stadium and Halstow Way.

7. **Electric Vehicle Charge Points – Taxis**

We are liaising with Kent County Council regarding the installation of a rapid charger for the use by taxis in the borough. The sites that were identified for this are not suitable due to space on the footpath and high cost of connection to the network. Other areas are being explored to reduce the costs of such a unit.

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