

Parking and Waiting Restrictions – Update summary

To: **Ashford Joint Transportation Board – 11th September 2018**

By: **Parking, Highways and Transportation Team Leader**

Classification: **For information**

Ward: **Across the district – Various**

Summary: **This Report:**

- (i) **Provides an update and summarises schemes that are to be brought through the Joint Transportation Board.**
- (ii) **Seeks the Board's recommendation regarding the recent public consultation on Amendment 2.**

Introduction and Background

1. This report provides an update and summarises parking and waiting restrictions and any schemes that have been through the Joint Transportation Board and at what stage in the process they have reached since the last meeting (see appendix 1).
2. The most recent Quarterly Liaison Meeting between Kent County Council and Ashford Borough Council took place on Wednesday 16th May 2018. This identified various parking restrictions to be brought forward for recommendation by the board.

Amendment 2

3. The period of public consultation ran from Thursday 5th July 2018 and Friday 27th July 2018.
4. Members are asked to indicate whether they support the introduction of Amendment 2, plans of which are provided at **Appendix 2**.
5. A breakdown of consultation responses and plans of the proposed amendments are provided within **Appendix 2** of this report for ease of digest.

Adams Drive, Ashford

6. At its junction with Hunter Avenue the introduction of Double yellow lines.
7. The reason for introducing these restrictions are;
 - To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads and for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising;
 - To facilitate the passage of large vehicles, goods vehicles and emergency vehicles, on these roads.
8. No objections were received in relation to this proposal.
9. Two responses in support were received in respect of this proposal.

The original request came via the management company for the new development. This was backed by reports from enforcement officers (without waiting restrictions civil enforcement officers cannot issue a Penalty Charge Notice).

Beaver Lane, Ashford (access to 139-153)

10. Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
11. The reason for introducing these restrictions are;
 - To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads and for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising;
 - To facilitate the passage of large vehicles, goods vehicles and emergency vehicles, on these roads.
12. No objections were received in relation to this proposal.
13. Three responses in support were received in respect of this proposal.

Each response asked that some thought be given to the off-street parking area here (markings and advisory lines to help marshal parking). ABC Housing, as land owner, have been made aware of this request

Reed Crescent, Ashford

14. Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking.

15. The reason for introducing these restrictions are;

- To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads and for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising;
- To facilitate the passage of large vehicles, goods vehicles and emergency vehicles, on these roads.
- Improvement of local amenity provision.

16. In addition to the given reasons this is an area that has been reported as problematic by our Civil Enforcement Officers. Whilst patrolling the officers not only identify the issues themselves but have received complaints from members of the public about the nature of parking at this location and difficulties in passing parked vehicles and crossing safely.

17. Stagecoach Buses previously ran a bus service along Reed Crescent but due to continual problems with the narrowing of the road due to parking on both sides impacting their schedules, in particular at school drop off and pick up times, the services were rerouted. It is acknowledged that it is unlikely this service will return, however is poignant in the context of the current proposal.

18. One objection was received in relation to this proposal on the basis that the introduction of such restrictions will move the problem further down the street and that it is only at certain times of the day this is an issue.

19. Three responses in support were received in respect of this proposal. Each of these responses also suggested that displacement of vehicles into adjacent streets would be possible.

Specifically, two responses mentioned an area of raised footway on Bryony Drive where parking is taking place- this is already a contravention of the parking rules and officers on patrol can deal with those found waiting here- there is no need for further signs or markings to allow this.

20. It is the view of officers that the benefits of the scheme outweigh the merits of the objections for the reasons detailed in points 17, 18 and 19 of this report. If displacement is seen in other streets it removes the issue from Reed Crescent, the main thoroughfare where safety should be paramount.

Elwick Road, Ashford – Outside of New College

21. The introduction of a loading bay for the purposes of loading on Elwick Road.

22. The reasons for introducing these restrictions are;

- To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads and for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising from loading being undertaken from the main carriageway.
- To improve the amenity of the area through which the road runs for goods vehicles

23. No objections were received in relation to this proposal.

24. No responses in support were received in respect of this proposal.

Elwick Road, Ashford – Adjacent to new cinema complex

25. Introduction of shared use of bus stop clearway for licenced taxis.

26. To permit the use of the existing bus stop clearway on Elwick Road, Ashford by licenced taxis at times when the clearway is not in use by a local bus service, for the following reasons;

- To improve the amenity of the area through which the road runs for licensed taxis and passengers.
- This will help to improve the night-time economy allowing passengers easier access to taxis from a location close to a new cinema and restaurant complex and existing amenities.
- Taxis waiting here will be able to move off from this position without passing through the one-way route through Ashford town centre.
- This amendment makes use of recently permitted variant to the standard bus stop clearway allowed by the Traffic Signs, Regulations and General Directions 2016.

27. No objections were received in relation to this proposal.

28. No responses in support were received in respect of this proposal.

School Keep Clear markings- two locations

29. I am pleased to report to the board that within the current amendment order is the proposal to formalise two further school keep clear markings at the following locations;

- East Stour School, Earlsworth Road, Ashford
- Bethersden Primary School, School Road, Bethersden

No objections were received to either of these proposals.

One response was received in support for the proposal (parish council)

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Appendix List	
Appendix 1	List of sites and current status
Appendix 2	Maps of proposals within Amendment 2