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Report Number

C/19/08

To: Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Housing, Transport and Special Projects
Date: 27 June 2019
Status: Non-Key Decision
Head of Service: Andy Blaszkowicz, Head of Commercial and Technical Services

SUBJECT: Consideration of objections to proposed amendment traffic regulation orders for various restrictions agreed at the joint transportation board meeting on the 26th November 2018.

SUMMARY: This report summarises the responses received to the formal consultations for parking restriction for financial year 2019 which was agreed by the Joint Transport Board on the 26th November 2018 and seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:

As part of the Traffic Regulation Order Amendment procedure, (1996 No.1489 Road Traffic Act) article 8 requires a period of 21 days following publication of an amendment in the press for anyone to lodge an objection, which must be in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made.

Under article 13, Folkestone & Hythe District Council will consider all objections made and which have not been withdrawn before making the Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) To receive and note Report C/19/08.
- b) Not to uphold the objections to the TRO.
- c) That officers proceed with making the TRO as advertised.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Statutory consultees were informed of the proposals on the 1st May 2018 by way of email which included a Public Notice.
- 1.2. The proposals were advertised in the KM Group newspapers on the 10th May and Public Notices were also placed on street. The consultation ended on the 31st May.
- 1.3. The proposals which included the Proposal Notice and plans were left at The Civic Centre reception for public viewing.

2. FORMAL CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Kent Police, KCC and Stagecoach along with other statutory consultees had no objections.
- 2.2 The council did receive correspondence for Horn Street, Manor Road, Sandgate Road, and Tram Road.

3 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION - COMMENTS RECEIVED & OFFICER COMMENTS

(THE DISTRICT OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE, VARIOUS ROADS) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 2019 (AMENDMENT NO 13).

- **Footway parking ban**
- **Horn Street, Hythe** – One objection received: Vehicles won't be able to park in the layby at the tapered ends thus losing parking spaces.

Officer Comments: FHDC received correspondence from a mobility scooter user who found it increasingly difficult to pass cars that had mounted the footway and was forced out into the oncoming traffic which at times is fast moving.

- **Prohibition of waiting (at any time)**
- **Sandgate Road, Folkestone** – One objection received stating that the loss of parking would cause parking congestion further along in this area and that the white vehicle access markings currently in place should be enough.

Officer Comments: Vehicles are parking over the un-enforceable white access markings making it extremely difficult to enter or exit Garden House Court. The proposed yellow lines will not take any parking away but only serve as a means of enforcement in order to keep this area free.

Footway parking ban – Risborough Lane: No objections received.

Loading/unloading ban – Maple Drive/Jefferson Lane: No objections received.

Emergency service vehicle bays – High Street, New Romney, High Street, Lydd, Downs Road Folkestone: No objections received.

Prohibition of waiting – /Craythorne Lane/Fairfield Road: No objections received.

Changing of permit bays – Shellons Street, Grace Hill, Christ Church Road: No objections received.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE)
(FOLKESTONE TOWN CENTRE AND THE BAYLE
PARKING ZONE) (AMENDMENT 11) ORDER 2019;**

- **Footway parking ban**
- **Tram Road, Folkestone** – One objection received: Vehicles parking fully on the carriageway will block the road.

Officer Comments: It appears to be the same few motorists parking on the footway and these vehicles would not hinder traffic should they park fully on the carriageway.

- **Removal of yellow lines to allow parking bays to be installed**
- **Manor Road, Folkestone** – One objection received stating this should be a loading bay instead for the local businesses.

Officer Comments: This request came from ward councillors as a way to introduce extra parking near the town centre. Loading/unloading could take place opposite in Shakespeare Terrace but there will be a review of the area later in the year.

- **Restriction (double yellow lines)**
- **Sandgate Road, Folkestone** – One objection received stating that the loss of parking would cause parking congestion further along in this area and that the white vehicle access markings currently in place should be enough.

Officer Comments: Vehicles are parking over the un-enforceable white access markings making it extremely difficult to enter or exit Garden House Court. The proposed yellow lines will not take any parking away but only serve as a means of enforcement in order to keep this area free.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE)
(PROHIBITION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING FOR VEHICLES WITH A WEIGHT
LIMIT OF 7.5 TONNES OR MORE) (AMENDMENT 4) ORDER 2019;
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cornwallis Avenue : No objections received.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE,
VARIOUS ROADS) (PROVISION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PERSON'S
PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2019 (AMENDMENT NO. 2)**

High Street, New Romney, Rolf Lane, Greenfields, Sellindge: No objections received.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Parking Services had received complaints regarding parking in the above locations and it is recommended that officers proceed with making the TRO as agreed with the Joint Transport Board.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The cost to implement the restrictions will be around £1000 for the required signage and lining works. This can be met from existing resources.

6. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

6.1 Legal Officer's Comments (NE)

Kent County Council ("KCC"), as the local traffic authority, has power to make a Traffic Regulation Order ("TRO") under sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). Any TRO proposed by Folkestone and Hythe District Council must be approved and made by KCC in order to be valid. Once the TRO has been made, a notice must be published confirming the making of the TRO and its effect.

6.2 Finance Officer's Comments (RH)

All the financial implications are covered in the body of the report and can be met within existing budgets.

6.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (FM)

There are no diversity or equality implications directly affected by this report.

7. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1- Proposal Notices

Appendix 2- Consultation responses