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Report Number

C/19/52

To: Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial
Date: 2 December 2019
Status: Non-Key Decision
Head of Service: Andy Blaszkowicz
Cabinet Member: Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects.

SUBJECT: Traffic Regulation Order Consultation - (Restrictions and Prohibitions of Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2019 (Amendment No 14).

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 1st July 2019 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Under article 13, Folkestone & Hythe District Council will consider all objections made and which have not been withdrawn before making the Order.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:

- 1. To receive and note Report C/19/52.**
- 2. To progress the parking restrictions as advertised with exception to Stanley Road.**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Statutory consultees were informed of the proposals on the 23rd October 2019 by way of email which included a Public Notice.
- 1.2 The proposals were advertised in the KM Group newspapers on the 25th October 2019 and Public Notices were also placed on street. The consultation ended on the 15th November.
- 1.3 The proposals which included the Proposal Notice and plans were left at The Civic Centre reception for public viewing.

2. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Kent Police – no objection received, KCC and Stagecoach – no correspondence received.
- 2.2 The council did receive correspondence for Coast Drive and Stade Street.

3. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

The council received no objections to the following proposals:

- Prohibition of footway parking on the following roads:
 - Dymchurch Road (A259)

3.1 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION - COMMENTS RECEIVED

- Prohibition of waiting at any time in the following roads:
 - Coast Drive, Greatstone** – 13 objections covering the following
 - The Lade car park is too small; Vehicles will be forced to park on the shingle and verges damaging wildlife; There'll be a loss of income to local businesses as visitor numbers will drop; The current parking along the road does not cause congestion; Vehicles will park in unrestricted area causing a nuisance to those residents; There is a general lack of parking in the area; Double yellow lines will prevent deliveries to residents being made; The Lade car park is too expensive; Large vehicles won't fit in The Lade car park; The road should be widened; The proposal should extend the lines further; People will walk on the shingle instead of the boardwalks; If parking too far from the

public conveniences then people may just go to the toilet anywhere;
1 email in support from resident received after consultation ended in support of restrictions due to hindered access to and from driveway;

- Ambulance parking:
Stade Street, Hythe – 1 comment suggesting the bay should be two vehicle lengths and off-street parking should be provided by Age Concern;
- Footway Parking ban;
Stanley Road, Cheriton – 1 Comment suggesting that as vehicles only park with a wheel on the kerb the footway is still wide enough for pedestrians. Forcing vehicles fully on road will prevent parking on both sides.

4. OFFICER COMMENTS

- **Coast Drive** – Many kitesurfers park on the road to avoid the charges in The Lade car park (£1.20 per hour). This causes a long line of parked vehicles and buses and larger vehicles have been forced up on to the pavement as the road is not wide enough for passing two way traffic with the parked vehicles on one side. Often the car park has been nearly empty whereas the road has had 20+ vehicles parked up in a continuous line. Initial complaints received from residents and Stagecoach with support from KCC Cllr before presenting at JTB.
- **Stade Street** – The bay will be approximately 20metres in length which is around 7.5 metres shorter than the existing advisory bay. This will still leave adequate room for rear vehicular ramps from ambulance minibuses whilst increasing the amount of on-street parking for visitors and residents.
- **Stanley Road** – The road width varies from 7.15 to 7.8 metres with a footway width of approximately 2.2 to 2.5 metres. This gives a clear road width of 3.5 metres on the narrower sections which is the absolute minimum for emergency vehicles on very minor roads.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 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 with the exception of Stanley Road where the proposal should not be implemented at this stage and requires further investigation.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The cost to implement the restrictions will be around £800 for the required signage and lining works. This can be met from existing resources.

7. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

7.1 Legal Officer's Comments (DK)

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.

7.2 Diversities and Equalities Implications (PT)

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

8. 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 – Formal consultation responses.

Appendix 2- Traffic Regulation Order proposal notice