

STATUTORY CONSULTATION - MINOR ON-STREET PARKING PROPOSALS

VARIOUS LOCATIONS - TRO 2013 AMENDMENT 40

Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board - 8 March 2022

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance & Trading

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: Information report on the outcome of the statutory consultation undertaken in respect of the minor on-street parking proposals within The Kent County Council (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading and On-Street Parking Places) (Amendment 40) Order 2022 (hereafter known as “TRO 2013 Amendment 40”)

This report supports the Key Aim of:

- Caring Communities
- Sustainable Economy

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Recommendation to Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board:

That the Joint Transportation Board:

- (a) Notes the report;
- (b) Notes that no objections were received during the statutory consultation undertaken in respect of the minor on-street parking proposals within TRO 2013 Amendment 40, detailed in the Appendices to this report; and
- (c) Notes that, because no objections were received, TRO 2013 Amendment 40 will be made and the parking proposals contained within it will be implemented, as drawn.

Reason for recommendations:

The parking proposals are aimed at providing better management of the Public Highway, in line with the Highway Code and current legislation.

Introduction and Background

- 1 A statutory consultation was undertaken over a 3-week period from 27 January 2022 in respect of minor on-street parking proposals contained in a draft traffic regulation order entitled The Kent County Council (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading and On-Street Parking Places) (Amendment 40) Order 2022, hereafter known as “TRO 2013 Amendment 40”.
- 2 The parking proposals include changes to existing and/or new waiting/loading restrictions in the following roads, which are shown on the plans and are described in Appendices 1 to 5:
 - Appendix 1 - Edenbridge - Park Avenue
 - Appendix 2 - Sevenoaks - Bosville Drive
 - Appendix 3 - Sevenoaks - Dartford Road (A225)
 - Appendix 4 - Ide Hill - Sundridge Road
 - Appendix 5 - Westerham - Fullers Hill & Market Square (A25)
- 3 For the statutory consultation, public notices describing the on-street parking proposals and inviting representations were published in the local press and were erected in each of the locations concerned.
- 4 A link for making representations online was also hosted on the District Council’s website.
- 5 During the 3-week statutory consultation period, which ended on 18 February 2022, no objections were received in respect of the parking proposals.
- 6 TRO 2013 Amendment 40 can therefore be made and the proposals contained within it can therefore be implemented, as drawn, without input from the Board.
- 7 This report is therefore for the Board’s information.

Other options Considered and/or rejected

In the absence of any objections, there is no requirement to consider other options.

The proposal in Appendix 3 is being funded by a third party, at an estimated cost of £1,000.

The proposal in Appendix 4 is being supported by a local County Councillor with a contribution from the Combined Member Grant of £1,000.

The District Council will meet the cost of the proposals in Appendices 1, 2 and 5 from its parking account, at an estimated cost of £1,000.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

A traffic regulation order (TRO) must be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984) to cover the proposed on- and off-street parking changes.

Section 1 of the RTRA 1984 states that a TRO may only be made for the following purposes:

- avoiding danger to persons or traffic (including for anti-terrorist purposes);
- preventing damage to the road or to buildings nearby (including for anti-terrorist purposes);
- facilitating the passage of traffic;
- preventing use by unsuitable traffic;
- preserving the character of a road especially suitable for walking or horse riding;
- preserving or improving amenities of the area through which the road runs; and
- for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

To meet one or more of the above, a TRO may prohibit, restrict or regulate the use of a road or any part of the width of a road by vehicular traffic of any class. It may have effect at all times or at specified periods or times. Specific classes of traffic may be excepted.

Before making a TRO, a statutory consultation procedure must be followed in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

Any objections made to the TRO received during the statutory consultation (other than frivolous or irrelevant ones) that are not withdrawn are reported to the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board.

The terms of reference for the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board allow it to provide advice to the Sevenoaks District and Kent County Councils, who will normally act in accordance with its views. If the Councils were minded to act otherwise, no decision would be taken until after a discussion with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board.

However, since no objections were lodged in this case, the TRO can be made and the parking proposals contained within it can be implemented as drawn, without input from the Board. This report is therefore for the Board's information.

Risk Assessment Statement

There are no additional risks identified that are outside those already covered within the standard Risk Assessment for carrying out parking enforcement on the Public Highway.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended in this report have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equalities Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the Council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - For Information - Edenbridge - Park Avenue - Description and plan of parking proposals

Appendix 2 - For Information - Sevenoaks - Bosville Drive - Description and plan of parking proposals

Appendix 3 - For Information - Sevenoaks - Dartford Road (A225) - Description and plan of parking proposals

Appendix 4 - For Information - Ide Hill - Sundridge Road - Description and plan of parking proposals

Appendix 5 - For Information - Westerham - Fullers Hill and Market Square (A25) - Description and plan of parking proposals

Background Papers

- [The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016](#)
- [The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)
- [The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders \(Procedure\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 1996](#)
- [The Highway Code](#)

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