
REQUEST FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS – SHOLDEN NEW ROAD, SHOLDEN

To: **Joint Transportation Board – 11 December 2014**

By: **Tim Read, Head of Transportation, Kent County Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Sholden**

Summary: This report gives details of the KCC response to a request for waiting restrictions to be introduced in Sholden New Road, Sholden

For Information

1.0 Report

- 1.1 Work is currently underway to develop a new residential area on the edge of Sholden. Known as 'Sholden Fields', the development by Ward Homes comprises of 230 residential properties.
- 1.2 There is an emergency access which exists on to Sholden New Road.
- 1.3 As part of the development, a cycle path was also developed which runs from Sholden New Road along the south-west side of the adjacent playing field.
- 1.4 Concerns have been raised by Sholden Parish Council and Local Councillors that parked cars could potentially block these accesses. As a result they have requested waiting restrictions (yellow lines) to be placed over these accesses.
- 1.5 The Traffic Engineer for Dover has advised that “...*funding for new waiting restrictions (yellow lines) is targeted towards addressing safety critical issues which can be demonstrated by the presence of personal injury crashes over the past three years. Unfortunately we would not be able to consider allocating limited resources to install waiting restrictions to pre-empt theoretical parking practices which may or may not occur. The emergency access to Sholden Fields comprises a dropped kerb, as does the path by the side of the cricket ground, which will indicate to drivers that these are accesses that need to be kept clear. I would suggest that we wait until the majority of Sholden Fields is occupied and monitor the situation to see if a persistent problem actually occurs.*”
- 1.6 The Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste, Cllr Matthew Balfour, endorses this view.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the report.

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