

Meeting and Date: Dover Joint Transportation Board - 7 September 2017

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Portfolio Holder: Councillor Nigel Collor, Portfolio Holder for Access and Licensing

Subject: LORRY PARKING PROHIBITION – COOMBE VALLEY ROAD, DOVER

Purpose of the report: To provide an update to the Board on the outcome of the trial lorry parking prohibition controls and to obtain the Board's approval to extend the controls to further areas within Dover

Recommendation: To agree to the proposals to extend lorry parking prohibition controls to a section of Coombe Valley Road and to formally advertise the proposals. (The results of the consultation will be presented to a future meeting of the Board to make its recommendation.)

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides an update to the Board following the introduction as a trial of lorry parking prohibition controls in Hawkesbury Street and Poulton Close, Dover and seeks agreement to extend the areas subject to such controls based on the data collected over the past few months.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Board will recall that at its meeting on 9 June 2016 Parking Services sought permission and acquired approval from the Board to draw up plans and to formally advertise proposals to prohibit lorry parking along appropriate sections of Channel View Road and Poulton Close in Dover. Although the original report referred to Channel View Road, after further investigation it was determined that the section involved fell entirely within Hawkesbury Street.

2.2 The proposals were subjected to a formal consultation period ending on 26 September 2016 and the results of the process reported to the Board on 8 December 2016, when it was agreed that the proposed controls within Hawkesbury Street and Poulton Close, Dover be implemented by Kent County Council sealing the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

2.3 This was progressed through the necessary legal processes with the lorry parking prohibition controls eventually coming into effect on 20 March 2017.

2.4 Since the introduction of the restrictions the observed pattern of lorry parking in the two areas has changed:

- (a) Poulton Close: Whereas before the restriction was introduced there may typically have been between 6-12 lorries parked during the daytime on weekdays and very heavily parked overnight and over the weekends, the numbers have now noticeably reduced with only one or two lorries being parked over the weekends and almost none in daytime during the week. The parking at the unrestricted section of Poulton Close (nearest to Holmestone Road) continues to be heavily parked.

- (b) Hawkesbury Street: The lorries have continued to park along the restricted section but it has been noticed that they are arriving later, typically at about 10pm. This might be an attempt to avoid the evening parking patrols. Prior to the introduction of the restrictions, the lorries would typically arrive and park late afternoon/early evening.
- 2.5 The Board considered representations from residents at the meeting in December seeking for similar restrictions to be considered along Barwick Road and the section of Coombe Valley Road between Randolph Road and Edgar Road and agreed that Officers be charged with drawing up similar prohibition proposals for other roads, and that these proposals be advertised accordingly.
- 2.6 This report seeks to bring forward such proposals for consideration.
3. **Proposals to extend lorry parking prohibition controls**
- 3.1 Following the meeting in December 2016, Parking Services staff have continued to undertake regular patrols across the District to monitor lorry parking and take enforcement action where appropriate.
- 3.2 Following on from the representations made by local residents at the December 2016 meeting, officers have also continued to receive regular representations from Councillors and also members of the general public expressing their concerns regarding lorry parking particularly within the Coombe Valley Road area of Dover and frequently providing photographs of offending vehicles.
- 3.3 Having reviewed the data collected and other comments received during this 'trial period' it is recommended that the Board considers extending lorry parking prohibition controls to the following road:
- Coombe Valley Road, Dover (between Randolph Road and Edgar Road)
- 3.4 Members may also wish to consider whether additional areas should be included for example:
- Barwick Road, Dover
 - Folkestone Road, Dover (section between Elms Vale Rd and Shakespeare Rd)
- 3.5 However, adding streets on an ad hoc basis to the list of those covered by lorry parking prohibition controls does risk simply continuing to move the problem from one street to the next and it may be better to seek to work with Kent Highways to introduce area-wide controls banning vehicles above a certain weight except for access.
4. **Identification of Options**
- 4.1 Option 1. To approve the recommendation to allow the proposal to extend the lorry parking, as detailed in this report, to be formally advertised.
- 4.2 Option 2. To change all or any part of the proposals and to allow the amended proposal to be formally advertised.
- 4.3 Option 3. To withdraw the proposal.
5. **Resource Implications**
- 5.1 To be funded out of the Parking Operations budget for new restrictions
6. **Corporate Implications**
- 6.1 Comment from the Equalities Officer

This report does not specifically highlight any equalities implications however, in discharging their responsibilities members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15> (KM)

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