
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, HAMILTON ROAD, DEAL

To: **Dover Joint Transportation Board – 30 November 2017**

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

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Middle Deal and Sholden Ward, Dover District**

Summary: **This report gives details of proposed waiting restrictions in Hamilton Road, Deal and the results of the statutory consultation.**

For Recommendation

1.0 Introduction and Proposal

- 1.1 As a result of development of the Goodwin Academy (formerly known as Castle Community College) and the subsequent increase in intake, a larger number of students are using an entrance to the school located in Hamilton Road, Deal.
- 1.2 As part of the statutory consultation process, a recommendation has been made by KCC on the basis of highway safety to introduce approximately 41m of 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) by the entrance to provide recommended sightlines. A plan of the proposal is shown in Appendix A.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 A notice of the proposed TRO was placed in KM on 1 September 2017. Letters to statutory consultees and local residents in the immediate vicinity of the scheme were sent out on 30 August 2017. A notice was also placed on site. The closing date for objections and comments was 25 September 2017. This was later extended to 6 October to allow for a response from the Town Council.
- 2.2 Three formal responses were received (see Appendix B), three of which made comments to be considered:

Respondent	Support/object	Comments	KCC response
Local resident	Object	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard to park in the area as it is due to existing parking restrictions.• Academy will increase demand for on-street parking.• May impact on value of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restrictions are proposed on the basis of highway safety and sometimes this does adversely impact on availability of on street parking.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> house. Proposals are unnecessary. Parking acts as a traffic calming feature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions would remove space for approximately 8 cars, space for 2-3 cars will still remain.
Local resident	Object	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited off street parking in the area for residents. Existing restrictions already restrict available parking. Parked cars act as traffic calming. The restrictions will result in increased traffic speeds and noise. Feels consultation has not be conducted properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions are proposed on basis of highway safety and sometimes this does adversely impact on availability of on street parking. Restrictions would remove space for approximately 8 cars, space for 2-3 cars will still remain. Consultation was conducted with local residents and statutory consultees. Response deadline was extended to enable further responses.
Deal Town Council	Object	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests 20mph speed limit Requests school considers drop-off area Restrict hours of proposal from half an hour before school to half an hour after school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20mph speed limit and drop-off area outside the scope of this report. Restricting hours could be beneficial to allaying some of the residents' concerns.

2.3 Following the comments made by local residents, the County Members for the area also commented in more general terms about the traffic situation in local roads around the Academy but not directly associated with the proposed restrictions.

2.4 On the basis of the comments received, it is proposed to change the proposal to a Monday-Friday 8am-6pm restriction, thus permitting parking here in the evenings, overnight and weekends when large numbers of students are not using the entrance.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

3.1.1 None for Dover District Council.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 None for Dover District Council.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 None for Dover District Council.

4.0 Recommendation(s)

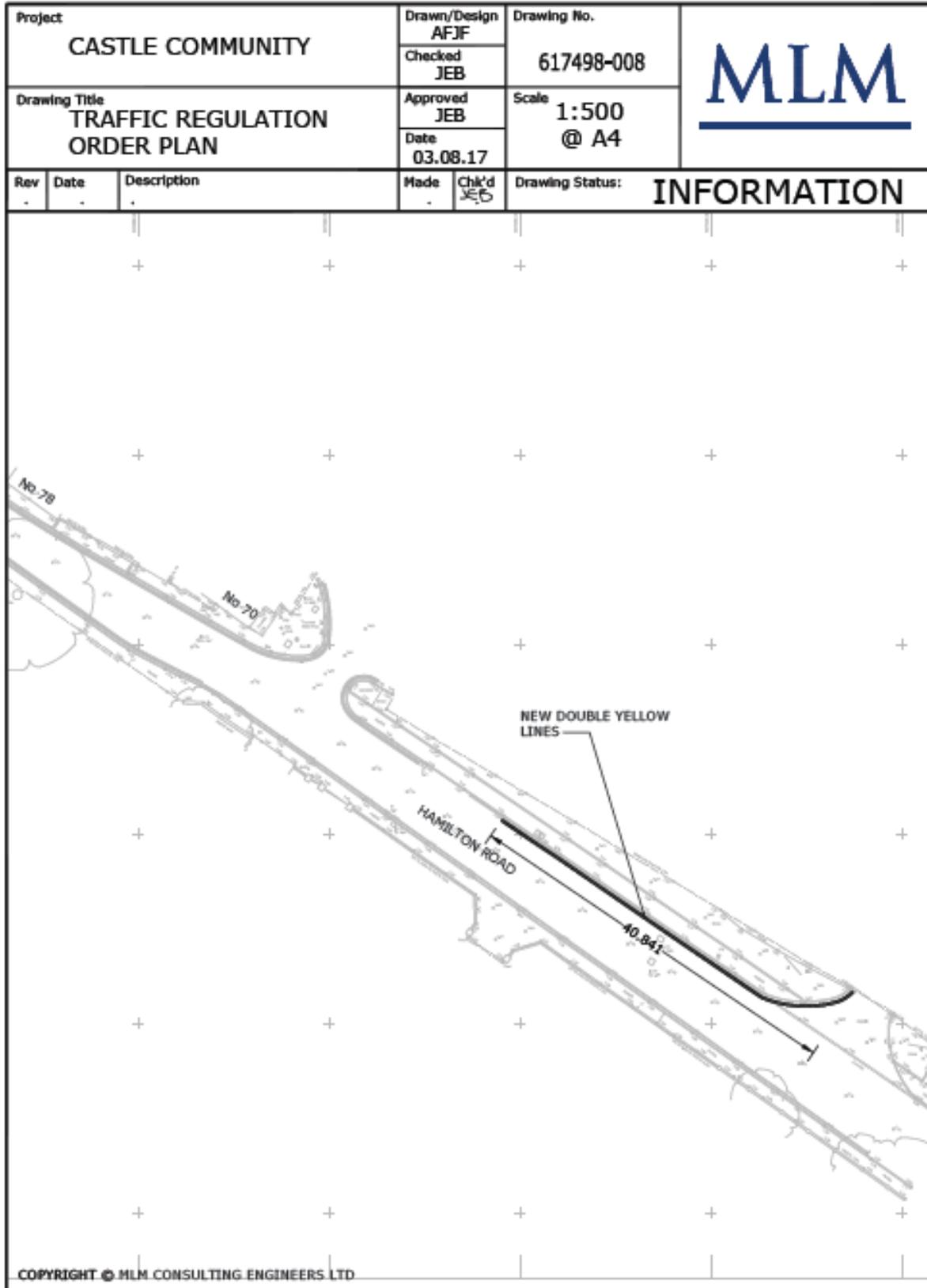
- 4.1 That the waiting restrictions should be put in place in the interests of safety.
- 4.2 That the times that the restrictions apply by changed from “at any time” to Monday-Friday 8am-6pm to mitigate the impact on local residential parking during non-school times.

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>Whole file</i>	<i>Highway Services, Kent County Council</i>

Appendix A – Plan of Proposals



Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to further parking restrictions on Hamilton road, Deal.

It is already difficult to find parking on Hamilton road as the east side already has double yellow lines in place running half the length of the road. There is also a single yellow line running along a good stretch of the road next to the cemetery. At the western end there are 3 junctions where roads adjoin Hamilton road, this further restricts parking.

Now that Goodwin Academy is open, I have walked along Hamilton road on 3 occasions today and the most I counted in one go were 4 available spaces, please bear in mind that this was in the middle of the day when most people are at work, goodness knows what it will be like early mornings and evening!

I have a 4 month old baby, and I currently have to park far from my home as it is, this is starting to impact on my life as I dread having to take the car out as I may not find a space when I return. I am very concerned about the prospect of having to park far away and take my baby (and her paraphernalia) from the car to my home in the rain during winter. With these new restrictions I may not even be able to get a space on Hamilton road at all.

Furthermore I am concerned that this will negatively impact the value of my home.

As the school has a car park with a through road set back from Hamilton road, I do not see that the proposed yellow lines are necessary at all and would only serve to take up already scarce parking. I understand new homes are only permitted to be built when parking is available, surely restrictions on parking should take into consideration the ability of current residents to park!

I sincerely hope that the council will reconsider, or perhaps allow residents to rent parking space from the school at the very least.

Kind regards,

Hamilton Rd, Deal.

Hello Brian,

Many thanks for your response. I am unsurprised that the needs of the existing residents are (sadly) being ignored. With regards to road safety I would have to disagree that the current proposals would make this road safer. At the moment the traffic coming down Hamilton road has to slow down and sometimes stop if cars are approaching from the other direction thanks to the cars parked there. By disallowing cars to park there the traffic will not have to slow or stop at all making it a faster route, I am very concerned that this will allow drivers to speed along at all times of the day.

I doubt any of this will make a difference as it sounds like you've made up your minds no matter how adversely it affects those of us having to live here, but I hope you may think about trying to alleviate the difficulties you are bringing about on us in some other way, perhaps by allowing parking along the opposite stretch of road by the cemetery?

Kind regards,

Hamilton rd.

Hello

I wrote to you all on Friday and await a response. We really do need your support on this matter.

Please take the time to read the email below which sets out the concerns of many residents on Hamilton Rd. Highlighted section covers the main objections. **This needs a response to KCC today please.**

The Goodwin Academy, whilst being good news in many ways, cannot be shoehorned into a residential area with some impact. The footprint (sheer volume of pupils) is bound to have an effect. There is now increased traffic 7 days per week which reinforces the objection to creating a 'Hamilton Highway' by removing all parking and residents need to know that they can park. See email below.

Two other actions which I ask you to consider and support:

- the Academy to provide **parking signage with immediate effect** so that people know there is ample parking ON SITE for those attending weekend events/school related activities. There is nothing at the moment apart from a promotional enrolment banner.
- KCC to consider **zoned resident parking**: protecting the parking spaces on Hamilton Rd threatened with removal by the no waiting lines proposed. Residents need to be able to park. Those using the Academy's facilities are well provided for.

Please note there is also an additional 'one way' entrance road (formerly the parking area for the college) which is current not being used by the Academy to 'set down' people attending activities at the school. This has not been made active.

The residents are bearing the brunt of plans and lack of action. Our concerns should be taken into account and addressed **now**. We're a modest community but that doesn't mean we don't count!

I look forward to **confirmation** that at least one of you (or by agreement amongst you) will **support the objections below and the proposals listed here** to protect our interests.

Many thanks

Regards

Dear Councillors

The proposal for waiting restrictions for Hamilton Rd, Deal will create problems and potential danger for the residents of this road. The proposal is the result of the presence Goodwin Academy, a large new school based in the area. Hamilton Rd is a key entrance to the new, enlarged site. (see the end of this message for the full Consultation details)

"HAMILTON ROAD - On the north-east side of the road, from the eastern entrance to the school car park in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 41 metres."

My concerns are as follows:

The proposal causes problems for the local residents:

1. Local homes are terraced houses with small or no area to park off road. Both sides of Hamilton Rd (from Mill Rd to the last house before the Academy/Cemetery) already have double yellow lines. This means there is currently no parking outside our homes. Residents park outside the school along the stretch proposed for 'no waiting'. Our cars can be found there all day. Where will local residents park?
2. The residents' cars already prevent any 'drop off' activity which is the concern expressed by the Council.
3. Traffic already speeds Hamilton Rd (from the bend in Mill Rd) as there are double yellow lines on both sides. The residents' cars provide a perfect 'brake' to this speed as drivers have to slow down.
4. Extending 'no waiting' as per the proposal means cars will drive even faster, outside homes and the school itself. This poses a danger to anyone walking along/crossing Hamilton Rd. It will also increase the noise for local resident, making the road an unpleasant one to live on.

I do not believe the Highways Department have considered the above. They have given our modest community short shrift. Where are we supposed to park? And what about speeding cars? My neighbours are distraught at the proposals and disregard shown by KCC in failing to properly consult with them. A new school is good news for the community in many ways, but our local needs have been dismissed. This is particularly evident by the poor way the consultation has been conducted.

Consultation process: lack of consultation and flaws in the way the process has been conducted

Short consultation period: This consultation has only been open from 1 Sept (holiday time for many families) to 25 Sept. I understand 4-6 weeks is the normal period.

Lack of communication with the affected community. Notices 'buried' on KCC website. The community facing the impact of this decision has not been contacted (none of the neighbours I've asked have received any information and I haven't either). A small plastic notice was affixed to a lamp post in an area with limited footfall. The notice on the website was buried and referred to Dover. A friend with over 20 years' local authority work experience (supporting members) took almost 10 minutes to locate it. I work in digital technology and I couldn't locate it.

No evidence of local concerns/community needs have been taken into consideration.

Action required

Please would you decide amongst yourselves who can represent our concerns to KCC. The deadline is next Monday 25 Sept so I'd be grateful if you could let me know. My phone number is XXXXXXXXX.

I am copying this to our local MP, who I am sure will be concerned at the lack of due consultation amongst his constituents.

I look forward to hearing from you today.

Many thanks

Regards

Good afternoon Richard,

The above item was discussed at the Deal Town Council's Planning meeting held on Wednesday 4th October, please see Deal Town Council's recommendations below on the proposed waiting restrictions on **Hamilton Road** Deal:

- KCC to introduce a 20MPH speed limit
- KCC to request a school visit to discuss possibilities of creating drop off/pick up area for parents
- During school term impose parking restrictions to half-hour before school and half-hour after school

Kind regards

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