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## **PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS, SANDWICH ROAD, LONDON ROAD AND SHOLDEN NEW ROAD, SHOLDEN**

To: **Joint Transportation Board – 13 September 2013**

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

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Middle Deal and Sholden, and Eastry**

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**Summary:** **This report gives details of the statutory consultation for the proposed changes to the speed limit in Sandwich Road and London Road, and the implementation of waiting restriction in Sandwich Road, London Road and Sholden New Road**

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 A residential development by Ward homes is currently taking place on land adjacent to the A258 Sandwich Road between Sholden New Road and the entrance to Cottington Lakes. The development is for 240 new homes, and will incorporate a new access road off Sandwich Road and the installation of a toucan (pedestrian and cycle) crossing.
- 1.2 As part of the section 278 agreement, the developer has agreed to fund the extension of the 30mph speed limit out from Sholden and the implementation of 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) along the road to prohibit parking.
- 1.3 The Speed Limit Order would extend the existing 30mph speed limit by a further 300m along Sandwich Road. See Appendix A for a plan and copy of the public notice and Order.
- 1.4 The Waiting Restriction Order would implement 'at any time' waiting restrictions in Sandwich Road (extending into access roads to Cottington Lakes and residential development) and extend the current waiting restrictions in London Road. It was also necessary to make some minor changes in Sholden New Road, and as a result the existing waiting restrictions in Sholden New Road and Paddock Close were revoked and re-advertised in order to consolidate the Order. See Appendix B for a plan and copy of the public notice and Order
- 1.5 Kent County Council undertook the consultation process with statutory consultees, local residents, Sholden Parish Council and other local stakeholders.

#### **2.0 Consultation**

- 2.1 Adverts were placed in Kent on Sunday and on site, and notification letters were sent out or posted by hand as appropriate.
- 2.2 Responses received from statutory consultees and members of the public are as follows. Copies of the response can be found in Appendix C:

Name	Order	Comments	KCC Response
Kent Police	Speed Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent Police were concerned that the new terminal signs do not have sufficient visibility.</li> <li>• Kent Police have requested traffic count records to show average speeds in the area.</li> </ul>	See paragraph 2.3
Kent Police	Waiting Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No objections</li> </ul>	
Sholden Parish Council		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports proposed waiting restrictions at entrance to Cottington Lakes and residential development.</li> <li>• Supports proposed waiting restriction extension in London Road</li> <li>• The gap in the lines between London Road and Paddock Close should be closed. This would help bus access and improve sightlines for residents.</li> <li>• Feels that parking restrictions on Sandwich road are unnecessary as there is no existing problem with parked cars, and people are unlikely to park on a busy A road.</li> <li>• Suggests funding for the waiting restrictions should be used to implement double yellow lines along the entire length of Sholden New Road, as the likelihood of parked cars associated with the development will affect bus service.</li> <li>• Stagecoach supports the Parish Council's proposals.</li> <li>• The new cycle path exits from Sholden New Road and will be affected by the parked cars.</li> <li>• Concerns that parked cars will affect emergency access entrance to development in Sholden New Road.</li> <li>• Residents in Hull Place already experience sightlines problems and restricted road space caused by parked cars.</li> </ul>	See Paragraph 2.4 & 2.5
Local resident	Waiting Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests extension of waiting restrictions in Sholden New Road to facilitate buses turning into Sholden New Road.</li> </ul>	See Paragraph 2.4 & 2.5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests extension of waiting restrictions at junction with Paddock Close to improve sightlines.</li> <li>• Requests waiting restrictions all the way down Sholden New Road to keep the bus route clear.</li> </ul>	
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2.3 A visit to site showed that the clear visibility distance to the proposed terminal signs is at least 125m, and therefore exceeds the 75m minimum distance stated by the Department for Transport guidelines

2.4 It is only possible to take forward the proposals directly connected with this development and as agreed with the developer. It is not reasonable to request that they fund the implementation of further restrictions which are unconnected with the development, and they would be under no obligation to do so. Therefore such an avenue would not be pursued.

2.5 In line with the current Kent County Council policy, further waiting restrictions in the area would only be considered if there is a record of personal injury crashes in the past three years ,and of a type which would be addressed by implementing the works requested. Our latest crash statistics, current up to the end of March 2013, show no record of any personal injury crashes in Sholden New Road.

### 3.0 Recommendation(s)

4.1 That Members agree to the reduction in the speed limit.

4.2 That members agree to the implementation of waiting restrictions as advertised.

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### ***Background Papers***

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





## In the District of Dover

### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF DOVER) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) (AMENDMENT No.1) ORDER 2013

#### Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Notice is hereby given that The KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of its powers under sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and, of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:-

#### **Sandwich Road, Sholden:**

The effect of the proposed Order will amend the existing 50mph speed limit;

- 1) From a point 95 metres northwest of Sholden New Road to a point 304 metres northwest of Sholden New Road will be reduced to a 30mph speed limit and
- 2) From its junction with Bridge Hill to a point 304 metres northwest of Sholden New Road 50mph speed limit.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for making the proposed Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined on Mondays to Friday at Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ, Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to support or object to the proposals you should write to The TRO Co-ordinator, 125-135 Brenchley House, Week Street, Maidstone, ME14 1RF or by email to [TRO@amey.co.uk](mailto:TRO@amey.co.uk) stating the name of the order and your reasons, by not later than 12 noon on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

**John Burr**  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
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Kent

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF DOVER)**  
**(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)**  
**(AMENDMENT No.1)**  
**ORDER 2013**

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1984) as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

**REVOCATION, MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS**

The "Kent County Council (Various Roads, The District of Dover) (20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph Speed Limits and Derestricted Roads) Consolidation Order 2012" be amended as follows.

In the Schedule 5 of the Order the following shall be deleted from the Table below.

Item No	Road Name	Parish	Road Name
13	SANDWICH ROAD	SHOLDEN	From a point 95 metres north west of its junction with Sholden New Road to its junction with Bridge Hill

In the Schedule 3 of the Order the following shall be added from the Table below.

Item No	Road Name	Parish	Road Name
164	SANDWICH ROAD	SHOLDEN	From a point 95m north west of Sholden New Road to a point 304m north west of Sholden New Road

In the Schedule 5 of the Order the following shall be added from the Table below.

Item No	Road Name	Parish	Road Name
14	SANDWICH ROAD	SHOLDEN	From J/W Bridge Hill to a point 304m north-west of Sholden New Road

**CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

This Order may be cited as "The Kent County Council (Various Roads, The District of Dover) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH Speed Limits and Derestricted Roads) (Amendment No.1) Order 2013" and shall come into operation on the \*\* day \*\*\*\*\* 201\*.

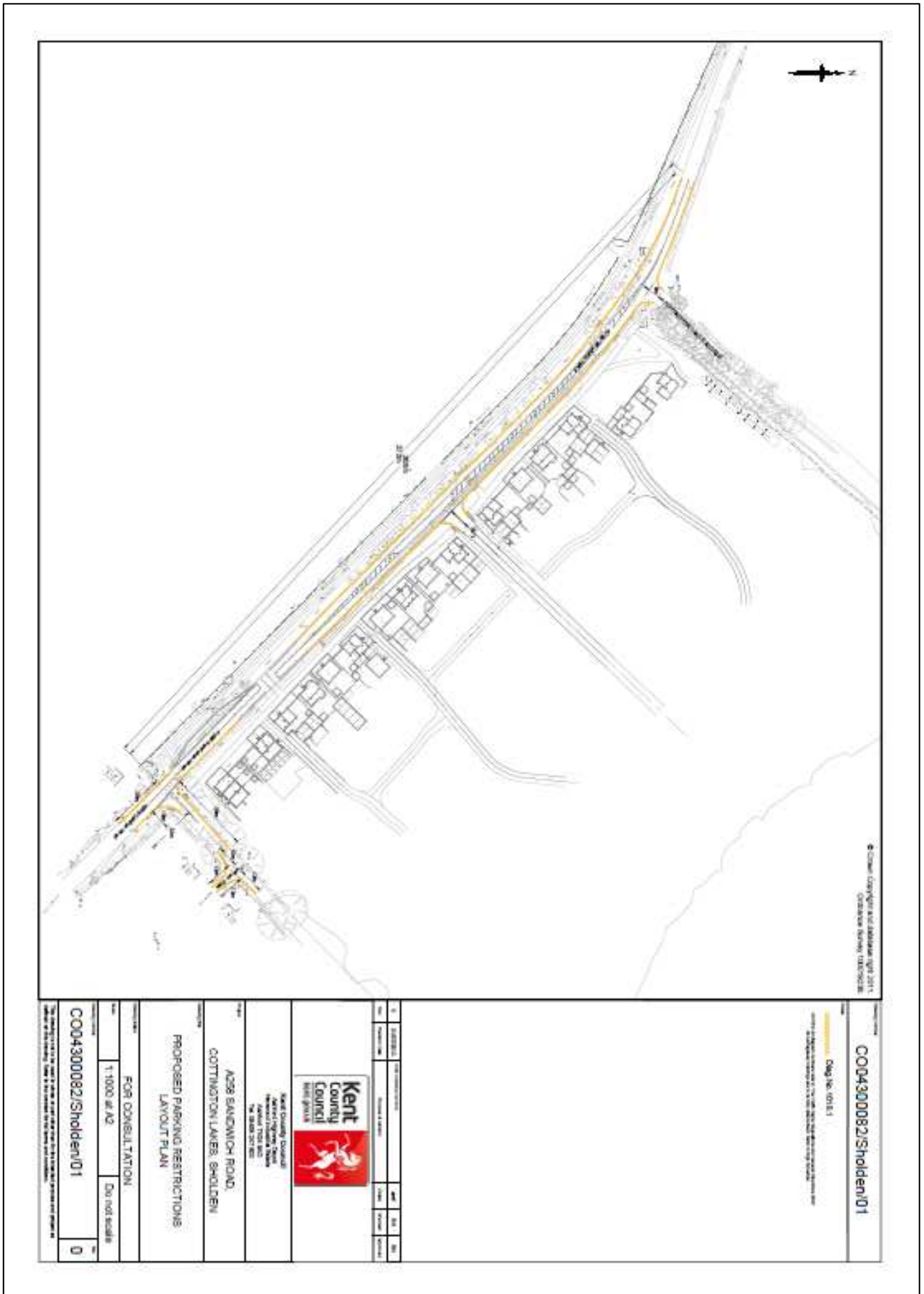
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this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 201 \_\_\_\_.

**THE COMMON SEAL OF THE  
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Authorised Signatory

## Appendix B





# PUBLIC NOTICE



## In the District of Dover

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)  
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)  
AMENDMENT No.19 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2013**

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

Notice is hereby given that The KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act"), and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:-

- 1) The effect of the proposed named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines;

### **LONDON ROAD, SHOLDEN**

- 1) On the north-eastern side of the road:  
From a point 23 metres south-east of the junction of Sholden New Road to the junction with Sholden New Road
- 2) On the south-western side of the road:  
From a point opposite the centre line of Sholden New Road to a point 25 metres in south-easterly direction

### **PADDOCK CLOSE, SHOLDEN**

On both sides of the road

From its junction with Sholden New Road for a distance of 12 metres in a south-easterly direction

### **SANDWICH ROAD, SHOLDEN**

- 1) On the north-eastern side of the road:  
From the junction with Sholden New Road to a point 368 metres north-west of the junction with Sholden New Road
- 2) On the south-western side of the road:  
From a point opposite the centre line of Sholden New Road to a point 373 metres in a north-westerly direction

**SHOLDEN NEW ROAD, SHOLDEN**

- 1) On the south-eastern side of the road:
  - a) From its junction with London Road for a distance of 10 metres in a north-easterly direction
  - b) Between points 10 metres south-west and 12 metres north-east of its junction with Paddock Close
- 2) On the north-western side  
From its junction with London Road for a distance of 38 metres in a north-easterly direction

**IN NEW ACCESS ROAD TO THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, SHOLDEN**

On both sides of the new access road:

From its junction with Sandwich Road for a distance of 9 metres in a north-easterly direction

**IN ACCESS ROAD TO COTTINGTON LAKES**

On both sides of the road:

From its junction with Sandwich Road for a distance of 5 metres in a north-easterly direction

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
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(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(AMENDMENT 19) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2013**

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

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**Interpretation**

(1) In this Order:-

"civil enforcement area"	means an area where civil enforcement of parking restrictions can be enforced as defined in by the Traffic Management Act 2004
"civil enforcement officer"	means a person employed by Dover District Council in pursuance of powers granted by Traffic Management Act 2004 (Civil Enforcement Area)
"disabled persons badge"	has the same meaning as in the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1991 or the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2000;
"disabled persons vehicle"	has the same meaning as in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England and Wales) Regulations 1991 or the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000;
"junction"	means the intersection point of the centrelines, or projected centrelines, of the roads specified
"owner" and "traffic sign"	have the same meanings as in Section 142 of the Act of 1984
"parking disc"	means a disc, issued by a Local Authority, 125mm in diameter coloured either blue or orange, and capable of showing the quarter hour period during which a period of waiting begins;
"parking exemption certificate"	a certificate or other means of identification which has been issued by the local traffic authority or its appointed agents on which is shown the index number of the vehicle to which it has been issued and <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) a commencement date and time</li><li>2) an expiry date and time</li><li>3) or both and</li><li>4) may specify those roads or parts thereof in which the certificate is valid</li></ol>
"relevant position"	means; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a dashboard or facia panel, the disabled persons badge is exhibited thereon so that Part I of the badge is legible from outside the vehicle;</li><li>2) in the case of a vehicle not fitted with a dashboard or facia panel, the disabled persons badge is exhibited in a conspicuous position on the vehicle so that Part I of the badge is legible from outside the vehicle;</li></ol>

3) in the case of a parking exemption certificate, in a conspicuous position inside the vehicle so the certificate is visible in full and legible from outside the vehicle.

"specified road" means the road or roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.

#### **Prohibition of Waiting**

- (2) Save as provided in Articles (3), (4) and (5) of this Order no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or of a traffic warden or of a civil enforcement officer cause or permit:-
- (a) any vehicle to wait at any time in any of the lengths of road specified in PART ONE AND PART THREE of the Schedule to this Order
- (3) Nothing in Article (2) of this Order shall prevent any person from causing or permitting a vehicle to wait in any of the lengths of road referred to in that Article for so long as may be necessary:-
- (a) to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle;
- (b) to enable goods to be loaded onto or unloaded from the vehicle provided such loading or unloading is continuous;
- (c) to enable the vehicle to be used as part of a funeral cortege or a wedding procession;
- (d) to enable the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such a purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of any local authority or with the permission of any such authority in pursuance of statutory powers and duties;
- (e) to enable the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose elsewhere, to be used in connection with any building operation or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the carrying out of any road works or the laying, erection and alteration or repair of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telegraph or telephone wires, cables, posts or supports; or
- (f) to enable the vehicle to be used for police, ambulance or fire brigade purposes.
- (4) Nothing in Article (2) of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a disabled persons vehicle which displays in the relevant position a disabled persons badge, and a parking disc (on which the driver, or other person in charge of the vehicle, has marked the time at which the period of waiting began) to wait in any of the lengths of road referred to in the Schedule to this Order for a period not exceeding 3 hours (not being a period separated by an interval of less than 1 hour from a previous period of waiting by the same vehicle in the same length of road) provided always that where the period of the prohibition of waiting does not exceed 3 hours the parking disc need not be displayed.
- (5) Nothing in Article (2) of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle which displays in the relevant position a parking exemption certificate to wait in any of the roads specified in the Schedule to the Order provided the certificate has been issued for the vehicle displaying it and is valid for the place where the vehicle is waiting and for both the day and time when the vehicle is waiting.
- (6) The parts of Orders listed in PART TWO of the schedule to this Order are hereby revoked and will cease to have any effect from \*\*th \*\*\*\*\* 2013
- (7) The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the said Act of 1984.
- (8) The provisions of this order shall prevail over the provisions of any previous order.

**CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

This Order may be cited as "THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (Various Roads, Dover District) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Amendment 19) Consolidation Order 2013" and shall come into operation on the \*\* day \*\*\*\*\* 201\*.

Given under the Seal of the Kent County Council

This            day of                            201\*

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE  
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**PART ONE**  
**(No waiting at any time)**

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- On both sides of the access road
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**PART TWO**  
**(Parts of Order Revoked)**

The Orders to be revoked, and their contents to be consolidated within this Order, are listed below:

<b>Revocation</b>	
The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Dover District) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. 10) Order 2009	1. LONDON ROAD, SHOLDEN On the north-eastern side between points 12 metres north-west and 12 metres south-east of the junction with Sholden New Road.
	2. SHOLDEN NEW ROAD 1) On the south-eastern side (a) From its junction with London Road for a

	<p>distance of 10 metres in a north-easterly direction.</p> <p>(b) Between points 10 metres south-west and 12 metres north-east of the junction with Paddock Road.</p> <p>2) On the north-western side</p> <p>From its junction with London Road for a distance of 36 metres in a north-easterly direction.</p>
	<p>3. PADDOCK ROAD, SHOLDEN</p> <p>On both sides from its junction with Sholden New Road for a distance of 12 metres in a south-easterly direction.</p>

**PART THREE**

**(No waiting at any time)**

**SHOLDEN NEW ROAD**

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## Appendix C



**Kent  
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**Protecting and serving** the people of Kent

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Mr R Fletcher  
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Kent Police ME14 1RF

Your Ref: A258 Sholden/06/2013  
Our Ref: 243/TRO/14002/13

Date: 29th July 2013

**The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Dover District) (20mph, 30mph,  
40mph, 50mph Speed Limits and Derestricted Roads) Amendment No. 1 Order  
2013.**

Dear Mr Fletcher,

Thank you for your letter dated 28th June 2013 concerning the above subject.

The introduction of any new speed limit is an emotive subject, as is the antisocial behaviour of those motorists who exceed the present limits.

In order to ensure credibility of a new speed limit we would expect all aspects of DfT Circular 01/2013 to be adhered to.

Any speed limit introduced outside of this guidance will not only be ineffective but will leave the Police with the task of carrying out constant enforcement, where previously an issue of excess speed did not exist.

Kent Police would seek that the legislation and advice given in the Traffic Signs Manual Chapters 3 and 5, and the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, is complied with.

Having studied this proposal and viewed the area, Kent Police have the following observations:





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As part of the consultation process, and in order to judge the level of compliance with a new speed limit Kent Police would like the opportunity to view 24-hour, 7-day speed data for this area.

Drawing number CO04300082/Sholden/02 shows the proposed new location of the speed limit terminal signs, at just east of the entrance to Cottington Lakes. This location is on a bend and may not be a suitable site for the speed limit gateway, as the forward visibility to the signs will be limited. Drivers approaching the terminal signs from a 50mph speed limit should have a minimum clear visibility distance of at least 75 metres to both signs (Table 14-3, TSM Chapter 3).

Kent Police would not support the proposed relocation of the terminal signs and would ask that they be relocated further east towards Sholden between the Cottington Lakes entrance and the newly built entrance to the new development.

As with all new Traffic Regulation Orders we would look for their introduction to be in the main self-enforcing. This fact needs to be taken into account when making new orders and methods to ensure self-enforcement must be provided to maintain credibility of the order. The demands on Kent Police are becoming ever greater, speed enforcement is labour intensive and competes with other important policing issues of public concern, therefore the deployment of resources must be prioritised and this means in real terms that the enforcement of this speed limit is likely to receive a low priority.

I hope that these views are of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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Your Ref: A258 Sholden/06/2013  
Our Ref: 243/TRO/14002/13

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Dover District) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Amendment No. 19 Consolidation Order 2013.**

Dear Mr Fletcher,

Thank you for your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 concerning the above subject.

Kent Police in principle would have no objections to these proposals and have no specific comments or observations to make, but in general terms we would expect the following:

- The application meets the necessary criteria.
- The introduction of prohibition of waiting complies in all respect with the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002.
- If being used for 'corner protection' the prohibition of waiting restriction is for a 24-hour period and extends for a distance of at least 10 metres from any junction. Thus preventing vehicles mistakenly parking during the hours of darkness and contravening provisions of the Roads Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1994.
- The introduction of such measures will not leave the Police with the task of carrying out constant enforcement issues such as obstruction by transferring the problem to other areas.



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- The safety of other road users is not compromised by the introduction of these measures.

Civil Parking Enforcement will require your Authority to ensure resources are available to enforce this proposal.

I hope that these views are of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Bineham  
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## SHOLDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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1 August 2013

### **A258 Sandwich Road Safety Improvements**

Dear Sir/Madam

Sholden Parish Council wishes to make the following observations and comments with regard to the Sandwich Road Safety Improvements.

1. Entry and exit points from the Sholden Fields development and Cottington Lakes (A258, Sandwich Road) – we would expect parking restrictions at these points to be implemented as a matter of course. We therefore have no objections.
2. Extending restrictions in London Road would increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists at or around the Sholden New Road junction. We therefore have no objections.
3. Leaving a very short stretch along Sholden New Road (outside 16 Paddock Close which fronts Sholden New Road), free from restrictions is in our opinion ludicrous. This is a perfect opportunity to close this small gap. To illustrate the current problems that regularly arise by leaving this stretch unrestricted, please see attached photographs. These pictures, (taken by the resident of 16 Paddock Close), illustrate perfectly the problems that occur here every day. The bus has difficulty when entering into Sholden New Road at this point when cars/vans are parked. In addition, visibility is also an issue for motorists here for the same reasons. The Parish Council has campaigned for the implementation of double yellow lines along this stretch for many years. This would complete an already agreed and financed scheme that was not carried out as agreed some years ago. Now is time to address this problem.
4. Implementation of parking restrictions along the frontage of the new development to both sides of the carriageway (with the exceptions as noted in points 1 & 2 above), is felt to be unnecessary. We assume therefore, that KCC Highways perceive a problem with parked cars here once the Sholden Fields development is complete. We cannot understand why else funds would be directed to restricting parking on a busy 'A' road where parked cars are not currently a problem. We do not agree that parking restrictions here are necessary.

Further to this, we would like to point out that current KCC guidelines do indeed state that yellow lines are used to increase road safety for drivers and pedestrians where visibility is

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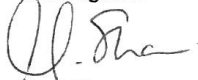
impaired by parked cars and as a means of reducing congestion on places where parked cars mean narrower roads. We suggest that funding is diverted from the A258 Sandwich Road proposals and used for the implementation of double yellow lines along the entire length of Sholden New Road to both sides of the carriageway. Problems with parked cars do currently exist here and will become more of a problem once the Sholden Fields development is complete. The parked cars will inhibit and threaten the continuation of the village bus service. This point is reiterated by Stagecoach.

The following points we believe aptly illustrate the case we put:

- Problems with parking exist here now, they will not improve once the new houses are occupied. This road will be used as a convenient short cut by both residents and visitors.
- The bus regularly has difficulty in negotiating Sholden New Road. We do not want to lose our bus service. Stagecoach is in favour of our proposals.
- The new cycle path enters and exits from Sholden New Road – parked cars compromise both cyclist and pedestrian safety.
- Emergency Access to the Sholden Fields site is located along Sholden New Road (near to the top where the bus already has problems in manoeuvring). Will the fire engine or ambulance have similar problems if parked cars inhibit or compromise the entrance?
- Visibility for residents/visitors using the first access road into Hull Place already experience problems with visibility particularly when the village hall is in use and parked cars narrow the road.
- Residents in the area support our proposals.

Finally we would like to make the following observation. We received a reply from KCC Highways after requesting a site visit to discuss issues (as listed above). The reply stated that, 'we are only addressing issues where there is a proven safety issue demonstrated by the presence of recent crashes which have resulted in personal injury. Although I appreciate your concerns, we do not have the resources to address situations where parking or access issues may arise..... On the basis of this, I would not be able to undertake a site meeting to discuss a potential issue...' Using this reply as a guide and bearing in mind that no parking/access problems currently exist along the A258 Sandwich Road in the area designated for parking restrictions, KCC Highways must therefore be expecting a 'potential issue', if not, then logically all 'A' in the country must be treated in the same way.

Kind regards



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On behalf of Sholden Parish Council

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