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## **Traffic Management – Changes to Hawley Square and Marine Drive Pay and Display**

To: **Thanet Joint Transportation Board – 13 June 2013**

By: **Civil Enforcement Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted.**

Ward: **Margate Central**

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**Summary:** **To change three sides of Hawley Square on street pay and display parking to shared residents parking with pay and display and for three pay and display bays along Marine Drive be changed to disabled and hotel parking.**

### **For Recommendation:**

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#### **1. Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 Since 2005 the responsibility for parking matters in the Thanet District is split between Kent Highways and Transportation for requests relating to safety and Thanet District for amenity requests. Parking Services have carried out a review of these two locations based on requests received from Members, residents and businesses.
- 1.2 The proposal is to change three sides of Hawley Square Margate not including the main road from pay and display only to shared residents parking with pay and display. This would enable Hawley Square to be part of the Margate Addington scheme and allow residents and business to purchase permits which would allow them to park without any restrictions within these bays see appendix 1.
- 1.3 This proposal would also change three bays along Marine Drive from pay and display and allow the new hotel to purchase hotel permits for two allocated bays and give an additional disabled persons parking bay for general use see appendix 2.
- 1.4 Making changes to Traffic Regulation Orders is a lengthy and costly process involving changes to legal documents and thorough public consultation. In order to optimise the handling of these changes, requests are consolidated into categories and amended in bulk. Objections that are received during the public consultation will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting for a decision about whether to abandon, implement or amend the proposed changes.
- 1.5 The officers' recommendations as to whether the proposals should be implemented are based on the General Provision for Traffic Regulation in the Road the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Within the Act changes are considered to be justified:
  - a) to provide more on street parking for residents;
  - b) to provide parking for hotel users;
  - c) to provide parking for disabled persons vehicles;
  - d) to make the road safer for all users.

1.6 Additionally, as a general rule, parking restrictions are not recommended in remote locations where there is little chance of enforcement. This has also given us the opportunity to review the parking restrictions at these locations.

## **2. Options available**

2.1 Members of the Board can:

2.11 Support the officers' recommendations to consult on the proposals,

2.12 Recommend amendments to the proposals,

## **3. Corporate Implications**

### **3.1 Financial**

3.1.1 Parking and waiting restrictions are funded, managed and enforced by the Thanet District Council using the decriminalisation budget.

3.1.2 No additional staffing resources are proposed, as these controls are already part of our existing patrols.

### **4.2 Legal**

4.2.1 There are no legal implications.

### **5.3 Corporate**

5.3.1 The proposals are intended to improve access for resident's and business within the schemes that is in place. If the controls are not introduced, then this would cause continuing displaced parking to the residents of Hawley Square and business within the roads affected.

### **6.4 Equity and Equalities**

6.4.1 This proposal will give one additional disabled persons parking bay in Marine Drive and allow residents of Margate Addington to park within additional parking bays.

## **7.0 Recommendation**

7.1 That subject to the views of this Board, the recommendations shown in appendix 1 and 2 are approved, and

7.2 That the proposals which require statutory consultation are advertised, and that any objections are reported back to a future meeting of the Board.

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<b>Annex List</b>	
<i>Annex 1</i>	<i>Hawley Square site plan</i>
<i>Annex 2</i>	<i>Marine Drive site plan</i>