POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON
SHEPHERDS LANE - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

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1. Summary

1. This report informs Members of the results of consultation about possible extension of double yellow line parking restrictions on the south side of Shepherds Lane. Seventeen residents have also signed a petition and this is attached to the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 This report is for information only.

3. Introduction

3.1. At its meeting on 8th December 2009, the Board considered a report on the Shepherds Lane cycle path and the parking problems reported by residents along this section of road, i.e. between Princes Road to Dartford Grammar School for Girls.

3.2. The Board approved a proposal from Kent Highway Services that residents should be consulted about the possibility of extending the double yellow lines on the south side of Shepherds Lane. The extension of the double yellow lines was considered a possible means of deterring parking on the adjacent footway.

3.3. The consultation was delivered on 23rd March to residents at 107 – 155 Shepherds Lane (odd numbers) and 60 – 122 Shepherds Lane (even numbers). It was also delivered to all properties in Gloucester Road, Bath Road and Somerset Road.

3.4. The consultation letter stated:

“Kent Highway Services have received a number of complaints from members of the public about cars and vans parked on the footway of Shepherds Lane. Some of these complaints are from pedestrians who use the footway, others are from residents who find that parked cars block their view of oncoming traffic when they drive out of their driveways.

Kent Highway Services have been asked to find an effective way of removing the parking problem and are investigating the possibility of extending the double yellow line parking restrictions along the entire length of the south side of Shepherds Lane as far as the junction with Princes Road”.
3.5. The letter invited residents to tick one of three options, namely:

- extending the double yellow lines on the south side of Shepherds Lane from house 107 as far as the junction with Princes Road
- extending the double yellow lines from house 107 to house 123 and no further
- Not extending the double yellow lines.

4. Consultation Results

4.1. Twelve residents voted in favour of extending the double yellow lines along the south side of Shepherds Lane as far as Princes Road.

4.2. Five residents voted in favour of extending the double yellow lines only as far as house 123.

4.3. Thirty-seven residents voted in favour of no change to the double yellow lines.

4.4. Seventeen residents (some of them included in the above total) signed a petition objecting to the extension of double yellow lines and requesting that “as the cycle path is not being used by the local school children as intended, it should be removed from the footway”. The petition is included in Appendix A.

4.5. Residents raised a number of issues which are being investigated and will be discussed with officers at Dartford Borough Council. These issues will be reported to the next meeting of the Board.

5. Details of Exempt Information Category

5.1 Not applicable

6. Appendices

Appendix A - Map showing area of possible extension of double yellow lines.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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APPENDIX A

Map showing area under discussion for possible extension of double yellow lines