

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item:
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Meeting Date	Monday 25 th June 2018
Report Title	Formal Objection to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 11
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alan Horton
SMT Lead	Martyn Cassell
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and recommend that Officers amend the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed double yellow lines in Unity Street, Sittingbourne, to allow one parking space to remain between the existing and proposed double yellow lines.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of two formal objections received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 11, for amendments to various parking restrictions in the Borough.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted for various proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in Swale, and a copy of the Traffic Regulation Order, together with the Statement of Reason which summarises the proposals, can be found in Annex A.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order was formally advertised between 20th April and 11th May 2018, and two formal objections were received, both in relation to the proposed installation of a short section of double yellow lining to the rear of 132 Park Road, in Unity Street Sittingbourne. A copy of the objections can be found in Annex B.
- 3.2 Both objectors have stated that they do not have any particular issues with the proposed double yellow lines across the vehicle crossing to allow vehicular access to the garage at the rear of the property, but do object to the proposals to connect

this lining up with the existing double yellow lines located across a nearby vehicle crossing.

- 3.3 The objectors have stated that the current proposals will reduce on street parking by two spaces, and have suggested that a parking space for one vehicle could be maintained between the two vehicle crossings, to minimise the impact on the already limited on-street parking capacity.
- 3.4 A site survey has been undertaken following the submission of the objections, and it has been determined that it would be possible to leave a parking bay of around 3.5 metres in length between the existing and proposed double yellow lines.
- 3.5 Although this is a relatively short parking bay, it does allow for an overhang of around 750mm at the front and rear of any vehicles using the bay, without causing an obstruction to the vehicle crossings. As long as vehicles are parked with all four wheels within the bay markings they will not be in contravention of the Traffic Order and would therefore not receive a Penalty Charge Notice.
- 3.6 Whilst on site, it was noted that there was an existing parking bay opposite No.24 Unity Street that was of a similar length to the proposed bay, when measured noted as 3.3 metres.
- 3.7 A plan showing the original and revised layout for the proposed double yellow lines and parking bays can be found in Annex C.
- 3.8 Sheerways, Ospringe

The Traffic Regulation Order also included proposed double yellow lines on a couple of corners in Sheerways, Ospringe, following reports that the refuse freighter was experiencing difficulties negotiating parked vehicles during collections. Various objections and comments were received in relation to the proposed double yellow lines in Sheerways, and due to the different opinions of residents and a number of possible options submitted, the proposed double yellow lines will now be removed from this Traffic Regulation Order and further informal consultation will take place with residents prior to considering the inclusion of any restrictions in a future Traffic Order.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and recommend that Officers amend the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed double yellow lines in Unity Street, Sittingbourne, to allow one parking space to remain between the existing and proposed double yellow lines.

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Sealing Traffic Regulation Order and installing lining and signing.
Legal and Statutory	Formal Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order by Kent County Council.
Crime and Disorder	None at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Traffic Regulation Order and Statement of Reason
Annex B – Copy of Formal Objections Received
Annex C – Plan of Original and Revised Parking Layout – Rear of 132 Park Road, Sittingbourne

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None