

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item:
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Meeting Date	Monday 17 th December 2018
Report Title	Formal Objection to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 13
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alan Horton
SMT Lead	Martyn Cassell
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and recommend that Officers:-</p> <p>(a) abandon the proposed double yellow lines extension in Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne and remove them from the draft Traffic Regulation Order;</p> <p>(b) proceed with formalising the existing advisory disabled persons' parking bay outside 37 Imperial Drive, Warden.</p>
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of a number of formal objections received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 13, 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. Plans of the proposed waiting restrictions and amendments can be found in Annex B.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order was formally advertised between 12th October and 2nd November 2018, and a total of six formal objections were received in relation to the proposed extension to the existing double yellow lines in Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne, and two formal objections to the formalising of the existing advisory disabled persons' parking bay outside 37 Imperial Avenue in Warden. One response

supporting the double yellow lines in Lyndhurst Grove and a comment were received and two responses of support, one from Kent Police, were received for the proposed double yellow lines in High Street, Sittingbourne. A copy of the objections and comments received can be found in Annex C.

Proposed Extension to Double Yellow Lines – Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne

- 3.2 A request was received via our Parking Operations Team from a resident in the vicinity of Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne, for the double yellow lines on the south side of the road at the junction with Gore Court Road to be extended further into the Grove.
- 3.3 It had been reported that vehicles stopping to drop off and collect pupils of the nearby school were parking on both sides of the road, part on the footway, obstructing pedestrian and vehicle access into and out of the close.
- 3.4 The objections received make a number of comments, including that there are around 10 parking spaces in the close for 16 properties so on-street parking capacity is already an issue and extending the double yellow lines on one side would further reduce the available parking by around four spaces. It is also stated that any issues are common to any properties located near a school and occur for twice a day for a maximum of 20 minutes, and that larger vehicles such as refuse freighters can still access the close during these times.
- 3.5 One response supporting the proposed extension to the double yellow lines was received, and a comment was received from the originator of the original request to extend the double yellow lines, now requesting a single yellow line at the location. Copies of all responses can be found in Annex C.

Disabled Persons' Parking Bay – 37 Imperial Drive, Warden

- 3.6 An application for a disabled persons' parking bay outside 37 Imperial Drive, Warden, was received in February 2017 and again in May 2017. The application was refused on both occasions by Swale's Technical Services Engineer, in accordance with Kent County Council's application criteria, as the applicant had off-street parking facilities. However, this decision was appealed and after a site visit, Kent County Council's Parking Manager concluded that the off-street parking was not suitable and the application was subsequently approved.
- 3.7 In accordance with the agreed procedure in Swale, the bay was installed as an informal and advisory bay only, and residents were advised that this would not be enforceable until such time as it was included in a Traffic Regulation Order. Several attempts were made to mark the bay on site, as contractors were unable to arrange for the removal of parked cars despite visiting nearby properties.
- 3.8 Following reports from the applicant that vehicles were regularly parking in the advisory bay without displaying blue badges, it was proposed to formalise the bay and it was subsequently added to our next Traffic Regulation Order, Swale

Amendment 13, and advertised on site during the formal consultation period in October. During this time two formal objections were received, and these can be found in Annex C.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and recommend that Officers:-
- (a) abandon the proposed double yellow lines extension in Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne and remove them from the draft Traffic Regulation Order;
 - (b) proceed with formalising the existing advisory disabled persons' parking bay outside 37 Imperial Drive, Warden.

5. Implications

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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 – Plans of Proposed Waiting Restrictions and Amendments
 Annex C – Copies of Formal Objections Received

7. **Background Papers**

7.1 None