

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item:
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Meeting Date	Monday 13 th January 2020
Report Title	Formal Objections to TRO Swale Amendment 7 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines, Cormorant Road, Iwade
Cabinet Member	Cllr Tim Valentine
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the formal objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that the proposed double yellow lines in Cormorant Road, Iwade, either be progressed or abandoned.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 7, which included the installation of double yellow lines in Cormorant Road, Iwade.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Traffic Regulation Order was drafted for various proposed amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in Swale, and a copy of this Order can be found in Annex A. A Statement of Reasons summarising the contents of the Order can be found in Annex B. A number of formal objections were received to some of these proposals, and these were presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in September 2019. The recommendation for one of these locations, Cormorant Road in Iwade, was for the proposed double yellow lines to be abandoned, but at the subsequent Cabinet meeting it was decided that the proposals should be re-submitted to the JTB for further consideration.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A copy of the formal objections received in relation to the proposed double yellow lines in Cormorant Road, Iwade, can be found in Annex C, and plans of the proposals can be found in Annex D.

- Cormorant Road, Iwade – Proposed Double Yellow Lines
- 3.2 Following a request from the County Member for the area, proposals to install double yellow lines in Cormorant Road in Iwade, opposite the junction of Wigeon Road, were added to the current Traffic Regulation Order. The proposals, to be funded through the County Member’s Highway Grant, were requested to tackle issues with parked vehicles obstructing the movement of cars from off-street parking facilities opposite.
- 3.3 Two formal objections were received in relation to the proposed double yellow lines, both from nearby residents. Comments in the formal objections include the fact that parked vehicles at this location are not causing an obstruction, and that parking is already difficult due to lack of capacity. The question has also been raised as to why this area has been pinpointed as it is stated the situation is similar throughout the village. Suggestions have also been made that part of the existing grass verge in Sandpiper Lane could be made into additional on-street parking, and the “emergency only” access could be opened to reduce traffic flows through the current singular route in and out of the estate.
- 3.4 The previous recommendation from the Swale Joint Transportation Board, in September 2019, was for the proposed double yellow lines to be abandoned and removed from the Traffic Regulation Order, but at the following Cabinet meeting on 25th September 2019, it was resolved that the item be considered further at the next JTB meeting.
- 3.5 To avoid delay on the other proposed changes to waiting restrictions included in the Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 7, the proposed double yellow lines for Cormorant Road, Iwade, were removed from the Traffic Order to allow it to progress. Should the recommendation now be for the proposed restrictions to proceed, these would need to be incorporated in a future Traffic Order.
- 3.6 County & Ward Members Comments: Comments from the County and Ward Members were previously invited, but no specific comments were received.
- 3.7 Iwade Parish Council Comments: The Clerk to the Parish Council kindly e-mailed Parish Councillors asking them to respond if they had any concerns regarding the proposals. As no responses were received, it was assumed that the Parish Councillors were happy for the proposals to proceed.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the formal objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that the proposed double yellow lines in Cormorant Road, Iwade, **either** be progressed **or** abandoned.

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Installing/Removing Double Yellow Lines.
Legal and Statutory	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Order, including sealing by Kent County Council, and installation of lining.
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 Draft Traffic Regulation Order
- Annex B – Copy of Statement of Reasons
- Annex C – Formal Objections and Indications of Support Received
- Annex D – Plans of Proposals Subject to Objections

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None