

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 9
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Meeting Date	Monday 2 nd March 2020
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 9 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines, Sandford Road, Sittingbourne
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 Sandford Road, Sittingbourne be removed from the Order to allow proposals in other areas to progress while Kent County Council consider alternative solutions.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of objections received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 9, which covers various amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in the Swale area.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Traffic Regulation Order has been 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 have been received to some of these proposals, and these are discussed below.
- 2.2 With regard to the proposed restrictions for Ashford Road in Faversham, the originally advertised Traffic Regulation Order was for the installation of double yellow lines on the west side of the road, north of the M2 junction, but following comments from a nearby property it was agreed with the Head of Service to amend these proposals to a single yellow line to match those restrictions nearby, and to monitor the situation.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A copy of the formal objections received can be found in Annex C, and plans of the proposals for each of these areas can be found in Annex D.

Sandford Road, Sittingbourne

- 3.2 A previous Traffic Regulation Order was prepared for the installation of double yellow lines in Sandford Road, Sittingbourne, at the request of Bobbing Parish Council and joint funded by the Parish Council and the County Member's Highway Grant, and the lining was subsequently installed in August 2019.
- 3.3 At the request of the Parish Council, a short gap was left in the double yellow lines, outside of Nos.62 to 68 Sandford Road. However, we have now received a request from the Parish Council to fill in this section of unrestricted carriageway, and we have therefore included this section of double yellow lines in our latest Traffic Regulation Order.
- 3.4 During the formal consultation period, a total of four objections were received, all in relation to the proposed double yellow lines in Sandford Road, and a copy of these objections can be found in Annex C.
- 3.5 Ward Member Comments: One of the Ward Members has expressed objection to the proposed double yellow lines, and has been in communication with Kent County Council on an alternative solution to the problem, in the form of bollard installation. The other Ward Member stated that trying to find a more acceptable outcome to the issues in Sandford Road seems appropriate, and that he would be hesitant to lend his support to a scheme that would appear not to have support from its neighbouring residents.
- 3.6 Parish Council Comments: Following receipt of the formal objections, Bobbing Parish Council were asked for their comments in relation to the proposals for Sandford Road, and kindly responded as follows: *"My Chair said go ahead with the lines as there is not a clear view when coming around the corner from the shops, it's blind to oncoming cars. He also suggested that as we believe there is a disabled person residing in one of the four properties it might be worthwhile offering him a disabled bay, which would assist him. My Vice-Chair feels quite concerned that we have been informed in the beginning that bollards were not acceptable, but now find that they are being recommended! He feels that bollards will not improve the safety of this area of highway and footpaths and the same as the Chair would prefer that these yellow lines go ahead with the possible installation of a disabled bay. One Councillor stated: If you can't see what's coming around the corner then how are bollards going to help. It's blind – not like Hilton where you can see, it's just there's too many cars parked so you don't have time to nip into a space. Two Councillors stated: Unless an alternative is proposed by KCC (i.e bollards, etc) then it should still go ahead, because people are not obeying what the intention was in the first place. Besides, they can always be burnt off of the road if an alternative is then found."*

3.7 In light of the comments received and the continuing investigation by Kent County Council, we could remove the proposed parking restrictions for Sandford Road from the current Traffic Order, to allow the other proposals included in the Order which did not receive objections, to progress without further delay. If, at a later stage, Members recommended that the proposed double yellow lines in Sandford Road should progress these could be added to a future Traffic Regulation Order.

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 Sandford Road, Sittingbourne be removed from the Order to allow proposals in other areas to progress while Kent County Council consider alternative solutions.

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Installing Lining.
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.
Health Implications	The installation of the proposed double yellow lines could have a negative impact on the physical health and wellbeing of local residents by preventing those with physical health ailments parking directly outside their properties. If the lack of parking restrictions at this location is creating a highway safety issue, the installation of the proposed lines could positively impact on the health and wellbeing of road users.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Draft Traffic Regulation Order
- Annex B – Copy of Statement of Reason
- Annex C – Formal Objections Received
- Annex D – Plans of Proposals Subject to Objections

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None