

<b>SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Report Title</b>	Results of Informal Consultation – Proposed Double Yellow Lines, Cortland Close, Milton Regis
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Richard Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community
<b>Head of Service</b>	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Mike Knowles (SBC)
<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation on proposed double yellow lines in Cortland Close, Milton Regis, and recommend that a Traffic Regulation Order for the proposals be progressed but at a slightly reduced length following consultation feedback.
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## **1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides details of the results of a recent informal consultation with residents on two sections of proposed double yellow lines in Cortland Close, Milton Regis.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 Following a request from Ward and County Members, an informal consultation has taken place with residents on proposed double yellow lines in Cortland Close, Milton Regis. A copy of the consultation material can be found in Annex A, and a summary of the results of the consultation can be found in Annex B.

## **3. Issue for Decision**

- 3.1 A site meeting has taken place with Ward Members, the County Member and residents of Cortland Close and Cortland Mews in Milton Regis to discuss access issues caused by parked vehicles. It has been reported that vehicles parking in Cortland Close have prevented access into the Close by the refuse freighter, resulting in delays in bin collections, and also access issues with larger vehicles caused by parking near to the entrance to Cortland Mews. As well as the residential

properties located in Cortland Mews, this unadopted road also provides rear access to properties in Milton High Street.

- 3.2 Proposals were prepared consisting of extending the existing double yellow lines on the southwest side of the junction with Lammas Drive along Cortland Close, opposite the junction of Cortland Mews and around the corner in Cortland Close. As residents had also reported an issue with vehicles parking in the hammerhead at the end of the road, obstructing the safe manoeuvring of vehicles turning round, the proposals also included double yellow lines around the end of the road. A plan of the proposals can be found on the consultation material in Annex A.
- 3.3 A total of 20 properties were included in the informal consultation, and a total of 5 responses were received. Of those 5 responses, 3 supported the proposals, 1 objected and 1 supported the proposals from Lammas Drive to Cortland Mews, but felt that the restrictions outside of their property, in the hammerhead, were not required. The other objector expressed concern that the introduction of double yellow lines would push parked vehicles further down the road, affecting access to and from their driveway.
- 3.4 Ward & County Member Comments: A Ward Member for the area has commented as follows:- *“Although not a fan of yellow lines to cure parking issues, given the increasing numbers of multiple car ownership at single addresses, and the inability of some drivers to park courteously and safely, yellow lines are required in some instances. In this case, as mentioned in the objection, the road is narrow, and currently the parking at the entrance to the cul-de-sac often prevents emergency and refuse vehicles from gaining access to the close and the mews. I reluctantly agree with the proposal to install the lines”*. The County Member has stated that *“yellow lines will always push parked vehicles to somewhere else so that type of objection is almost a ‘given’ in my opinion, it does not hold enough weight to stop yellow lines being put down unless there is another valid reason for the objection. In this case, I believe the priority is the clearance for the unadopted road and lines on the blind bend. The ‘hammerhead’ and the lines up to the corner of Lammas Drive are of a slightly lower priority.”*
- 3.5 Based on the objection raised regarding proposed double yellow lines around all of the hammerhead at the end of the Close, it has been agreed with Members that the proposals will be amended slightly to exclude restrictions on the even numbers side of the hammerhead.

## **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation on proposed double yellow lines in Cortland Close, Milton Regis, and recommend that a Traffic Regulation Order for the proposals be progressed but at a slightly reduced length following consultation feedback.

## 5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Drafting and Advertising Traffic Regulation Order, Cost of Installing Lines on site.
Legal and Statutory	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 double yellow lines in Cortland Close will ensure access into the Close and Cortland Mews by larger vehicles, including emergency vehicles and refuse freighters, which will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents by ensuring regular bin collections and emergency access. Whilst there may be some negative impact through the reduction of on-street parking capacity, the proposed restrictions have been kept to a minimum and most, if not all, of the properties have off-street parking.

## 6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Consultation Material
- Annex B – Summary of Results of Informal Consultation

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None