

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 7
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Meeting Date	Monday 20 th June 2022
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 35 2022
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to note the formal objections, indications of support and comments received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that:-</p> <p>(1) the proposed double yellow lines on the junction of Power Station Road and William Rigby Drive, Halfway, be progressed;</p> <p>(2) the proposed double yellow lines outside Sheerness Working Men’s Club in Queenborough Road, Halfway, be progressed.</p>
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of objections, comments and indications of support received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 35 2022, which covers various amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in the Swale area. The proposals detailed in this report have been requested by the County Member for the area, to be funded through the County Members’ Grant Scheme.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted for various proposed amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in Swale, and the formal consultation took place between 4th March 2022 and 25th March 2022. Extracts from this Order where objections and comments have been received can be found in Annex A. A Statement of Reason summarising the relevant contents of the Order can be found

in Annex B. A number of formal objections, comments and indications of support, have been received to some of the proposals in the Traffic Order, and these are discussed below.

3. Issue for Decision

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

(1) Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Power Station Road/William Rigby Drive, Halfway

- 3.2 The County Member for the area has requested the installation of double yellow lines on the junction of Power Station Road and William Rigby Drive in Halfway. This follows issues with vehicles parking close to and around the junction, obstructing sightlines and hindering the safe movement of vehicles. The proposed double yellow lines are being funded through the County Members' Highway Grant Scheme.
- 3.3 During the formal consultation process, we received one formal objection and one indication of support. The objector supported the proposals but only if additional double yellow lines were installed opposite the junction of William Rigby Drive, to prevent vehicles parking on the opposite side of the road. As any increase to the originally advertised proposals would require the drafting of another Traffic Regulation Order, it is suggested that the original proposals be implemented, and the parking situation monitored.
- 3.4 Ward & County Member Comments: One of the County Members has provided the following comments regarding the proposals: *"This proposal was put forward following direct consultation with residents and I therefore welcome the comments and suggestion put forward that are being treated as an objection. I support the officers recommendation to implement the original proposals and monitor the situation to see if further works may be required in the future."*

(2) Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Outside Sheerness Working Men's Club, Queenborough Road, Halfway

- 3.5 The County Member for the area has requested the installation of double yellow lines outside of Sheerness Working Men's Club, following issues with vehicles parking close to the entrance/exit of the club's car park. These vehicles severely reduce the visibility for vehicles exiting the car park, and at least one road traffic accident has been reported.
- 3.6 During the formal consultation, we received one formal objection and a total of 4 indications of support. One indication of support was accompanied by a petition containing 52 signatures supporting the implementation of the restrictions. The objector stated that although the section of road where the proposed restrictions was small it provided much needed parking for up to 5 vehicles in an area where parking was already limited.

3.7 At the request of the County Member, the views of the local PCSO were sought, and he kindly provided the following comments: *“I am aware of the issues surrounding the area, although I have not seen anything untoward on my patrols. However, as there is a crossing very nearby, I would welcome anything that keeps lines of sight clear to make it safer for the general public. Of course, if the lines are put down, they would need to be patrolled on a regular basis. Unfortunately, I cannot ticket vehicles for parking issues, so this would have to be dealt with by the Council’s team.”*

3.8 Ward & County Member Comments: One of the County Members has provided the following comments in relation to the proposals: *“This proposal was put forward following direct consultation with residents and is well supported. The parking situation at this location has become of serious concern and I support the officers recommendation to implement.”*

(3) Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Holmside Avenue/Queenborough Road, Halfway

3.9 The County Member for the area requested the installation of double yellow lines on the junction of Holmside Avenue and Queenborough Road in Halfway, to tackle problems with vehicles parking close to the junction and hindering the safe passage of vehicles.

3.10 During the formal consultation, a total of 4 indications of support were received. As there were no formal objections received to the proposals there is no recommendation required from the Board, and the comments have been added to this report for information only.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are asked to note the formal objections, indications of support and comments received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that:-

(1) the proposed double yellow lines on the junction of Power Station Road and William Rigby Drive, Halfway, be progressed;

(2) the proposed double yellow lines outside Sheerness Working Men’s Club in Queenborough Road, Halfway, be progressed.

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Advertising Made Order, Cost of Installing Lines and Signs 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	<p>The introduction of double yellow lines to improve sightlines and vehicle movements could have a positive impact on the mental health of drivers by reducing stress levels and potential incidents of road rage.</p> <p>However, where on street parking capacity is limited there may be some negative mental health effects on residents who may be forced to park further away from their properties, potentially increasing the distance to walk at night.</p>

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Extract from Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 35 2022
Annex B – Extract of Statement of Reason
Annex C – Copy of Formal Objections, Indications of Support & Comments
Annex D – Plans of Proposals Receiving Objections and Support

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None