

<b>SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</b>	
<b>Meeting Date</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023
<b>Report Title</b>	Formal Objections – Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 45 2023
<b>EMT Lead</b>	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
<b>Head of Service</b>	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Mike Knowles, Seafront & Engineering Manager (SBC)
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>Members are asked to note the formal objection, indication of support and comment to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the proposed extension to the parking bay in Tanners Street, Faversham, be progressed, subject to confirmation from the waste contractor that the proposals would leave adequate carriageway width for refuse collections;</li> <li>2. that the disabled persons' parking bay outside 19 Burley Road, Sittingbourne, be formalised in the Traffic Regulation Order.</li> </ol>

## **1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the formal objections and comment received following the advertising of our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 45 2023.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order covers various amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in Swale, and plans of the proposals which received formal objections and comments can be found in Annex A.

- 2.2 The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order took place between 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. During the consultation, 1 formal indication of support and a formal comment was received in relation to the proposed extension of the Residents' Parking Bay in Tanners Street, Faversham, and 1 formal objection was received for the proposed formalising of a disabled persons' parking bay in Burley Road, Sittingbourne.

### **3 Proposals**

#### Tanners Street, Faversham

- 3.1 The proposals consist of extending the existing parking bay outside of 19/20 Tanners Street by 1.5 metres, and reducing the double yellow lines to accommodate this extension. In a previous Traffic Regulation Order, the length of this bay was reduced by 3.5 metres to improve access for larger vehicles, in particular refuse freighters where issues in gaining access for bin collections had been reported.
- 3.2 However, following this amendment, a resident has complained that the reduction of the bay has resulted in the loss of already limited on-street parking spaces and argued that extending the bay by just 1.5 metres would provide an extra parking space whilst still maintaining adequate clearance for the larger vehicles.
- 3.3 During the formal consultation, one indication of support and one comment was received, and these can be found in Annex B. A copy of the proposals has been submitted to the waste contractor to consider, and we are currently awaiting their response.

#### Burley Road, Sittingbourne

- 3.4 The Traffic Regulation Order includes proposals to formalise the existing disabled persons' parking bay outside 19 Burley Road, Sittingbourne, to make the bay legally enforceable. During the formal consultation, a formal objection was received against the proposals, stating that the property was on the market and as such the bay should remain advisory.
- 3.5 The Officer concerned has spoken to the resident who asked for the bay to be formalised, and they have advised that they have no intention of moving but wanted to test the property market. A copy of the formal objection, and the full response received from the applicant, can be found in Annex B.
- 3.6 As the applicant currently meets all the necessary Kent County Council criteria for a disabled persons' parking bay, still resides at the property and has stated that they have no intention of moving, it is felt that it would be difficult to defend a decision not to formalise this bay.

## 4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 4.1 In Tanners Street, Faversham, the resident had previously suggested the installation of an additional parking bay to the south of the Napleton Road junction, to compensate for the reported loss of on-street parking capacity following the previous Traffic Regulation Order. However, a site meeting between the waste contractor and Officers concluded that a vehicle parked in the proposed bay would hinder the safe movement of the refuse freighter, and as such the proposals were rejected.

## 5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 As detailed above, a formal consultation on the proposals was undertaken as part of the Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 45, and this ran from 4<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. During which time one formal objection, one indication of support and one comment was received. A copy of these comments can be found in Annex B.

## 6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost and resource for installing Lines on site. Cost of £55 for Kent County Council to arrange Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order by Kent County Council.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	Residents' stress could be reduced by increasing on-street parking availability in Tanners Street, however confirmation would be required that this would not restrict the safe movement of the refuse freighter, or emergency service vehicles, as this could have a detrimental effect on residents' wellbeing. With regard to the disabled persons' parking bay in Burley Road, Sittingbourne, presumably the applicant requested this bay to be formalised to address issues with non-blue badge holders parking in the bay,

	and to leave the bay as advisory could have an adverse effect on the mobility and independence of the applicant.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

## **7 Appendices**

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Annex A – Plans of Proposals
- Annex B – Copy of Formal Objection, Comment and Indication of Support.

## **8 Background Papers**

None