

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	
Meeting Date	7 th October 2024
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 56 2024
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles, Seafront & Engineering Manager (SBC)
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to note the formal responses received during the consultation period for the Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The disabled persons' parking bay outside 6 Bredhurst Close, Sheerness, is formalised 2. The proposed double yellow lines in Park Road, Faversham, either be installed as detailed in the Traffic Regulation Order or be removed from the current Order until an informal consultation has taken place with residents on these and other requested double yellow lines in Park Road.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the formal objections and indications of support received following the advertising of our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 56 2024.

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. Details of the formal comments received can be found in Annex B.
- 2.2 The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order took place between 17th May 2024 and 7th June 2024. During the consultation, 1 formal objection was received and 2 indications of support.

3 Proposals

Proposed Double Yellow Lines, Park Road, Faversham

- 3.1 At the request of our Parking Operations Team, proposals were included in the Traffic Regulation Order to install a short section of double yellow lines between the end of the Residents' Parking Scheme bay and the limit of the public highway outside 1 Park Road, Faversham. This followed a complaint that a vehicle regularly parks at this location and obstructs a wheelchair access and also hinders access to a driveway entrance, although there does not appear to be a dedicated wheelchair or pedestrian access at this location.
- 3.2 One formal objection to the proposed double yellow lines has been received, together with one formal indication of support which included additional comments and a request for additional double yellow lines on the opposite side of Park Road, near the entrance to the recreation ground.

Proposed Formalising of Disabled Bay – 6 Bredhurst Close, Sheerness

- 3.3 As part of the current process to formalise all existing disabled persons' parking bays in the Borough, the bay outside 6 Bredhurst Close, Sheerness was included in our latest Traffic Order.
- 3.4 One formal indication of support was received during the consultation process.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 An alternative option to formalising disabled persons' parking bays is to leave the bays as advisory only, but this would not allow any enforcement to take place on those vehicles parking in the bays without a valid blue badge, and this option is therefore not considered to be viable.
- 4.2 The provision of double yellow lines in Park Road, Faversham, was included in the Traffic Regulation Order following a request via our Parking Operations Team. Alternative options include leaving this section of carriageway unrestricted, or partially extending the parking bay to minimise impact on parking capacity and installing a shorter section of double yellow lines. Any deviation from the advertised Traffic Order would require the drafting of a new Order, and it is therefore recommended that informal consultation takes place with residents on any alternative proposals prior to including them in a later Traffic Order.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order took place between 17th May 2024 and 7th June 2024.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost and resource to progress Traffic Regulation Order through Sealing stage with Kent County Council. Cost of installing lining and signs on site. Potential cost and resource to undertake informal consultation, draft and re-advertise a revised Traffic Regulation Order.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Traffic Regulation Order to be Sealed 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	The introduction of double yellow lines in this section of Park Road, Faversham, could positively impact on the wellbeing of those residents accessing their driveway from Park Road, but could also negatively impact on those residents currently relying on the on-street parking.
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

Annex A – Plans of Proposals Receiving Objections and Indications of Support
 Annex B – Summary of Formal Objection and Indications of Support Received

8 Background Papers

None