

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	
Meeting Date	6 th October 2025
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 16 2025
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 objections 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 bays in Cambridge Road, Faversham, Alexandra Road, Sheerness and Ospringe Road, Faversham are formalised as proposed in the Traffic Regulation Order.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of formal objections received following the advertising of our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 16 2025.

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 can be found in Annex A. Details of the formal objections can be found in Annex B.
- 2.2 The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order took place between 30th May 2025 and 20th June 2025. During the consultation, a total of 3 formal objections were received.

3 Proposals

- Disabled Persons' Parking Bay – 33 Cambridge Road, Faversham
- 3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order included the formalising of an existing disabled persons' parking bay in Cambridge Road, Faversham, to allow enforcement of the bay to take place. An objection was received to the proposals, stating that Cambridge Road already experiences high levels of parking demand, and also stated that the property in question benefits from off-road parking.
- 3.2 According to our records, the existing single bay was previously extended to a double size bay to cater for an application made by a blue badge holder living in Ospringe Road near the junction with Cambridge Road. A bay could not be sited on double yellow lines outside of the applicant's property in Ospringe Road, so it was agreed to extend the existing bay in Cambridge Road to a double size bay. Since then, we have reduced the bay back to a single bay as we were informed a double bay was no longer required. It is our understanding that this bay is still used by a blue badge holder and it is therefore proposed to formalise the bay as per the guidelines set by Kent County Council.
- Disabled Persons' Parking Bay – 65 Alexandra Road, Sheerness
- 3.3 The Traffic Regulation Order included the formalising of an existing disabled persons' parking bay in Alexandra Road, Sheerness, to allow enforcement of the bay to take place. An objection was received to the proposals, stating that there are already 6 disabled bays in Alexandra Road and an additional bay would increase the pressure on the already limited on-street parking capacity.
- 3.4 The Kent County Council criteria states that no more than 5% of the total available on-street parking in a road should be designated disabled bays, and this is checked with each new application. We can confirm that with the proposed formalisation of this bay, the total number of permitted disabled bays for Alexandra Road will have reached maximum capacity.
- Disabled Persons' Parking Bay – 4 Ospringe Road, Faversham
- 3.5 The Traffic Regulation Order included the formalising of an existing disabled persons' parking bay in Ospringe Road, Faversham, to allow enforcement of the bay to take place. An objection was received to the proposals, stating that the applicant does not display a blue badge and allows visitors and family members

to use the bay. The objector also stated that there are parking difficulties in Ospringle Road, particularly for some elderly residents.

- 3.6 The formalising of the existing bay will allow enforcement against any vehicle not displaying a valid blue badge, and we would confirm that the bay can be used by any blue badge holder and is not for the exclusive use of the applicant.

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. In addition to this, the latest guidance from Kent County Council is that all new disabled bays installed should be formalised to provide consistency and allow effective enforcement.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 16 2025, took place between 30th May 2025 and 20th June 2025.

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 signage to formalise disabled persons' parking bays.
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 formalising of the disabled persons' parking bays will ensure they are available for blue badge holders and will allow enforcement of these bays. This will impact on other residents

	within the road who will not be able to use the bays for parking, but will ensure that those residents who require the bays due to health issues are able to use them.
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

Annex B – Details of Formal Objections

8 Background Papers

None