

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	
Meeting Date	6 th October 2025
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 17 2025 – Belmont Road, Faversham
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 proposed extension of the Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme be progressed as per the advertised Traffic Order, but is delayed to allow formal consultation in the adjoining Kingsnorth Road for possible implementation of the Scheme in both roads at the same time

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of formal objections and comments received following the advertising of our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 17 2025, for the proposed extension of the current Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme to include Belmont Road.

2 Background

- 2.1 Following a petition from residents of Belmont Road in Faversham, requesting an extension to the current Residents' Parking Scheme to include their road, an informal consultation took place with residents and the results were presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at the March 2025 meeting. Members recommended that the proposed extension to the Scheme be progressed and a Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 17 2025, was drafted.
- 2.2 The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order took place between 4th July 2025 and 25th July 2025. During the consultation, a total of 3 formal objections were received, and full details of these can be found in Annex A. In addition to the formal objections received, a petition has also been submitted by

residents of the nearby Kingsnorth Road requesting the Scheme be extended further to include their road. This petition will be covered by a separate report submitted to the October 2025 Joint Transportation Board meeting.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The proposals in the Traffic Regulation Order consist of adding Belmont Road, Faversham, into Zone B of the Faversham Residents' Parking Scheme, with similar restrictions to surrounding roads within the Scheme, operating Monday to Saturday 8.30am to 5.30pm, with a 2 hour waiting limit for non-permit holders. The Order also includes a short section of double yellow lines across the vehicle entrance to Belmont Court, and the slight extension to the existing double yellow lines on one side of the Belmont Road junction with Forbes Road. Full details of the proposed parking layout can be found on the plan in Annex B.
- 3.2 Of the three formal objections received, one was from a resident of Belmont Road objecting to the proposed extension to the double yellow lines near the junction of Forbes Road and the proposed double yellow lines across the entrance to Belmont Court. They also stated that they neither supported nor objected to the proposed implementation of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Belmont Road. The other two objections were received from residents of Kingsnorth Road, mainly objecting to the proposals on the grounds that this will displace parked vehicles into Kingsnorth Road. The formal consultation has prompted a petition from residents of Kingsnorth Road requesting their road to be included in the Scheme, as covered by a separate report to this October meeting.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 Based on the formal objections and comments received, one option could be not to extend the current Residents' Parking Scheme to include Belmont Road, but with the support demonstrated both from the petition submitted from residents and the results of the subsequent informal consultation this is not considered to be a viable option. With regard to the proposed double yellow lines across the entrance to the vehicle access to Belmont Court, there is currently a white bar marking across this entrance, which is advisory only. Without the installation of double yellow lines, vehicles could park across this entrance, without permits, and could not be enforced by our Parking Enforcement Officers. It is therefore not recommended to remove these proposed restrictions, but we would look to install the double yellow lines to the same length as the existing white bar markings to minimise impact on parking capacity. The existing double yellow lines at the junction of Forbes Road could be left at their current length if this was deemed appropriate.
- 4.2 With regard to the objections and petition from residents of Kingsnorth Road, subject to the results of an informal consultation and suitable support from

residents, we could draft a similar Traffic Regulation Order to include Kingsnorth Road in the Scheme. If the recommendation was to proceed with the Traffic Order, we would suggest implementing the Scheme extension in Belmont Road and Kingsnorth Road at the same time. The report for the Kingsnorth Road petition provides further details.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Following receipt of the petition from residents of Belmont Road, an informal consultation took place with residents in December 2024 and January 2025, and the formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 17 2025, took place between 4th July 2025 and 25th July 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 signs and lining for Residents' Parking Scheme in Belmont Road.
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 extension of the Residents' Parking Scheme to include Belmont Road, Faversham, may improve the mental wellbeing of some residents who currently feel that on-street parking capacity is reduced due to parking by non-residents, and may allow them to park closer to their properties, reducing the distance to walk from their vehicles. However, stress to some residents may be increased by the introduction of the Scheme if they are own more vehicles than they can accommodate with the Permit Scheme, forcing them to park further from their properties. The mental wellbeing of residents in adjoining roads may be impacted by the displacement of vehicles into their roads, reducing available on-

	street parking capacity. Some residents may also find the annual cost of the permits to be an additional financial burden.
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 – Details of Formal Objections
Annex B – Plan of Proposed Parking Layout

8 Background Papers

None