

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 7 th September 2015
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order
Cabinet Member	Cllr David Simmons
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Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of this report and consider any formal objections to the Traffic Regulation Order verbally reported at the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting, and recommend that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be progressed.
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Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of any formal objections received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 15, and provides information on the current timeframes for the reporting of formal objections.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Traffic Order includes proposed amendments to various parking restrictions in the Borough, some of which have previously been reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board and subsequently recommended for progression.

3 Issue for Decision

- 3.1 At the time of writing this report, no formal objections to the Traffic Order have been received. However, with the closing date for formal objections on Friday 28th August there is a possibility that objections could be received after the deadline for report submission, and these will therefore be verbally reported at the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 7th September.
- 3.2 Whilst the verbal reporting of objections is not ideal, this is unavoidable at the present time due to the sequence and frequency of the necessary meetings. Any formal objections received at the initial informal consultation stage for proposed waiting restriction amendments are reported to the Joint Transportation Board for consideration. Any recommendations from the Board must be approved at the Cabinet meeting which can take place some considerable time after the JTB meeting.

- 3.3 In the case of the latest Traffic Regulation Order, the Joint Transportation Board recommended progression of a number of waiting restriction amendments on 8th June, and these recommendations were approved by Cabinet on 15th July. Allowing a week for the minutes of the Cabinet meeting to be agreed and published, work on the Traffic Regulation Order cannot progress until 22nd July. With a statutory formal consultation period of a minimum of 21 days, and a deadline for the submission of JTB reports of 19th August, there are less than 5 working days to complete the draft Traffic Order, plans of the proposed restrictions, statement of reasons, site and press notices.
- 3.4 For this reason there is currently insufficient time to include formal objections in the written Joint Transportation Board report, unless they are received early on in the formal consultation process, before the report submission deadline. The only other option would be to defer the reporting of formal objections to the following JTB meeting, but this would add a further 3 months to the already extensive timeframe for the processing of Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 3.5 Members are asked to note the contents of this report, together with any formal objections verbally reported at the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting on 7th September, and recommend that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be progressed.

4 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary lining and signing.
Legal and Statutory	Traffic Regulation Orders to be sealed 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.

5 Appendices

5.1 None

6 Background Papers

6.1 None