

**SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD****Agenda Item: 8**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
<b>Report Title</b>	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order Am 6
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<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>Members are asked to note the contents of this report and consider formal objections to the Traffic Regulation Order, and recommend that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) the proposed double yellow lines at the side of the Funeral Directors in Ranelagh Road, Sheerness, be progressed;</li><li>2) the proposed double yellow lines in Ospringe Place, Faversham, be progressed on both sides of the road;</li><li>3) the proposed double yellow lines in Fairview Road, Sittingbourne, be progressed.</li></ol>
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**1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of formal objections and support received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 6.

**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. A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order and plans of the proposals can be found in Annex A, with the proposals that have received formal objections highlighted. A copy of the formal objections received can be found in Annex B.

### **3. Issue for Decision**

#### Ranelagh Road, Sheerness – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.1 A request has been received by the County Councillor for the area for the existing double yellow lines on the northern side of Ranelagh Road, Sheerness, to be extended along the side of the Funeral Directors. The business has reported problems with loading and unloading hearses at their side entrance due to parked vehicles.
- 3.2 The proposals, funded through the County Member Highway Fund, were added to the latest Traffic Regulation Order which was recently advertised, and one objection was received, a copy of which can be found in Annex B. The objector states that parking is already an issue in Ranelagh Road and he often has to park in nearby roads when returning home from work. He has also suggested a single yellow line, in operation between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday, rather than a double yellow line.
- 3.3 The County Councillor has commented that whilst she sympathises with the objector, parking is a problem in the whole of Sheerness and previous attempts on behalf of residents to implement a Residents Parking Scheme have not received support. With regard to the request for a single yellow line, the County Councillor has stated that access is required 24 hours a day by the Funeral Directors, so this would not be an option. No specific comments were received from the Ward Members.

#### Ospringle Place, Faversham – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.4 Following a request from a local resident, a site meeting took place with the Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services and one of the Ward Members, to discuss proposed double yellow lines in Ospringle Place, near the junction with London Road.
- 3.5 It was reported by the local residents that Ospringle Place was the only close along the A2 in Faversham not to be protected by double yellow lines, and vehicles were regularly parking close to the junction. Proposals were therefore agreed to install double yellow lines on both sides of Ospringle Place for a distance of 20 metres, and around the corners into London Road.
- 3.6 Following the advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order, one objection was received to these proposals, and a copy of this objection can be found in Annex B. The objector states that there are little choices for overflow parking in the area and feels that there is no reason why the right hand side of the road entering from the A2 requires parking restrictions.
- 3.7 The Cabinet Member has commented on the objection stating that the double yellow lines on the right hand side of the road will reduce on-street parking capacity by no more than two cars and in return affords a clear view in both directions and brings

the close up to the same standard at the rest of the closes off the A2. He also confirmed that we only received one objection to this proposal. The Ward Member has stated that his view is that we should proceed with the planned restrictions on both sides of the road in light of only one objection, and this view is echoed by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

### Fairview Road, Sittingbourne – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.8 Following feedback from Kent Fire and Rescue, consultation has taken place on the installation of a short section of double yellow lining along the main entrance of Fairview Road to assist emergency service vehicles.
- 3.9 Two informal consultations have taken place with residents in the area on different proposals and these can be found in Annex C, with the consultation results detailed in Annex D.
- 3.10 The first consultation was based on installing a short section of double yellow lines on the west side of Fairview Road, across the frontages of No.7 and 9 Fairview Road. The length of the proposed lining was deliberately kept to a minimum to limit the effect on the on-street parking capacity. Of the 15 properties consulted, 7 responses were received, with just one response supporting the proposals and 6 objecting.
- 3.11 Based on the feedback received from the first consultation, the proposals were revised to the installation of double yellow lines on the east side of Fairview Road, across the frontages of Nos.4 to 10 Fairview Road to join up the two existing sections of double yellow lines. Of the 15 properties consulted, 11 responses were received, with 8 supporting the proposals and 3 objecting.
- 3.12 Members considered the results of both informal consultations and recommended that the Officers proceeded with the Traffic Regulation Order on the proposals detailed in the second consultation, for double yellow lines to be installed on the east side of Fairview Road across the frontages of No.4 to 10.
- 3.13 The Traffic Regulation Order was subsequently drafted and advertised, and two formal objections were received, copies of which can be found in Annex B. One of the objectors state that since the original informal consultations took place, numerous properties on the opposite side of the road to the proposed restrictions have installed dropped kerbs which has reduced availability of on-street parking places, and has allowed for access by emergency services without the need for extra restrictions. The other formal objector stated that being disabled they rely on regular helpers who are already having difficulty parking, and with the introduction of more restrictions feared that they would be unable to park and provide the care required.
- 3.14 The installation of dropped kerbs does reduce on-street parking capacity as vehicles parking across the accesses can be classed as causing an obstruction and referred to the Police. However, in many cases the property owners will park across their

own entrances and therefore this does not guarantee that the carriageway will remain clear for the passage of emergency vehicles. There are also a couple of properties on this side of the road who have not installed vehicle crossings and vehicles do park outside of these properties. With regard to the concerns of the disabled resident, the road does appear to be heavily parked throughout the day with limited available spaces, and it is felt that the installation of the double yellow lines will not have a major effect on the number of on-street spaces available. If particular problems are experienced it could be beneficial for the resident to reach an agreement with a neighbour that the carer could park across their dropped kerb for the short time they are visiting.

- 3.15 The County Member has recently spoken to residents along this section of Fairview Road, and felt that the proposed double yellow lines should be progressed as advertised in the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 3.16 One of the Ward Members for the area has spoken to the majority of residents in this section of Fairview Road and advised that they were all in favour of the proposed double yellow lines, with the exception of one property. However, the two residents who formally objected to the proposals were not available at the time.

#### Lionfield, Faversham – Proposed Disabled Bay – For Information Only

- 3.17 Included in the Traffic Regulation Order was the installation and removal of various disabled persons parking bays. Two formal objections were received on the proposed installation of a disabled bay in Lionfield, Faversham, and copies of these objections can be found in Annex D.
- 3.18 Further investigations took place following receipt of the comments contained in the formal objections, and it came to light that the applicant no longer met the criteria for eligibility for a bay. As such this disabled bay will not be progressed and will be deleted from the Traffic Regulation Order.

## **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and consider formal objections to the Traffic Regulation Order, and recommend that:-
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## 5. Implications

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>
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 Order 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.

## 6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Traffic Regulation Order, and plans, with Objections Highlighted
- Annex B – Copy of Formal Objections Received
- Annex C – Copy of Informal Consultation Material for Fairview Road, Sittingbourne
- Annex D – Details of Informal Consultation Results for Fairview Road, Sittingbourne

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None