

**STATEMENT of
REASON**



THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGH STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE, SITTINGBOURNE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOROUGH OF SWALE) (SITTINGBOURNE TOWN CENTRE)
(ONE WAY STREETS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2017

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF SWALE)
WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING
PLACES (AMENDMENT 8) ORDER 2017

On behalf of Kent County Council, Swale Borough Council is proposing the above Traffic Regulation Orders to accommodate the re-location of the Sittingbourne Market into High Street, Sittingbourne.

It is proposed to change the times of the current Saturday road closure in the High Street, between the Station Street and Bell Road junctions, from 10am-6pm to 7am-5pm to allow time for the market traders to set up their stalls and allow vehicle access to the High Street after 5pm. It is also proposed to introduce a matching closure in the section of Central Avenue between the High Street junction and the mini-roundabout, to prevent vehicles entering the closed section of the High Street. On Fridays, it is proposed to introduce a road closure on the top section of the High Street, between the junctions of Station Street and Central Avenue, between 7am and 5pm, to allow the market to occupy the top section of the High Street only, enabling vehicle access to continue to the lower section below Central Avenue.

To allow vehicles to access the lower section of the High Street during the Friday closure, it is proposed to permanently reverse the traffic flow in the lower section of Central Avenue from the mini-roundabout towards the High Street junction, in a northerly direction.

As bus operators have stated that they will no longer be running a bus service through the High Street, it is proposed to amend some of the current waiting restrictions. It is proposed to replace the bus stop in the top half of the lay-by outside No.108 to 98 High Street, north side, with disabled persons parking places between 7am and 7pm. The existing loading bay in the other half of this lay-by outside No.98 to 90 High Street will remain unchanged and continue to operate between 7am and 7pm. Between 7pm and 7am the whole on this lay-by will continue to

revert to a taxi rank. With the additional disabled persons parking bays in this lay-by, it is proposed to replace the two existing disabled bays in the lay-by east of the Station Street junction with additional 20 minute waiting bays to match the rest of the lay-by. In the lay-by on the south side of the High Street, to the east of the Central Avenue junction, it is proposed to introduce disabled persons parking bays in the top half of the lay-by, outside No.81-73, with the lower half outside No.73-69 remaining as 20 minutes parking bays. In the lay-by on the north side at the bottom of the High Street, outside St Michael's Church, it is proposed to replace the existing bus stand with a single yellow line which will operate from 7am to 7pm. This will prevent general parking but will allow loading and unloading to take place and also permit blue badge holders to park for up to 3 hours in the lay-by. Between 7pm and 7am the lay-by will continue to revert to a taxi rank.

Dated 10th August 2017

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