

<b>SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD</b>	<b>Agenda Item: 6</b>
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
<b>Report Title</b>	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders Amendment 9A & 9B
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr David Simmons
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<b>Classification</b>	Open

<b>Recommendations</b>	Members are asked to consider the formal objections made to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders Amendment 9A and 9B and recommend that the proposed waiting restrictions be progressed.
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## **Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of formal objections received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Orders Amendment 9A and 9B, covering various proposals in the Swale Area.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Following requests from residents and businesses in various areas of the Borough, consultations took place on proposed amendments to existing waiting restrictions. Traffic Regulation Orders were then prepared and advertised in accordance with the statutory requirements to allow for any formal objections to the made to the proposals.
- 2.2 During the statutory consultation period, six formal objections were received against the proposed waiting restrictions in Faversham Town Centre (Traffic Order Amendment 9A), one objection was received against the proposed waiting restrictions in The Broadway, Minster and one against the proposed waiting restrictions in Key Street, Sittingbourne (Traffic Order Amendment 9B). A letter of support and a letter of objection were received to the proposed waiting restrictions in Oak Close/Maidstone Road in Danaway (Traffic Order Amendment 9B). Also one objection was received to the installation of double yellow lines at the junction of Alma Road/Fonblanque Road and one objection regarding the proposed reduction in length to a parking bay in Ufton Lane to cater for a new vehicle crossing. Copies of the objections and support can be found in Annex A.

### 3 Issue for Decision

#### 3.1 Faversham Town Centre

The Board at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December agreed to progress a Traffic Regulation Order to amend the parking restrictions within the core town centre area of Faversham to allow evening parking. This followed a request from Faversham Town Council Growth and Development Group as a way of supporting the evening economy in the town centre and to assist with driver understanding and compliance.

Members will recall that the report explained that the town centre is currently covered by 24 hour 'At Any Time' restrictions as part of a Pedestrian Zone that does not require yellow lines. In addition that within a pedestrian zone it is not possible to have a mixture of different parking restrictions without yellow lines. To allow evening parking but to also ensure obstruction does not occur within the narrower sections of streets a combination of 24 hour 'At Any Time' and daytime 6am to 6pm restrictions are required. This necessitates the provision of yellow lines although signing would be minimised. A copy of the proposed restrictions can be found in Annex B.

A total of 6 objections have been received covering three main areas of concern as set out below:

- *That daytime parking should be provided in some areas of the town centre (1 objection)* – this would not be possible as the area is already covered by access restrictions to all traffic between 6am and 6pm with the exception of disabled badge holders who would be able to park in the restricted areas for up to 3 hours and deliveries who can load and unload in the area as under the current restrictions.
- *That yellow lines would be detrimental to the streetscape of the area (4 objections)* – as explained above and in the December report it would not be possible to provide a mixture of restrictions without yellow lines. The alternative would be to have daytime only parking zone restrictions over the whole town centre which is likely to lead to problems of obstruction in the narrow sections of the town in the evening or to retain the current 24 hour 'At Any Time' restrictions. The proposal is to adopt the narrow conservation style yellow lines which the Council's Conservation Officer has not objected to providing signage is kept to a minimum and where required is fixed to existing street furniture or buildings. There are only 3 locations where signs cannot be placed on existing lamp columns and it is anticipated that it will be possible to fix these to buildings.
- *That the proposals will make it more difficult for traders to accommodate loading and unloading (1 objection + 1 also objecting to impact on streetscape)* – The proposal is less restrictive in many areas of the town centre overall but the daytime impact on loading and unloading is unchanged and will still be able to take place.

Members are asked to consider these objections and recommend that the traffic order is progressed as advertised.

### 3.2 **Oak Close/Maidstone Road, Danaway**

Following requests from residents in the area, the County Member funded a Member Highway Fund Scheme for the introduction of double yellow lines for corner protection on the junctions of Oak Close and Westfield Gardens with Maidstone Road. Following advertising of the Traffic Order, a letter of support was received and one letter objecting to the proposals.

It is recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised to improve visibility and aid vehicle movements at the junctions of Oak Close and Westfield Gardens with Maidstone Road, Danaway.

### 3.3 **The Broadway, Minster**

Following requests from the Parish Council, a total of three informal consultations have taken place with residents and businesses in the area on the introduction of limited waiting restrictions in the lay-bys in the vicinity of the shops at Trafalgar Parade. At their meeting in December 2013, Members of the Swale Joint Transportation Board considered the results of these consultations and recommended that a one hour waiting restriction be implemented. The Traffic Order was prepared and advertised, and one formal objection has been received.

The objector states that they have parked outside of their property since 1965, before the shops existed, and also state that the proposed restrictions will prevent their disabled son parking outside of their property without causing other unnecessary complications.

Given the previous considerations of the Joint Transportation Board to ensure that the restrictions meet the short term parking demand in the area it is recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised. It should be noted that disabled badge holders would be exempt from the one hour restriction.

### 3.4 **Key Street, Sittingbourne**

Following a request from a resident of Key Street a consultation took place to install double yellow lines on the south side of Key Street. The results of the informal consultation were reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at their meeting in December 2013, when it was recommended that the proposals should be progressed. The Traffic Order was prepared and advertised, and one formal objection has been received.

The objector states that there are no problems for motorists at this point, and access for residents on and off driveways is no more difficult than anywhere else on the A2 where parking is permitted. However, the restrictions were proposed because of

particular problems with vehicle movements from the garage opposite and the obstruction to pedestrians as well as sightlines caused by parked vehicles. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed as advertised.

### 3.5 **Various Junctions Sheerness - Alma Road/Fonblanque Road**

Following a County Member request, the parking restrictions in this area have been reviewed and a scheme developed to introduce corner protection at various junctions. Also to reduce the length of the existing restriction at Invicta Road/Winstanley Road. One letter of objection has been received as shown in Annex A.

It is recommended that the restrictions be installed as advertised to improve visibility and aid vehicle movements at the proposed junctions.

### 3.6 **Residents Parking Bay outside 99 Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne**

Following the installation of a vehicle drop crossing outside 99 Ufton Lane it was requested that the residents parking bay be removed to allow access for vehicles onto the properties driveway. One objection was received as shown in Annex A.

It is recommended that the residents parking bay be removed from the Traffic Regulation Order as proposed to allow vehicular access to the property.

## 4 **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 Orders to be made.
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 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report

- Annex A – Copy of Formal Objections and Letter of Support Received
- Annex B – Copy of Proposed Restrictions Receiving Objection/Support

## **6 Background Papers**

6.1 None.