

Agenda Item No

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS – FORMAL OBJECTIONS

BY: Head of Amenities

Classification: Unrestricted

**Summary:** To report formal objections to Traffic Regulation Order advertised in December 2007, in regards to the Queenborough High Street area, proposed waiting restrictions. This report is a detailed re-submission of a report originally submitted in December 2007 JTB meeting.

<b>Implications:</b>	Human Resources Implications - None
	Finance Implications – None
	Legal Implications – None
	Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) - None
	Equalities & Diversity Implications – None
	Sustainability Implications – None
	Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None
	Corporate Plan Implications - Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

**Decision Required:** Members are asked to note the formal objections received following a Traffic Regulation Order advertisement and recommend that proposed waiting restrictions are installed, apart from the restrictions outside the Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough, Consultees/objectors are notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. Following the formal advertising of the (Amendment No.1) Order 2007 for the Isle of Sheppey, this report advises the Joint Transportation Board of formal objections received for the proposed installation of parking restrictions in the Queenborough High Street area, including High Street, Well Road, Chalk Road and North Road.
2. The proposed restrictions were originally submitted to the Joint transportation Board in June 2007. The results from the original consultation are shown in Annex A and the JTB recommended that the restrictions be installed. A Traffic Regulation Order including the proposed restrictions was advertised in November 2007 and formal objections were received, including a petition. The objections/petition were included in a report submitted to the JTB in December 2007; the JTB recommended that the residents' objections be reported back at the next meeting. Copies of the objection letters are included in Annex B; this includes an identical letter submitted by 6 residents.

3. Details of the received residents petition are as follows:

The petition was active between 30/11/07 and 02/12/07 and residents between the Guildhall and the Doctors surgery were included. The results were as follows:

Households objecting to the restrictions	30	68%
Households supporting the restrictions	4	9%
Households unattainable	10	23%

Comments from the resident's petition and responses are included in Annex C.

Issue for decision

4. Areas of concern from the objection letters stated that the proposed double yellow lines in Well Road and North Road should be removed to allow vehicles to park. Well Road is a narrow road and if vehicles are allowed to park there this could cause obstruction to vehicles accessing that area, especially deliveries and emergency services. There is a car park off Well Road that can be used if the residents have problems parking outside their properties in Castle Street. The proposed restrictions in North Road will improve traffic movements and residents of Castle Street will be able to park on the single yellow line after 6.00pm when traffic reduces.

The proposed single yellow line in the High Street outside the Doctors surgery will improve traffic movement during the day when vehicular flow is high. Following further investigation and residents comments from the petition, it is recommended that the proposed double yellow lines outside the Holy Trinity church not be installed. This area will be monitored in the future once the restrictions are in place to see what impact the amendment has made. The revised plan showing the proposed amendments is included in Annex D.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the formal objections received following a Traffic Regulation Order advertisement and recommend that proposed waiting restrictions are installed, apart from the restrictions outside the Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough, Consultees/objectors are notified accordingly.

Reasons for the Recommendation

6. The proposed restrictions will improve the safety and operation of the highway network in Queenborough.

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Date 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Report approved by -

List of background documents – Original consultation results, Annex A

Objection letters, Annex B

Comments and responses from the petition, Annex C

Revised plan, Annex D

**ANNEX A**

**Queenborough High Street Area – Proposed Restrictions**

**Results of the original consultation reported to the JTB in June 2007**

LOCATION	SUPPORT	OBJECT
High Street	21	15
North Road	21	10
Chalk Road	23	4
Well Road	22	6

# Annex B

⊗ IDENTICAL LETTER SUBMITTED BY 6 RESIDENTS

Reference; yellow lines

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the double and single yellow line scheme proposed for the Queenborough area.

The area of most concern to me is the Well road and North road area, I live in Castle street and more often then not the only place to park is in Well road, I understand the need for lines outside the old peoples centre, but don't think there needed all the way along well road have no problem with rubbish collection or such like.

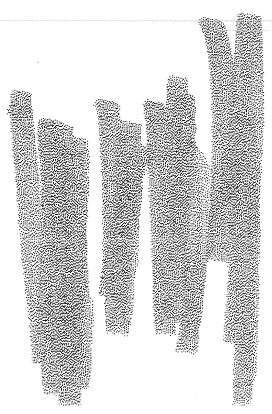
I know we have the car park in Well road but I wouldn't like to leave my car in there over night not with the youngsters we have running around there and playing football against the cars. I lived here a number of years and have seen the damage done to cars left there.

Concerning North road if the supposed relief road is built there will be no traffic problems, and I have already been told by some North road residents that if its double yellowed outside their homes they will start parking in my road so where does that leave us, so these are the reasons I am in opposition to the yellow lines.

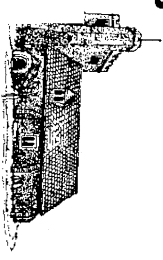
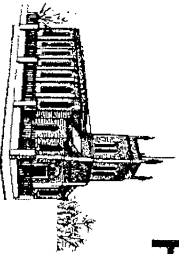
Yours faithfully,







# Holy Trinity with St. Paul, Sheerness Holy Trinity, Queenborough



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1<sup>st</sup> December 2007

Swale Borough Council  
Highways Department

To Whom it may concern

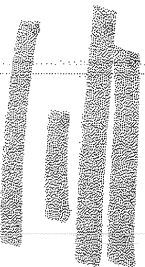
I write on behalf on the parishioners of Holy Trinity Queenborough, to register our opposition to the plan to put double yellow lines in front of the church in the High Street Queenborough.

Many of our parishioners are elderly and can only attend church if they are able to drive and park nearby. Second, there is a major issue of parking when we have a wedding or funeral, and official cars need to park in front of the church for a significant period of time. Finally there is a major issue of resident parking which is already in short supply and would become more difficult should you impose further parking restrictions.

I hope you will consider these points in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]



30 November 2007

Swale Borough Council  
Swale House  
East Street  
SITTINGBOURNE  
Kent ME10

Dear Sirs

**PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH,  
HIGH STREET, QUEENBOROUGH**

I wish to register an objection to this proposal, in addition to the petition I have signed.

There is no need for any restriction, let alone one over 24-hours, every day of the year. The existing situation serves a vital purpose, that of slowing down traffic and the proposal will only encourage drivers to ignore the speed limit further. This is a quiet, residential area, not a hive of commercial activity.

What interests me, in particular, is how you propose to monitor the situation. If car transporters can park both on the double yellow lines and the pavement, whilst others stop on the zig-zag lines of the pedestrian crossing outside the chip shop and nothing is done, what is the point? How do you propose to enforce it? The whole exercise will cost a considerable amount of public money in an attempt to solve a non-existent problem and, in my opinion, is a waste of time, effort and money Swale Borough Council ratepayers can ill afford to part with.

Even at this late hour I sincerely hope there will be a pause in the proceedings in order that this proposal should be re-considered.

Yours faithfully



**Formal objection comments and responses to the Traffic Regulation Order**

**Parking Restrictions - High Street, North Road, Well Road and Chalk Road, Queenborough**

A petition has been received from the residents in High Street, Queenborough following the Traffic Regulation Order advertisement in regards to the proposed parking restrictions in the High Street area.

The petition states that the proposed restrictions will have a negative impact on the parking and will create problems with vehicle speeds through the High Street area. Below are a list of comments/objections from the petition and the responses.




Comment No.	Comment/Objection	Response
1	Parked cars produce traffic calming, and so reduce traffic speed. Increased traffic speed could lead to accidents.	The proposed double yellow lines are only going to be introduced on one side of the road or the other, not both sides. Vehicles parking will still have a traffic calming effect and the yellow lines will improve vehicle movements.
2	Parking problems will be exacerbated due to the removal of 6 parking spaces.	Parking spaces will be reduced, therefore causing minor displacement, although there is not a high density of housing at this location. Double yellow lines will improve the vehicle movements and visibility.
3	Church visitors (often elderly) need space to park outside for services.	Parking will only be restricted on one side of the road at this location, also, church visitors will be able to park on the west side of the church where there are no restrictions.
4	Enforcement would drain resources that could be better spent on more pressing problems.	The restrictions will be enforced on a regular basis.

ANNEX C

5	<p>Non-enforcement causes uncertainty.</p> <p>Unnecessary road signage detracts from an historic conservation area.</p> <p>Parking difficulties will arise for funerals and weddings (especially at the weekends).</p>	<p>The restrictions will be enforced on a regular basis.</p> <p>The signage would be limited to the single yellow lines only specifying the times of enforcement. No signs are needed for double yellow lines.</p> <p>Parking will naturally be affected by funerals and weddings; residents that live near a church should expect that. The proposed restrictions will only displace the parking while the event is ongoing.</p>
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**KEY**

-  New Double Yellow Lines (No waiting at any time)
-  New Single Yellow Line (No waiting Bam to 6pm)
-  Existing Yellow Lines

Existing Double Yellow Lines

Proposed double yellow lines not installed

ANNEX D

