

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 15th December 2008
SUBJECT: FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS
BY: Head of Amenities & Environmental Services
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report for members to consider formal objections received to Traffic Regulation Orders advertised on site, for the installation of waiting restrictions.

Implications:

Human Resources Implications - None

Finance Implications – None

Legal Implications – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made

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: **That Members note the report together with objections/comments from consultees and recommend that officers proceed with proposed restrictions at:**

- **Herbert Dane Court in Newton Road, Faversham**
- **Kingsnorth Road, Faversham**
- **Preston Avenue/Bramley Avenue corner, Faversham**
- **The Street, Oare**
- **Wises Lane, Sittingbourne**

That Members note the report together with objections/comments from consultees and recommend that officers do not proceed with proposed restrictions at:

- **Abbey Place, Faversham**
- **Abbey Road, Faversham**
- **Preston Avenue/Canterbury Road, Faversham**

The consultees are notified accordingly.

Introduction/Background

1. Following previous consultation with residents and subsequent recommendations from the Joint Transportation Board, Traffic Regulation Orders were progressed for the

Faversham and Sittingbourne areas for the introduction and amendment of various waiting restrictions.

2. As part of the Traffic Regulation Order procedure, the proposals were advertised on site and in local newspapers, and various formal objections were received to these proposals. Copies of the objections received can be found in Annex A, together with a petition from residents of Cherryfields, Sittingbourne objecting the proposals in Wises Lane, and some letters of support for various restrictions.

Issue for Decision

3. Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Stockers Hill, Boughton
Following objections on the grounds that the planned restrictions will have an impact on residents' parking overnight and at weekends, it is proposed to carry out another consultation based on revised proposals to install a double yellow line on the north side of Stocker's Hill, and a single yellow line with day time waiting restrictions on the south side. These proposals should prevent further problems with commuters' vehicles whilst having a minimum impact on residents without off-street parking.
4. Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Herbert Dane Court, Newton Road, Faversham
Having considered the objections received, it is felt that the proposed restrictions will have minimum effect on residents of Newton Road, as the double yellow lines are only proposed across the vehicle entrance to Herbert Dane Court, where parking should not be occurring anyway.
5. Proposed Single Yellow Line – Abbey Place, Faversham
Following the recent experimental relaxation of the parking restriction on this section of the south side of Abbey Place, the comments received suggest that the road is too narrow to support parking on both sides of the road. It is therefore proposed not to proceed with the planned amendments to change the double yellow line to a single yellow line on the south side of Abbey Place.
6. Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Abbey Road, Faversham
On receipt of the comments that there are no parking problems along this section of Abbey Road, and the fact that this falls within the Conservation Area, it is proposed not to proceed with the planned installation of double yellow lines, and to monitor the parking in the vicinity of the garage entrances.
7. Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Kingsnorth Road, Faversham
The objection received against the proposed double yellow lines in Kingsnorth Road was based on the fact that there is already a parking problem in the road and further restrictions would add to this problem. However, it was stated that if the double yellow lines are only to be installed across the vehicle crossing serving the garage area, there would be no objection, and as this is the case it is proposed to proceed with the double yellow lining.
8. Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Preston Avenue/Canterbury Road junction, Faversham
Following the objections received from residents in the area, it is felt that to introduce these restrictions could cause further problems to residents through vehicle displacement, and it is therefore proposed to abandon these planned restrictions.
9. Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Preston Avenue/Bramley Avenue Corner, Faversham
As a result of the objection raised on the proposed double yellow lines on the corner of Preston Avenue and Bramley Avenue, it is planned to carry out a further consultation on proposals to install double yellow lines on the opposite side of this road, on the north

side of the road, but also to continue with the installation of the original planned restrictions, which came about following safety concerns from residents in the area.

10. Proposed Parking Restrictions – The Street, Oare

Although an objection was received with regard to the proposed waiting restrictions in The Street, Oare, it is felt that these restrictions should be implemented to ensure that buses can gain access along The Street, therefore allowing bus companies to continue to provide a valuable bus service to this village. A letter of support from Oare Parish Council is also included in Annex A.

11. Proposed Parking Restrictions – Wises Lane, Sittingbourne

Following the formal advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for restrictions in Wises Lane, a petition made up of 33 signatures was received from residents of nearby Cherryfields, objecting to the proposals. In addition to this, a letter of support was also received from a resident of Cherryfields. In view of the current safety concerns due to the parked vehicles in Wises Lane it is proposed that the restrictions are implemented as planned.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to consider the comments made by consultees and recommend that officers carry out a second consultation with residents in Stockers Hill, Boughton

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List of background documents –

Annex A – Objections received and officer's responses