

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
**SUBJECT:** FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER  
**BY:** Head of Service Delivery  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** A report for members to consider objections received during the recent formal advertising of the latest Swale Traffic Regulation Order.

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**Implications:**

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Human Resources Implications - None

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Finance Implications – None

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Legal Implications – Traffic Regulation Orders to be made

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Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) - None

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Equalities & Diversity Implications – None

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Sustainability Implications – None

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Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None

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Corporate Plan Implications – Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

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**Decision Required:** **That Members note the report and recommend that officers progress amendments to the waiting restrictions at:**

- **Brenley Lane, Boughton-under-Blean (extension to existing double yellow lines**
- **Abbey Street and surrounding areas, Faversham (extension to Residents' Parking Scheme operating times)**
- **35 Periwinkle Close, Sittingbourne (installation of disabled persons' parking bay)**

**That Members note the report and recommend that officers carry out a consultation with residents of Belvedere Road for the possible inclusion of this road in the Residents' Parking Scheme**

**The objectors be advised accordingly.**

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**Introduction/Background**

Two Amendment Orders to the Traffic Regulation Order for Swale have recently been advertised in the Borough. The Traffic Orders covered various proposed new parking restrictions and amendments to existing restrictions.

Formal objections were received to several of the proposals, and copies of these objections can be found in Annex A. Details of these objections are as follows:-

### **Issue for Decision**

#### **1. Brenley Lane, Boughton-under-Blean**

Following a request from the Police Traffic Management Unit, it was proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines in Brenley Lane, Boughton-under-Blean, from the Brenley Corner roundabout. Vehicles are currently parking on both sides of Brenley Lane, and the Police have reported that this is creating problems for vehicle access and also preventing pedestrians from using the footway. The proposals are to extend the existing double yellow lines on the west side of the road from the roundabout down to the T junction, whilst leaving the east side of the road available for parking.

During the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order, one objection was received from a car owner who regularly parks in Brenley Lane. The objector states that Kent County Council are encouraging car-sharing, which is why commuters park in Brenley Lane, but has asked where these commuters will be able to park if these restrictions are introduced. He has also expressed concern that these commuters could cause parking problems elsewhere by finding alternative locations.

As the request for these amendments has come directly from the Police, it is recommended that the proposed extension to the double yellow lines is progressed, but it is also recommended that a copy of the objector's e-mail be forwarded to the Kent County Council in relation to the car-sharing comments.

#### **2. Abbey Street (and Surrounding Area), Faversham**

Following comments from the latest Faversham Parking Review, it was proposed to extend the operating times of the existing Residents' Parking Scheme in Abbey Street, and the surrounding area, from 8:00am-6:30pm Mon-Sat to 8:00am-10:00pm Mon-Sat. These amendments have been suggested to alleviate problems currently experienced with parking in the evenings by customers to pub and restaurants in the area.

During the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order, one objection was received from a property in Church Street, and duplicate letters of objection were received from 20 properties of Goldings Wharf, Belvedere Road. Copies of these letters can be found in Annex A. The objection from Church Street was the fact that by extending the operating times of the Scheme residents with more than two vehicles which would not be present during these times would be forced to purchase visitor parking permits for the additional vehicles for 6 days a week, at a total cost of £303 per year for each vehicle. The letter also strongly proposes that if these amendments go ahead, visitors permits should return to being free of charge for a number of books, or at the very least the significant reduction in prices.

The objections from residents of Goldings Wharf relate mainly to the anticipated knock-on effect of extending the operating hours of the existing Scheme, moving parked vehicles into nearby roads such as Belvedere Road. The letters state that vehicles already use this partly-unadopted road for free parking, and there is concern that the planned time extension will only add to these problems.

It is recommended that the proposed time extensions are progressed but that residents of Belvedere Road are consulted on whether they would wish to be included in the current Residents' Parking Scheme. The owners of the new estate within the unadopted highway would also need to be in agreement to the proposals.

### **3. 35 Periwinkle Close, Sittingbourne (Installation of disabled persons' parking bay)**

Following the on site installation of the notice advertising the Traffic Regulation Order, 3 letters of objection were received stating their objection to a further bay being installed in this road. Unfortunately, there was some confusion regarding the sign, as the letters stated that another bay in this road was not needed when in fact the sign was referring to the existing interim bay that was going to be made enforceable.

A letter was sent to the objectors stating that the sign was mis-leading and there were to be no more bays installed in this road and the on site sign referred to the existing bay. The objectors did not retract their objections.

It has been noted that the advertisement installed on site is mis-leading and the wording will need to be changed in the future to prevent this understanding happening again.

#### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the comments/objections made following the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that officers progress the amendments to the waiting restrictions at:

- Brenley Lane, Boughton-under-Blean (extension to existing double yellow lines)
- Abbey Street and surrounding areas, Faversham (extension to Residents' Parking Scheme operating times)
- 35 Periwinkle Close, Sittingbourne (installation of disabled persons' parking bay)

Members are asked to note the comments/objections made following the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that officers carry out a consultation with residents of Belvedere Road for the possible inclusion of this road in the Residents' Parking Scheme.

The objectors be advised accordingly.

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Report approved by – Head of Service Delivery

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

List of background documents: Annex A – Copy of Objection Letters Received



ANNEX  
A

Dear Sir

Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places – Order 2011-Amendment No 2A

35 Periwinkle Close

I object to the further creation of disabled car parking space adjacent to 35 Periwinkle Close on the basis that the suggested new space is not required and will further restrict non bespoke parking space for the remaining residents of Periwinkle Close.

THE PROPOSED DISABLED SPACE IS NOT REQUIRED DUE TO THE EXISTENCE OF A SPACE CREATED ADJACENT TO NOS 33/34 PERIWINKLE CLOSE WHICH IS NO LONGER USED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT DEATH OF THE RESIDENT IT WAS CREATED FOR.

AS A RESULT OF THE DEATH OF THIS RESIDENT THE EXISTING SPACE REMAINS UNUSED

I trust you will take the above objection into account.

ANNEX A

RECEIVED	AMENITIES
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Via: Letter Fax E-Mail Tel Int	

Dear Sir

Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places - Order 2011 -  
Amendment No 2A 35 Periviale Close,

We feel that it is completely unnecessary to create a new disabled space adjacent to this address as there is already one in that vicinity which was created for a lady who has recently died.

We would also like to express our disquiet over the fact that the only notification of this application was placed on a single lamp-post in the road, and which disappeared very quickly. Surely all the residents in the road should, as a matter of courtesy, been informed of the application by letter.

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A

No Planning App  
Duty to respond

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

To: Whom it may concern,

With regard to the following proposal:

Waiting restriction and street parking places - 35 Periwinkle Close.

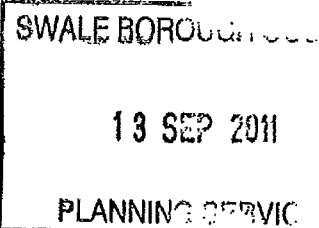
We would like to make it known that we are in disagreement to the proposal to create a second disabled car parking space in the vicinity of 35 Periwinkle Close.

Our justification for this objection is as follows:

There is already a disabled parking bay in the vicinity of 35 Periwinkle Close which was created to support a local resident who has sadly recently passed away – it would seem logical, therefore, that this existing bay be transferred for use of the resident/s of 35 Periwinkle Close rather than create another space which would have an impact on the already reduced residents parking in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. We would be grateful for confirmation of your receipt of this letter in writing.

Many thanks – we look forward to hearing from you soon.



ANNEX A

via: Letter Fax E-Mail Tel Int

17<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Re: Proposed plan to extend the operating times of the Church Street parking scheme.

To Swale Borough Council,

I am writing in response to the proposed plan to extend the operating times to 10:00pm in Church Street. I strongly oppose this plan for the following reasons:

Residents in this area are limited to two permits per household at an already growing cost. In large households, where necessity means more than two permits are required, it is already costing an additional £52 per year to park in our own street each Saturday.

The Visitor parking permit books are at a cost of £1 per ticket, therefore, the proposed plan to extend the hours to 10:00 will result in the need for a visitor ticket 6 days per week, at a total cost of £6 per week and £303 per year. This will cause immense financial strain on families and larger households in the area.

In addition, even households who do not require additional permits will have increased costs as any visitor who parks within the new time scheme would require a permit, therefore, the household will need extensive visitor permits at a large cost.

Whilst I recognise the benefit of reducing evening parking problems through this new scheme, not charging the residents to park in their own street would arguably outweigh the benefit of a few additional parking spaces.

If this plan does go ahead I would strongly propose the visitor permits return to being free for at least a number of books, and at the very least the price is dropped significantly.

Yours Sincerely,

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12<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Technical Services  
Swale Borough Council  
Swale House  
East Street  
Sittingbourne  
ME10 3HT

AMENITIES  
 Loop No ..... File Ref. ....  
 Passed to: .....  
 Received 22 SEP 2011

To whom it may concern

Re: ABBEY STREET: The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Swale) (Waiving Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Amendment No.2B) Order 2011.

I am writing to advise you of my objection to the above order.

Parking is an issue that affects many residents in the vicinity of Abbey Street, inclusive of those in properties associated with the Belvedere Road area. Before the existing order is extended to restrict parking until 22:30 hours consideration should be given to the affect it will have on all other parties and not just view the benefit it will provide to Abbey Street residents. It cannot be reasonable to move a problem to another area; instead parking issues should be considered in the area as a whole.

In recent years the number of private residences has increased to include those in the Belvedere Road area, the new Gillcrest Homes properties in Abbey Street and also those associated with the recent Tesco development. Furthermore there has been an expansion in the catering trade to include restaurant businesses at 'Posillipos', 'Ask' and 'The Phoenix Tavern'. There is also trade associated with 'The Anchor PH' and 'The Swan and Harlequin PH'. All result in increased demands on parking, particularly in the evenings. There is limited parking associated with 'Posillipos', 'The Phoenix Tavern' and 'The Swan and Harlequin', otherwise vehicles need to park either 'on street' or within the only nearby designated parking area opposite 'Ask'.

You will be aware that parts of Belvedere Road have not yet been adopted by the local authority and the road is known for free and unlimited parking. Vehicles park on footways, with associated dangers for pedestrians/pushchairs that need to negotiate the obstruction by walking in the road. Because of parking by vehicles opposite Goldings Wharf Nos 1 to 4 and 17 to 22 there are times when vehicles have driven along the dropped kerb footpaths at the moment residents have exited their front doors. Furthermore there are times when double parking within Belvedere Road has restricted the width such that access by Fire and Rescue pumps would be impeded. There is clearly an element of danger associated with over parking in Belvedere Road.

A further issue affects the private road, maintained at resident's expense, within Goldings Wharf. At times of busy parking in Belvedere Road some motorists choose to use this as a turning area (roundabout affect) thus causing wear on what is only a shingle dressed surface. There is also a noise nuisance associated with tyres running on the loose shingle surface.

To summarise, the basis of this objection is that whilst Abbey Street residents have parking related problems, issues that can be sympathised with, it should be recognised that other residents in the area also have parking problems. To approve the extension to the Waiving Restrictions will only exacerbate problems for others, a move which is neither fair nor reasonable. A more equitable solution should be found that takes into account issues that affect the area as a whole.

Thank you for taking these views into account.

Yours sincerely,

Chair - Goldings Wharf Management Company)

p.s I am advised the Authority prefers not to receive petitions  
Residents have therefore signed their own copies of this letter of objection



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Mike Knowles,  
Technical Services,  
Swale Borough Council,  
East Street,  
Sittingbourne ME10 3HT

Log No.	41612112	File Ref.	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2011
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Dear Mike,

Further to a telephone call from Mrs. Harper, the prospective secretary of our management company who explained the problems the residents of Golding's Wharf are experiencing with vehicles parking in Belvedere Road, we would like to object to the extension of restricted parking in Abbey Street.

As you know we have requested parking restrictions, however until Belvedere Road is adopted by K.C.C. It would appear nothing can be done to stop people parking in the road. This restricts access to our garages, some of the residents find they are completely unable to use their garages. Not only do people working in the town use Belvedere Road as a free parking lot, visitors to Posillipos the restaurant on the Quay park in the road. Added to this the sales staff at the new apartments attached to Tesco are telling prospective purchasers they can use Belvedere Road to park their cars.

Contractors working in the town are told to park in Belvedere Road, at the moment there is a large white van parked opposite number 17, the driver takes his bags and a sleeping bag from the van and does not reappear for three or four days. There is a furniture store in Faversham that parks its' delivery van on Belvedere Road.

Swale Borough Council lists Belvedere Road on its' web site as practically the only road in the area with unrestricted parking, naturally this encourages parking on the road. There is a private cul-de-sac which will be owned by the residents once the contractor hands over management of the development. Visitors to Posillipos use this to turn around travelling at speed, making a lot of noise late at night, shining their headlights into peoples' homes disturbing the sleep of those who have to get up early to get to work. The road surface is bonded shingle, has only been in place for about six months and is already showing considerable wear.

If restricted parking is extended to 10.00pm on Abbey Street this will further impact on the residents here since all the customers at Posillipos will have to park in Belvedere Road. We would ask that the extension is delayed until Belvedere Road is adopted by K.C.C. and parking restrictions are in place on Belvedere Road.

Yours sincerely,