

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 5A
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Meeting Date	Monday 10 th December 2012
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order 5a/5b
Portfolio Holder	Cllr David Simmons
SMT Lead	Brian Planner
Head of Service	Brian Planner
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report in relation to formal objections received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>Members are asked to consider any additional formal objections or letters of support received in relation to the Traffic Order, and either recommend that the proposed restrictions are introduced or abandoned.</p>
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Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of formal objections received to various proposed waiting restrictions in the Borough covered in the Traffic Regulation Orders Amendment 5a (Faversham Area) and 5b (Sittingbourne & Isle of Sheppey Areas).

2 Background

- 2.1 Consultations have previously been undertaken with residents and statutory consultees in relation to the introduction of new waiting restrictions, and the results of these consultations have been reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board. In the case of the proposed waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Tunstall School, the informal consultation was carried out by Jacobs, commissioned by Kent County Council, and the Traffic Order has been passed to Swale Borough Council to complete.
- 2.2 Based on the recommendations of the Joint Transportation Board, Traffic Regulation Orders have been prepared and advertised on site and in local newspapers to fulfil the legal requirements of the formal consultation.
- 2.3 Formal objections, and letters of support, have been received to some of these proposed waiting restrictions, and these are discussed below. Copies of the formal objections can be found in Annex A.

- 2.4 As the formal consultation period does not expire until midday on Monday 26th October, any additional objections or letters of support will be presented to Members of the Joint Transportation Board at the meeting, and verbally reported.

3 Issue for Decision

- 3.1 **Near Tunstall School, Tunstall Road, Sittingbourne – Proposed Double Yellow Lines and School Keep Clear Markings**
- 3.2 As stated above, a previous informal consultation was undertaken by Jacobs on behalf of Kent County Council on options for possible waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Tunstall School. The results of this consultation were reported to the Joint Transportation Board by KCC in September, where Members recommended that double yellow lines and school keep clear markings should be installed.
- 3.3 Swale Borough Council has progressed the necessary Traffic Regulation Order including these new restrictions, on behalf of Kent County Council. At the time of writing this report 2 formal objections have been received and 2 letters of support. Copies of these can be found in Annex A.
- 3.4 One of the objections states that as the school have now made arrangements with a local landowner for 10 off road parking places to be made available, the proposed waiting restrictions should be deferred until this solution has bedded in. The other objection states the proposed restrictions are excessive and that the informal consultation did not provide full information of proposals to provide alternative off road parking alongside the school. The objection goes on to state that with this additional information provided, the consultees may have responded differently. This objection has been made alongside a complaint to KCC regarding the informal consultation.
- 3.5 Both letters of support state that the proposed restrictions will improve road safety by preventing vehicles parking outside of the school, providing safer crossing facilities for school children.
- 3.6 As this is a KCC Highways Scheme, the objections and letters of support have to be passed to John Burr, the KCC Highways & Transportation Director, for a decision, under delegated powers, in accordance with the KCC agreed procedure. In addition to the letters of objection and support, a complaint has been received in relation to the informal consultation and this is also being dealt with by Kent County Council who commissioned this consultation.

4 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary signing and lining.
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 – Copies of Formal Objections & Letters of Support received

6 Background Papers

6.1 None.