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| SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD | Agenda Item: 8 |
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| Meeting Date | Monday 9 th December 2013 |
| Report Title | Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order Amendment 8B |
| Cabinet Member | Cllr David Simmons |
| SMT Lead | Brian Planner |
| Head of Service | Brian Planner |
| Lead Officer | Mike Knowles |
| Classification | Open |

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| Recommendations | Members are asked to consider the formal objections made to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order Amendment 8B and recommend that the proposed waiting restrictions in the Capel Road area of Sittingbourne 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 Order Amendment 8B, covering various proposals on the Isle of Sheppey and Sittingbourne.

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. A Traffic Regulation Order was 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, two formal objections were received against the proposed waiting restrictions in and around Capel Road in Sittingbourne. Copies of the objections can be found in Annex A.

3 Issue for Decision

3.1 Capel Road, Sittingbourne

Following a request from a resident of Capel Road, a consultation took place with residents and statutory consultees back in March 2012 on proposals to install

waiting restrictions in Capel Road, Whitehall Road and the junction of Hanover Close to alleviate reported problems of vehicles parking along the narrow sections of the road and close to junctions, creating problems with vehicle movements and sightline obstructions.

The informal consultation was sent to 28 properties in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions, and 14 responses supported the proposals, 2 objected and 2 were undecided. The results of this consultation were reported to the JTB in June 2012 when it was recommended that the proposals proceed.

The Traffic Regulation Order was drafted and advertised for formal consultation in August 2012, and a formal objection was received to the proposals. This objection was reported to the JTB in September 2012, and it was recommended that the proposals be removed from the Traffic Order and further consultation should take place with residents.

A second informal consultation took place in May 2013, following substantial communication with the formal objector and a revision to the proposed restrictions, and 14 responses supported the proposals, 3 objected and 1 was undecided. The results of this consultation were reported to the JTB in September 2013 when it was recommended that the proposals proceed.

The Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted and advertised for formal consultation, and two formal objections have been received, both in relation to the proposed waiting restrictions in the Capel Road area. Copies of these formal objections can be found in Annex A.

The first objection is from a parent of a student of Highsted Grammar School, who waits in Capel Road to collect her daughter from school. The second objection is from a resident of Capel Road who states that without off-street parking at the property, visitors and tradesmen will have nowhere to park and the proposed restrictions will have an adverse effect on the future saleability of the property.

Members are asked to consider the formal objections received, and in view of the extensive consultation that has taken place with residents, and the previous Traffic Regulation Order, recommend that the proposals are progressed.

4 Implications

| Issue | Implications |
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| 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 Received

6 Background Papers

6.1 None.