

Formal Support – Oak Close/Maidstone Road, Danaway

28th January 2014

Engineering Services
Swale Borough Council
Swale House
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with regard to the proposed introduction of double yellow lines at the junction of Oak Close and Maidstone Road, Danaway.

I am a resident on Oak Close and have to use this junction at least twice a day. I would like to show my **support** for the introduction of these double yellow lines to stop people parking so close to the junction that getting out becomes very difficult. As you are aware, it's a 50mph speed limit along Maidstone Road at that point and turning across vehicles that are doing 50mph and sometimes a lot more is very dangerous.

To aid the view down Maidstone Road, looking Northbound, it would be beneficial to install double yellow lines outside number 7 Oak Close and the next door cottage as this would give a clear view from the junction down Maidstone Road. Currently cars park on the kerb and road so you cannot see through them at the oncoming traffic

If an engineer would like to discuss this further or even come see for themselves the issues we have on Oak Close, I would be only too happy to meet them and show them. My contact

Formal Objection 1 – Faversham Town Centre

Mr M Knowles
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6 February 2014

Ref: Faversham Parking Restrictions Plan Jan2014

Dear Mr Knowles

I write in connection to the proposed parking restrictions for Faversham's town centre.

While I accept there is a need to clarify the parking situation in the town centre, I cannot support a plan where there is no opportunity during the day to park in the two main areas where shops and small businesses are situated.

I agree that there is no argument for parking at any time in Market Place, Middle Row or East Street. However, I would argue for a small number of parking bays (3-5) provided in both Court Street and Preston Street, limited to a 30 minute stay, so that people can visit the local shops and businesses.

It is difficult to keep any high street alive and, while Faversham's is more successful than those in many other towns, to remove all parking would further jeopardise its future. Without some access, it is inevitable that, even when people know they can find the same product and often at a cheaper price in the small high street shop, they will still choose to use the supermarket merely because of the easy parking.

I value and use my town centre, and hope that the council considers my idea.

Yours sincerely

Formal Objection 2 – Faversham Town Centre

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9 February 2014

Dear Sir

I am writing to object to the Order that proposes to introduce single and double yellow lines into Faversham Town Centre.

The proposal will seriously damage the streetscape and ambience of this historic area of the town.

Bearing in mind that the lamp posts in the area all have restrictive signage which does not appear to be enforced, I see no reason to expect yellow lines to have a marked effect. Enforcement can only be by wardens and why shouldn't they be doing so now? In any case, in my experience, there is no problem being caused that requires this drastic action.

I notice that the foot note to the Public Notice canvasses support for the proposal. Is this appropriate and is it allowed by the regulations? I would be grateful to hear from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Formal Objection 3 – Faversham Town Centre

12th February 2014.

Engineering Dept

Swale Borough Council.

Dear Sirs,

Ref: 9a ORDER 2014 Yellow Lines Preston St.

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposal to create yellow lines in Preston St.

The effect will lead to further harassment to me as a trader who, being without rear access, (promised thirty years ago,) will have difficulty in loading and unloading. Also customers are regularly harassed by wardens while they collect goods. The 'five minute rule' is invariably too short a time to enter, complete the purchase and to get to the vehicle and drive away. This certainly detracts from the enjoyment of shopping in Faversham.

From an aesthetic point of view the sight of yellow lines over the red brick work surface will detract from the street view.

Yours faithfully

Formal Objection 4 – Faversham Town Centre

Re: Proposed yellow lines in Faversham town centre.

I am concerned about the above proposal on many levels.

1. The town centre has red brick + cobbled surfaces + yellow lines would be totally out of place + an eyesore.
 2. There is already a trial traffic order in place in the town centre + to try + implement another one before its conclusion would seem foolish.
 3. Motorists who need access to the town centre already feel threatened by over zealous wardens + the addition of further restrictions will give
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the town an even greater feeling of being 'closed for business'.

4. The current signage is inaccurate + misleading. Again, surley this should be addressed before defacing our town centre with further rules.

5. Vehicles loading + working within the town centre need to be allowed to remain for as long as reasonably necessary for the job they are doing, + yellow lines would make the waiting time to inflexible.

6. Traders in Preston street + East street are still recovering from the ill advised Friday traffic ban, + to try + introduce further restrictions on ourselves + our customers so soon after the previousiasco seems insensitive at best.

Therefore I am firmly opposed to this initiative.

Formal Objection 5 – Faversham Town Centre

Dear Graham

I am not sure who we should address this to, and I hope you can forward it to the right place or redirect me.

We want to object to the whole concept of putting yellow lines into the Marketplace in Faversham.

Parking in the town centre should be controlled by clear signs at the entrance to the area. The present signs are very poorly laid out and confusing, and some look very out-of-date.

It would be utterly counter-productive to paste yellow lines around this charming and antique square, destroying the expensive and precious sense of antiquity which is what - presumably - the no-parking concept is trying to promote.

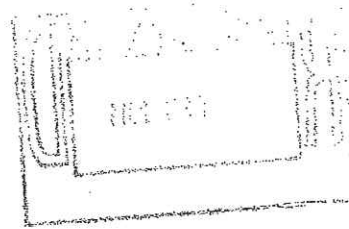
The authorities would be much better directed to make wheelchair use easier in the town-centre.... as it is, kerbs, cobbles and narrow pavements make the use of wheelchairs dangerous and difficult, as you would know if you ever had to push someone around in a wheelchair in this area.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Formal Objection – The Broadway, Minster

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Swale Borough Council:
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Sittingbourne,
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3rd February, 2014.

Ref. H4.1/MJK

Dear Mr Knowles,

Please find detailed below my objections to the proposed waiting restrictions outside my property of [redacted] The Broadway, Minster.

I have always parked outside my house since acquiring it in 1965. To be told that this facility may be taken away is unacceptable, as I have been living here since *before* the shops opposite were even there, to which these parking proposals relate. Furthermore, my objection specifically relates to the parking area outside my dwelling—not those already in place on the other side of the road outside the shops. Therefore, I strongly feel I have a sound objection to make to these parking proposals because no restrictions will be imposed on the shops' business opposite me in keeping the area outside my house as it is.

Secondly, I have a disabled son with a specially-converted vehicle who requires access to the outside of my property when he visits. Restricting access—as proposed by these waiting restrictions—would prevent him from being able to park without causing other unnecessary complications.

Thirdly, after speaking with other residents along The Broadway close to my house on my side of the road, some claim not to have even been consulted over these waiting-restriction proposals because they have not received any notification in writing of them from Swale Borough Council. They are clearly unhappy about this, as I'm sure you can appreciate if you were in their situation. Having lived here for nearly 50 years, I feel I have a strong case to object to such parking proposals because, ultimately, I was living and parking here a long time before the shops existed.

There are plenty of parking spaces for the shops' business opposite me and adjacent in the car parks behind Cost Cutter, so I don't see how you can reasonably expect the few spaces outside my property to ease any congestion relating to the shops' business opposite; however, they will unnecessarily hinder my daily routine.

Finally, as a council-tax payer, I would reasonably expect some leeway on this issue, as it cannot surely be unreasonable to expect any resident not to be able to park outside their own property.

I trust you will carefully consider all of the above points and I look forward to hearing from you shortly to confirm no such restrictions will be imposed.

Yours sincerely

Formal Objection – Key Street, Sittingbourne

Engineering Services,
Swale Borough Council,
Sittingbourne.
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11th February 2014.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed waiting restrictions at Key Street, Borden.

I am writing to object to the waiting restrictions that the Council wishes to impose on the south side of the A2 at Key Street. These restrictions are totally unnecessary because the width of the road at that point is quite sufficient to allow parking without causing danger or inconvenience. Your notice states the reason for the restriction is "improvement of sight lines". There are no problems for motorists at that point, and as far as residents are concerned getting out of drives is no more difficult there than anywhere else on the A2 where parking is permitted.

If the Council has money that it wishes to spend on road safety, may I suggest that it spends it filling in some of the dangerous potholes on the A2, especially between Westlands Avenue and Staplehurst Road, instead of wasting it on yet more pointless yellow lines.

Yours faithfully,

**Formal Objection – Residents Parking Bay outside 99 Ufton Lane,
Sittingbourne**

12 February 2014

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Swale Borough Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

I write in connection with the proposal of Swale Borough Council to reduce the length of the existing parking bay in the vicinity of 99 Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne, to accommodate vehicular access.

If this is carried out it will continue to put pressure on the existing on street parking for residents. We have already recently lost two parking bays opposite number 99 at the request of the emergency services as it was considered to be a 'pinch point' and could restrict access for a fire engine. If the parking is reduced outside of number 99 this will now be the equivalent of losing four spaces.

Parking is a premium in this road as many people who are unable to find parking spaces in the bottom end of Ufton Lane and Epps Road also park in this vicinity. Either the current owners of number 99 or the builders refurbishing the property before it was sold, overnight illegally painted out the white lines outside of the property and in an amateurish way painted new lines to make parking outside of this property apparently illegal. I contacted the company SBC employs to undertake parking management and they told me that this would be reported.

I am a blue badge holder and find it impossible on many occasions to park anywhere in either my end of Ufton Lane or Epps Road. If you allow this reduction in the parking facility in this road to take place this will seriously exacerbate the problem.

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Re. Objection against yellow line proposal outside Oak Close

Dear Engineering Services

Our close has recently been made aware of yellow lines in proposal to help the situation for us to get out of our close safely. Although I believe something needs to be done, I think yellow lines are not the way forward and feel very strongly against the idea.

Everyone in Oak Close has at least 2 cars, if you were to put yellow lines along Danaway outside Oak Close, you are expecting the houses from Oak Close that park along there to find somewhere alternative to park which leads me to my objection against the idea of yellow lines. If along there gets filled up with cars, the houses along the front then start parking in front of their garages situated at the back of their property, this leaves it being a problem for number 1,2,3,8,9 & 10 who park in their allocated spaces and use their garages for parking which is opposite 4,5,6 & 7 parking spaces and garages. It means we are blocked from using our garages and restricted from using our parking spaces as there is limited room between the garages and parking spaces in the cul-de-sac.

The houses along the front of Oak Close use their allocated spaces for the 1 car; I am guessing their garages are used or filled up by other means which is why they park along the front as they have nowhere else to park.

In our opinion alternative parking arrangements need to be made for numbers 4,5,6 & 7 Oak Close if yellow lines are to be placed.

We look forward to your hearing from you regarding the above issues.

Formal Objection – Various junctions Sheerness – Alma Road, Sheerness

I am aware that no one has any right to park in front of their property, and that anything that I say now will not alter what you intend to do, therefore regrettably will have to put property on the market as soon as possible and move. Have included two pictures taken this morning from the door step, to illustrate the problem that one faces at six or seven every night and the frustration, and extra work at the end of the day when you should not have to suffer any more. The malfeasance of Swale Council's traffic regulations enforcement regime has cost me over £400 last year, which could not afford having been unable to work for three months due to a flare up of the MS, which I unfortunately suffer with, and having great difficulty with my eye sight at this very moment so please excuse the roughness of this letter, that am trying under duress to finish so that can go to sleep knowing that I've tried to prevent a further worsening of life on Alma Road, Hence my intense dislike of life under Swale Council's traffic management, also I will never go to the Meadway town again, for similar reasons, can understand why people re locate from there to Maidstone, although do not go there often any more myself either. It is getting bad every where.

It is normal not to be able to park near your front door when you live in Alma Road, when you return in the evening after work it can often take four trips to and fro. For myself afflicted with multiple sclerosis it is not a welcoming thought or activity. During the past two week period, it has been possible on only two occasions to park outside the above premises, and to unload my bags, tools etc, and to subsequently re-load them the following morning, prior to departure for work, due to the space being occupied by vehicle of persons unknown! It is regular practice to part block the road whilst unloading, then subsequently squeeze into any available spot, and to then keep watch, and move it some times twice or three times, during the night, getting closer all the time to minimize the loading time in the early morning.

Tonight, Saturday, week-ends are usually worse for the night time parking, it was not possible to park a bicycle in the immediate neighbourhood of 18 Alma Road. A not unusual fact, consequently forced to park in Meryk Road, and then to navigate a dark unlighted footpath/pavement strewn with broken mirror glass !

The council has allowed this area to become a 'bed-sit row' the unfortunate visitors, never staying any longer than they have to, the buildings design, and fabrication being markedly unfit for the purpose of disparate multiple occupancy, without the misery of inadequate vehicle parking during the evening, and the night.

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