

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item:
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Meeting Date	Monday 10 th September 2018
Report Title	Request for Double Yellow Lines – St Mary’s School & Queen Elizabeth School, Faversham
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alan Horton
SMT Lead	Martyn Cassell
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of the report with regard to St Mary’s School, and recommend that Officers add a short section of single yellow line in Abbey Place, Faversham to the next Traffic Regulation Order.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report considers the request made at the June 2018 Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting for double yellow lines to be considered outside St Mary’s School, Orchard Place and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Abbey Place, Faversham.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the June 2018 JTB, a Member gave a verbal explanation of parking issues at St Mary’s School, Orchard Place, Faversham and referred to the photographs tabled at the meeting. Another Member supported action to prohibit cars blocking the entrance to the school and advised that, as there was a similar issue at the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Abbey Place, the two sites could be considered together. The problem reported is overnight parking by vehicles, which are left in position causing obstruction to the school entrances in the morning, as opposed to problems experienced during school drop off and collection times.

3. Issue for Decision

St Mary’s School, Orchard Place

- 3.1 There are currently School Keep Clear Markings along the frontage of St Mary’s School which prevent vehicles from stopping outside of the school between the hours of 8.30am and 9.30am or 2.30pm and 5.00pm on Mondays to Fridays during school term time. Unlike double yellow lines, it is not permitted to stop on these

restrictions for the purposes of loading and unloading, and therefore these restrictions are more effective in ensuring that the area outside of the school is kept clear to improve the safety of the pupils entering and exiting the premises.

- 3.2 The advice from Kent County Council's Parking Manager is that double yellow lines should not be used to tackle parking issues outside of schools, as an adjudicator previously considered that parents stopping on these restrictions to drop off or collect children could be considered loading and unloading of the vehicle and therefore permissible under the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 3.3 As stated by the Member, the current School Keep Clear Markings do not prohibit parking outside of the Public Highway. Any parking restrictions are enforceable up to the boundary of the Public Highway, but as the entrances to the school are off of the Public Highway they would not be covered by the restrictions, and would not come under the remit of Swale Borough Council with regard to the installation of any waiting restrictions. A plan showing the limit of the Public Highway can be found in Annex A.
- 3.4 As the entrances do not form part of the Public Highway, the landowners would need to consider if parking controls are necessary and any restrictions would be funded independently to Swale Borough Council. If the land owner is Kent County Council, they may wish to instruct their Highways Team to make an Amendment Traffic Regulation Order to include the school entrances and install double yellow lines.
- 3.5 Should a Traffic Regulation Order be completed and double yellow lining be installed by Kent County Council, I have been advised that whilst the area is outside of the Highway boundary, Swale's Parking Enforcement Team would be able to undertake Civil Parking Enforcement to help improve levels of driver compliance.

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Abbey Place

- 3.6 The entrance to the school is located at the end of Abbey Place, with the school gates abutting the limit of the Public Highway.
- 3.7 There is currently a single yellow line on the south and west side of Abbey Place, with a restriction in place between 8.00am and 6.30pm Monday to Saturday, continuing up to the school gate. On the opposite side of the road, there is space for up to two vehicles to park between the school gate and an existing vehicle crossing.
- 3.8 A single yellow line could be considered between the school gate and the vehicle crossing, as shown on the plan in Annex B, with similar times to the existing restriction opposite. By introducing a restriction between 8.00am and 6.30pm Monday to Saturday, the width of the access into the school would be maintained whilst minimising the impact on the on-street parking for residents. Due to the minor nature of the proposed restriction, an informal consultation is not considered necessary and the restrictions could be included in the next Traffic Regulation Order Amendment which will include the standard formal consultation.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report with regard to St Mary's School, and recommend that Officers add a short section of single yellow line in Abbey Place, Faversham to the next Traffic Regulation Order.

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Drafting, Advertising and Sealing Traffic Regulation Order and installing lining and signing. Estimated Cost £1,000.
Legal and Statutory	Formal Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order by Kent County Council.
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.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Plan showing Public Highway boundary, Orchard Place, Faversham
Annex B – Plan of possible Single Yellow Line, Abbey Place, Faversham

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None