

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 4 th March 2019
Report Title	Formal Objection to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 15
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, and recommend that Officers proceed with the proposed installation of double yellow lines on the junction of Terrace Road and Murston Road in Sittingbourne.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of two formal objections received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 15, for amendments to various parking restrictions in the Borough.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted for various proposed amendments to waiting restrictions in Swale, and a copy of the Traffic Regulation Order, together with the Statement of Reason which summarises the proposals, can be found in Annex A. The proposals included the installation of two short sections of double yellow lines around the junction of Terrace Road and Murston Road in Sittingbourne, following a request from a Local Councillor. A plan of the proposed double yellow lines can be found in Annex B.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order was formally advertised between 9th November 2018 and 30th November 2018, and during this time two formal objections were received, both in relation to the proposed double yellow lines on the junction of Terrace Road and Murston Road in Sittingbourne. A copy of the objections received can be found in Annex C.
- 3.2 Both formal objections stated that they felt the proposed double yellow lines would not solve the issue of getting cars into the road (into Terrace Road from A2/Murston Road) and suggested that the corner of the embankment opposite could be

removed and this would solve the issue and give cars more room to manoeuvre into the road. Any amendments to the junction layout would be something for Kent County Council to consider as Highway Authority, and re-aligning the corner would almost certainly require the re-location of the traffic signal post which would result in a substantial cost for the works.

- 3.3 Following the request for parking restrictions from a Local Councillor, Kent County Council’s Traffic Schemes Team were contacted to discuss the issue, and Officers at KCC kindly undertook a sweep path analysis around the junction, taking a line offset 2 metres from the kerblin in Terrace Road to represent parked vehicles. A copy of this sweep path plan and the comments received from Kent County Council can be found in Annex D.
- 3.4 By coincidence, a large Audi four-wheel drive vehicle was recently witnessed trying to complete a left turn manoeuvre into Terrace Road from the A2, and even with no parked cars present had to reverse onto Murston Road to complete the turn. It is therefore acknowledged that the proposed waiting restrictions will not solve all of the issues associated with either driver error or limited turning circles for some vehicles, but should improve the overall situation.
- 3.5 One objector also stated that parking for residents is very difficult and if households have more than one car this can cause even more difficulties with trying to get parked, and for this reason the proposed double yellow lines have been kept to a minimum length.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and recommend that Officers proceed with the proposed installation of double yellow lines on the junction of Terrace Road and Murston Road in Sittingbourne.

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Installing Double Yellow Lines.
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 – Copy of Traffic Regulation Order and Statement of Reason
- Annex B – Plans of Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Terrace Road/Murston Road
- Annex C – Copies of Formal Objections Received
- Annex D – Sweep Path Analysis and Comments from Kent County Council

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None