

**Formal Objections & Indications of Support Received – Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 1**

Objection (1) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Bell Road, Sittingbourne

*“It has been brought to our attention that the double yellow lines are to be extended in Bell Road. This will lessen our parking facilities. Our concern is the overflow parking from the hospital, the schools, and the schools’ coaches and buses. This makes parking very difficult during these times. We are worried the situation will get worse if less parking for our use is available. We feel that “Residents Only” parking should be allowed outside Spicer Homes as some way to reserve our parking spaces. We do understand there is a fee for this.*

*The residents are elderly – my husband has cancer, and is also awaiting an operation for a further condition, so our cars are needed to be parked close to homes. A minimum of four parking spaces would be required, as not all residents have cars. Also carers come in, medical prescriptions etc., all need somewhere to park. The hospital and school pick up vehicles will take the available empty spaces – where do we park? The situation is causing a lot of worry and concern.*

*Thank you for your time and attention, and await your comments.*

*Mr & Mrs \*\*\*\*\*”*

Objection (2) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Coldharbour Lane, Sittingbourne

*“I write to object the planned restriction in parking outside our home and believe Arriva have made the application for the parking restrictions.*

*My wife parks directly outside of our home as the area of Kemsley behind of our home does not have working adequate street lighting and is a dangerous hot spot for drug users, groups of youths and anti-social behaviour.*

*The buses outside our house cause noise pollution that can start from as early as 6am. The drivers leave the engines running that has caused cracks to form around the inside of our front door frame (you can feel the door vibrating), the noise of the bus engines and reversing beepers causes us significant sleep disruption and the double decker buses that turn in the road outside our home are level with our bedroom window and impinge on our right to privacy.*

*Oil puddles left from the buses have caused my wife to almost slip while crossing the road. I have had to sometimes clean the mess the bus drivers leave behind from smoking and dropping their cigarette ends on the road directly outside my house.*

*One of the bus drivers has reversed into the lamp post outside our neighbour's home. That has still not been repaired and prior to that on multiple occasions the buses have damaged cars belonging to us, some of our neighbours and our visiting family, and multiple near misses from cyclists with the buses reversing forcing the cyclists to take evasive action.*

*We have ongoing issues with some of Arriva's bus drivers (2 male drivers) in particular that have been verbally aggressive to us and on occasions have threatened to use violence against me and my wife, have damaged our property and have used mobile devices to film us whilst we have been in our home.*

*Another couple of neighbours have had similar issues with the same drivers.*

*Arriva's actions and behaviour has led to us feeling harassed and violated in our own home. We have previously tried to liaise with Arriva, however they choose to ignore us and not address any of the problems we or the Police have raised. This has been reported to the Police and I have video evidence of some of the behaviours described.*

*We would be happy to send the Council videos of the behaviour we have had to endure as this provides clear evidence of the type of behaviour we would be exposed to if the Council introduced parking restrictions outside our home.*

*We are of the view that Arriva have made the application for parking restrictions. However, whilst they may be offering some public utility, our sufferance at the hands of some driver behaviour is unacceptable and by allowing these parking restrictions you will be gifting the bus company unfettered access to utilising the road outside our home to continue their anti-social behaviour.*

*Yours sincerely*

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Objection (3) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Highsted Road, Sittingbourne

*"I live at number \*\* Highsted Road . The house opposite Kestrel Close where the double yellow lines are being proposed.*

*I am writing to communicate my and my husband's objection to this proposal.*

*My reasons are as follows:*

*1. Highsted Road already has a problem with lack of parking on a week daily basis. This is I believe due to the close proximity to The Memorial hospital and 2 secondary schools, Highsted Grammar school and Fulston Manor.*

*Reducing the availability of short term Parking for patients, parents and carers is, in my opinion not serving the local community well and will only increase the bottle neck that already exists towards the bottom end of Highsted Road. Thus causing more congestion, leading to more drivers blocking driveways etc etc . Not good for any of us wanting to use the roads simultaneously to these peak periods.*

*2. From my family's personal position;*

*We have \*\*\*\* adult children with partners all having cars. My husband and I also have our own cars; all needed to get to work etc .Not an unusual situation in 2019. Bearing in mind that directly opposite our house is the cul de sac opening for "Kestrel Close" and double yellow lines already exist for several meters either side, the only parking near our home is directly outside on the road next to house and driveway. Where are my children/ spouses supposed to park when they come to visit? Or indeed any other visiting family member or friend? Both my elderly parents have mobility issues ... does that mean my father can't visit any more? Or can only visit at a weekend when just maybe there is parking available somewhere in Highsted Road?*

*Please examine just how wide some of the driveways are in some of the neighbouring houses... can't park over one of my neighbours' driveways ( incidentally they won't have yellow lines in front of their houses will they?) So where are my family members going to be able to park? Or indeed any other visiting family members or friends?*

*3. I understand the yellow lines are being proposed because neighbours are having difficulty in being able to see on-coming traffic... well that is the same for us all. Also the same in many roads throughout the town indeed many other towns in Uk . Are the councils proposing yellow lines throughout all residential roads then?*

*Looking more immediately, in Bell Road, Woodstock Road , Stanhope Avenue , The Burrs, Canterbury Road. etc etc . These all have driveways leading directly on to very busy highways.. many consistently busier than Highsted Road.*

*As far as not being able to see on- coming traffic then I would suggest reverse parking onto our drives then front facing entry to the road allows for safer, more careful manoeuvring .*

*4. There have been no accidents in the last 17 years said to have been caused by parking outside my home. So what is the issue? There is no evidence to support the need to implement this proposal.*

*However we fully support the request for a foot path to be provided past Farm Crescent; this indeed is a huge safety concern. I respectfully suggest any money and attention be invested in this issue. Am very happy to contribute my view on that topic.*

*I welcome further discussion about both these highway proposals and would like to attend any proposed planning meetings for both. Would appreciate being kept fully informed in writing about both afore mentioned subjects.*

*Kind regards*

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*\*\* Highsted Road"*

Support (4) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Highsted Road, Sittingbourne

*“I am writing to say I think the proposed installation of double yellow lines opposite the junction of Kestrel Close, Sittingbourne, is an excellent idea. However, I would ask you to please consider extending the double yellow lines to the lamppost outside No. 40. This extension of the lines would mean our vision, and safety, would be greatly improved when pulling off our driveways.*

*Yours faithfully*

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Support (5) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Highsted Road, Sittingbourne

*“I was pleased to see a note on the telegraph pole saying that you are considering putting double yellow lines at the junction of Kestrel Close and Highsted Road, this is something we have been waiting for, for several years. At times it is very difficult to exit off our drive safely (see attached photos) because of large vehicles and in particular large cars with blackened windows parked at the end of our drive which obscure our sightlines. When exiting our drive we are able to see vehicles coming round the bend from Swanstree Avenue, but when we have one of these vehicles parked by our gate we cannot see traffic coming out of Kestrel Close conversely if we move into the road to see the coming out of Kestrel Close we cannot see the traffic coming down Highsted Road. One other thing which complicates the situation, is we get something like twenty cars a day doing u-turns at the Highsted Road Kestrel Close junction so when you think the cars have gone straight past they haven’t.*

*I understand that if you go ahead with the double yellow lines at the northern extent will be to the boundary between 40 and 42 Highsted Road this doesn’t help our situation as people will be able to park between this boundary and our drive. I would respectfully ask if it would be possible to extend the lines to the lamppost.*

*Thanking you in anticipation.*

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Support (6) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Love Lane/Windermere, Faversham

*“Hi. I understand you are asking for comments on double yellow lines at the junction of Windermere and Love Lane in Faversham.*

*These are very much needed because when exiting Windermere into Love Lane it is mostly impossible to see traffic coming from ones right (A2 side), and with construction/building work going on in Love Lane the road is covered in a film of mud a lot of the time which would make it very slippery if a vehicle had to stop quickly. So please can we have yellow lines as soon as please.*

Yours

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*\*\* Windermere.”*

Objection (7) – Proposed Loading Ban – The Mall/Nelson Street, Faversham

*“Thank you for giving me the opportunity of objecting to the proposal of a loading ban around my shop.*

*I trade from 39A The Mall and was under the understanding that Swale Council supports small businesses and indeed it does by the relief of business rates wherever it can.*

*But a loading ban in front of my shop on both sides of the road would cripple my business here by preventing me from unloading or loading goods for delivery. I cannot survive if this proposal were to be enforced, as I doubt would any other business.*

*We stop to unload or load as quickly as we can, and not every day, perhaps twice a week. Other vans not belonging to us might also park in front of our shop, either to deliver parcels usually for No \*\*, or to deliver beer to the pub next door.*

*It is not by any means a constant activity, and so would be a rare coincidence if a resident's car from Nelson Street found their view impaired because of a loading van.*

*In fact a small number of the residents in Nelson street have been extremely uncooperative when we first re opened the shop and when faced with our objection to their parking habits still would not stop from parking their cars in front of the loading iron doors situated in Nelson Street, even though it was quite clearly stated that the doors should be kept clear at all times. So because we can no longer use our loading door in Nelson Street, we have been forced to load at the front of the building.*

*We note (photo enclosed) that the parked vehicles in Nelson Street are all facing away from The Mall, indicating they always enter via the Mall. As Nelson Street is a single lane and too narrow for any car to make a U turn, it is quite evident that the majority of the residents or their visitors drive out of Nelson street via Preston Grove at the other end of Nelson Street, not The Mall. And if that is the case, it could be suggested that if Nelson Street were made a one way from The Mall end, it would effectively prevent the odd driver from having their view impaired by the occasional van when they attempt to drive out onto the Mall. In turn the one way system would allow freedom of loading*

*on the recessed forecourt in front of the shop, the curb incidentally having already been dropped some years ago for that very purpose, from the corner of Nelson Street up to the little party wall of No 39.*

*We also note that away from our shop, to the left from Nelson Street, on The Mall a section of double yellow lines has been wiped out allowing cars or vans to park. However, the same principle applies if a car wants to turn right out of Nelson Road onto the Mall, it too will have its vision impaired by any parked vehicles... So perhaps the idea of the one way system into Nelson Street is quite a valid one.*

*In conclusion it is clear that common sense has not prevailed in this attempt to impose a loading ban around a shop that has received an overwhelming welcome since it opened its doors last July, and we will of course always object when good reasons are poor, are unfair, and are contrary to the practicalities of running a worthy business that is enjoyed by our community.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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*Trading as Branching Out Antiques*

*39A the Mall*

*Faversham*

*ME13 8JN"*





Objection (8) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Orchard Place, Faversham

*“To whom it may concern,*

*This is an objection to the proposed double yellow lines around the school entrance/exit area. Parking in this area just about works for residents due to these spaces opening up when the school is closed. It’d cause problems beyond orchard place putting yellow lines there as there would be about ten cars every evening that would have to find somewhere else to park. The parking is somehow managed among residents and if the restrictions went ahead it would really cause great stress!*

*Thank you,*

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*\*\* orchard place”*

Objection (9) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Orchard Place, Faversham

*“I oppose against double yellow lines outside st Mary's school gates.*

*Faversham Kent.”*

Objection (10) – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Orchard Place, Faversham

*“Hi there,*

*Please accept this email as objection of the proposed new parking restrictions.*

*I have lived with my family on Orchard Place for 20 years. The parking situation has become incrementally worse. This is a residential street and there is inadequate parking for the residents.*

*Each evening is a challenge to try and find a space and there are never enough places.*

*We are a street where the residents have to pay to park, and there are not enough spaces for us. We struggle so much for parking in the evenings and holidays that we do sometimes park outside the school. This is strictly when the school gates are closed in the evenings and weekends. If the proposed parking restrictions come into force it will eliminate these chances to park and cause many more problems for all the residents.*

*It is unfair for us residents to pay to park near our homes, when there aren't enough spaces and to reduce the possibilities for parking further still on the street is unfair and will cause chaos.*

*My mum is in her 60s and retired, she frequently has to park streets away and walk back to the house late at night in the dark alone, which makes her feel very vulnerable, particularly in winter.*

*I have also had to park in the park when there are no spaces and my car was recently vandalised when parking it there.*

*The parking situation is desperate, with more time there would be many more complaints from us residents.*

*Thank you for agreeing to take our objections to the committee. If there is any additional evidence or information you need, please let me know. I would even be happy to attend the meeting and present the case on behalf of the residents if that would help. It will severely impact the quality of the lives of the residents of Orchard Place.*

*Please see below some photos this evening of the street packed full with cars. These cars would all have nowhere to go if the new restrictions come in place. The cars at the school are not harming anyone being there when the gates are closed.*

*Please do help our street!*

*Thanks in advance,*

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