

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**Agenda Item: 9**

Meeting Date	Monday 24 th June 2019
Report Title	Informal Consultation – Proposed Single Yellow Line – Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne
Cabinet Member	Cllr Tim Valentine
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Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation on a proposed single yellow line in Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne, and recommend that officers abandon the proposals.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the recent informal consultation on proposals to install a single yellow line in Lyndhurst Grove in Sittingbourne.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following receipt of a petition from residents of Lyndhurst Grove, an informal consultation has taken place on possible waiting restrictions in the Grove. A copy of the consultation material can be found in Annex A, and a summary of the results of the consultation can be found in Annex B.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 Back in August 2018, correspondence was received by our Parking Operations Team from a local resident stating that they were representing the residents of Lyndhurst Grove in Sittingbourne. The communication was requesting an extension to the existing double yellow lines on the south side of Lyndhurst Grove, from the junction of Gore Court Road, to prevent parked vehicles obstructing traffic in and out of the close during school drop off and collection times.
- 3.2 As a Traffic Regulation Order Amendment was being drafted for other proposals in the Borough, the requested extension to the double yellow lines was included in this Order, Swale Amendment 13. During the formal consultation process, a total of 5 formal objections (and one indication of support) were received from residents, and

at the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting in December 2018 Members recommended that the proposals should be abandoned.

- 3.3 Following the recommendation from the Joint Transportation Board, a petition containing 15 signatures, later reduced to 14 as a result of the withdrawal of support from one resident, was received from residents of Lyndhurst Grove. The petition stated that *“the undersigned request the Swale Joint Transportation Board to install a single yellow line from Gore Court Road into Lyndhurst Grove stopping at the corner to the close. The yellow line restriction is to be in force during school hours/terms. It is suggested that these times are 08:30hrs to 10:30hrs and 14:00hrs to 16:00hrs, Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays”*
- 3.4 An e-mail was subsequently received from the originator of the petition stating that the previously proposed commencement time of 08:30hrs should be amended to 08:00hrs as parents were parking in the entrance to the close before this time, and stated that vehicles are parking on the footway forcing pedestrians into the road.
- 3.5 In light of the previous formal objections received to the proposed double yellow lines, the JTB Chairman supported an informal consultation with residents prior to drafting any Traffic Regulation Order for a proposed single yellow line. A copy of the consultation material can be found in Annex A. A total of 22 leaflets were sent out, and 13 responses were received, 4 supporting the proposals and 9 objecting. This produced a 59% response rate, with 31% of responders supporting the proposals and 69% objecting. A comment was also received from one of the parents who parks in the area. One of the consultation objectors has also provided a letter with a number of points and comments, and this can be found in Annex C.
- 3.6 Although there were some positive comments supporting the proposed single yellow line, there were a larger number of negative responses and concerns raised that the proposals would not improve the situation, and could in fact cause more issues through the displacement of the parked vehicles.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation on a proposed single yellow line in Lyndhurst Grove, Sittingbourne, and recommend that officers abandon the proposals

5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Installing Single Yellow Lines and Associated Signing.
Legal and Statutory	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Order, Formal Consultation Process, Formal Objections to be reported to Swale Joint Transportation Board for consideration.
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 Consultation Material
- Annex B – Summary of Responses to Informal Consultation
- Annex C – Letter Received during Informal Consultation

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None