

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**Agenda Item:**

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| Meeting Date | Monday 13 th January 2020 |
| Report Title | Informal Consultation Results – Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Colegates Road/The Street, Oare |
| Cabinet Member | Cllr Tim Valentine |
| SMT Lead | Martyn Cassell |
| Head of Service | Martyn Cassell |
| Lead Officer | Mike Knowles (SBC) |
| Classification | Open |

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| Recommendations | Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation and recommend that Officers proceed with the Traffic Regulation Order to install the double yellow lines. |
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of recent informal consultations undertaken on proposals to install two short sections of double yellow lines in The Street and Colegates Road, Oare.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following requests from the local Bus Operator, an informal consultation has taken place on the installation of two short sections of double yellow lines in The Street and Colegates Road, Oare. This report provides details of the proposals and the results of the informal consultation. Details of the proposed waiting restrictions can be found in the consultation material in Annex A, and the results of the consultation can be found in Annex B.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A meeting took place on site with representatives from Kent County Council's Transport Integration Team, the Bus Operator and Swale Borough Council's Engineering Manager to discuss issues experienced with buses serving Oare village due to parked vehicles.
- 3.2 The Bus Operator highlighted particular areas of concern, and two short sections of double yellow lines were proposed, one in Colegates Road near the junction of The

Street and one in The Street near the layby where the bus stop is located. The proposed restrictions were deliberately kept to a minimum to reduce the impact on the already limited on-street parking capacity for residents.

- 3.3 Of the 11 properties consulted, 5 responses were received, 3 supporting the proposals and 2 objecting. Comments from objectors included the size of the double decker bus being unsuitable for this route and the limited number of parking spaces available in The Street.
- 3.4 Oare Parish Council Comments: Prior to undertaking the informal consultation with residents, the views of the Parish Council were sought. The Parish Council considered the proposals and were happy for them to go ahead, but did comment that they would like to see more enforcement in the village, a comment which has been passed on to our Parking Enforcement Team.
- 3.5 Bus Operator Comments: Details of the objections received to the proposed restrictions were passed to the bus operators. In response, they have provided the following statement:
- 3.6 *“The buses on Route 3 to Oare also work journeys to/from Canterbury and to/from Sittingbourne. Delays caused by parked vehicles in Oare have a knock-on effect on the reliability of subsequent journeys, affecting bus users in Teynham, Bapchild and Sittingbourne, and in Boughton, Dunkirk and Canterbury, as well as in other parts of Faversham itself. If these issues cannot be satisfactorily resolved, we would need to re-examine the case for maintaining a service to Oare, in order to protect the reliability of the service for customers in other parts of Swale.”*

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the results of the recent informal consultation and recommend that Officers proceed with the Traffic Regulation Order to install the double yellow lines.

5. Implications

| Issue | Implications |
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| Corporate Plan | Improving Community Safety through safer Highways. |
| Financial, Resource and Property | Drafting and Advertising of Traffic Regulation Order, Cost of Installing Double Yellow Lines. |
| 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 and Proposals
- Annex B – Summary of Responses to Informal Consultation

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None