

FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – SWALE AMENDMENT 8

1. Church Road, Murston – Proposed Single Yellow Line

“I write in reference to the above proposed order to place parking restrictions on the southern side of Church Road Murston between to the southern side of All Saints Church and the northern side of the Village Hall between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

This will have considerable impact on the Church as we need to park in this area for weekday events particularly for those with impaired mobility who need to have close access to the church entrance. It will also cause considerable problems when there are funerals held in the Church with burials in the churchyard or Swale BC cemetery.

We would appreciate a site meeting to discuss the matter as we are directly affected by this.

Churchwarden, Parochial Church Council, All Saints Church”

2. Church Road, Murston – Proposed Single Yellow Line

“I wish to register and objection to the proposed waiting restrictions for Murston Road, Sittingbourne.

1) The parking of cars outside the village hall and church is an excellent way of slowing traffic down at no cost to the Council. Because traffic is effectively reduced to one lane it slows the traffic to less than 20mph thereby making the road safer. If waiting was restricted it would increase traffic speed along that section of road and increase the danger.

2) Insufficient attention has been given by the Council to alternative parking arrangements. Cars do not disappear into thin air when parking restrictions are introduced – they just park elsewhere – in this case into surrounding residential street, where they pose more of a hazard than in Murston Road, where there are no houses.

3) In more general terms it is unfortunate that Swale Borough Council seem to regard the solution to every transport problem to be more yellow lines and more traffic lights. Residents of this part of Sittingbourne know that the real solution to the problem in the completion of the Northern Relief Road, which would take a lot of the traffic out of Murston Road entirely, making it much safer and a more pleasant and cleaner environment for all. I remember that all our local councillors promised this road in their manifestos and we are pleased to see the new junction for this being built at Fox Hill on the A2 at the moment. Please just get on with it.

Resident, Gordon Close, Sittingbourne”

3. Church Road, Murston – Proposed Single Yellow Line

“I am writing in response to the proposed parking restrictions in Murston, in particular the addition of a single yellow line in Church Road from All Saints Church to the Village Welfare Hall.

I have attended the church for thirty years and despite living in Faversham, intend to continue worshipping there and supporting the community work from there.

Whilst I am fully aware of the increase in traffic along Church Road, caused in part by the alterations in the town and the cut through from the A249 link road, the main problem of delays and frustrations is caused by a minority of people parking irresponsibly on the zigzag markings outside the school and impatience of not giving way. When there are vehicles parked on the zigzag markings, visibility is extremely restricted for traffic in both directions as there is a bend in the road. Parking from the church to the welfare hall is not the problem.

To stop parking outside the church during daytimes Monday to Friday will greatly affect those people using the church at those times. All Saints is not just used at weekends. It is used during the week for various events, including by several with limited mobility who would not be able to get to the church from further down the road. If parking is not allowed outside and close to the church, those activities for our older and vulnerable adults and families with children would not be practical. Also parking on this stretch of the road is necessary for people visiting the churchyard and also for funeral cars and those attending funerals.

I do hope that you re-consider the proposal for a yellow line on this stretch of the road. All Saints Church is an important building and centre for the spiritual and general welfare of the people of Murston, it was re-built from its original site in the 1800's so that it was more in the centre of the parish and easily accessible. By restricting parking outside, those with mobility difficulty, the elderly and vulnerable will be prevented from attending events and activities during the week.

Authorised Lay Minister, church member, group organiser”

4. Cooks Lane, Milton Regis – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

“With regards to the proposed double yellow lines for Cooks Lane, Milton Regis. I know I am too late, but have only seen the planning notice the end of last week. I work for a Community Care agency in Milton High Street. We are a domiciliary agency visiting the elderly in their own homes, so therefore cars are an essential necessity. You obviously don't want any businesses in Milton as you are taking away all the parking facilities. The car park is for 2 hours only (we are open 8.30 to 5pm).

You have already installed some double yellow lines, which at school drop off and pick up times is ignored (maybe a visit from the wardens at 8.15am to 8.45am would be good).

The off street parking down Cooks Lane is full most mornings with Biffa employees since their yard was moved.

There have been more houses built, so more parking on roads. I feel for the residents, who we might have to park by their homes, although never blocking a driveway. I have been blocked in by their cars on many occasions, but I need a car for my job as I, along with my colleagues, could have to go to service users homes at short notice to assist with their care needs. We operate in Sittingbourne, Faversham and Sheppey, so public transport or a bike are not really suitable when someone needs an urgent toilet call."

5. Dyngley Close, Milton Regis – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – PENDING

"We have just seen the public notice concerning Dyngley Close and parking. Both myself and my husband are objecting on the below grounds:

1) No one has asked us personally about parking here and the proposed double yellow lines both sides of the road are absolutely idiotic. On the corners yes by all means but in front of OUR garage NO NO NO. If a person had come to us they will have known WE have a caravan in our back garden and we do go away. We made new gates to our drive for easy access. We move our van out onto front and side right of our drive when we are going away, its only on the road for ten minutes perhaps fifteen before we leave. Not obstructing anyone else either.

2) I park my car on right side of our drive and unload it with my shopping as had op on my shoulder so only small bags to carry in.

3) I also have grand kids staying over a lot and need them to get out straight into my garden as its safer too for which we have installed cameras all around to keep an eye on any intruders as when I parked across the way when someone else was there my car was damaged so I park here now always.

4) As new houses have been built any visitors they have will more than likely park down Dyngley Close now too.

Can we have three bays for our houses, 14,16,18, then all other cars can park across the road as when we've had no space and park down the road we are having notes put on our cars asking us to park elsewhere, but seem to think that they can park where they want (notes were nasty). I have since after three done same but politely asked them to park by their house which is often free anyway.

Please by all means double lines on each corner as it does/will stop cars which constantly park there be it for visits or when school down road has an event on.

Easier to do this and put notice up/or bays (please) for three cars only, for 14,16,18. This would not block road either by even just one side of road the right hand having a double yellow along to garages on the right hand side, flow will not be hindered.

Can someone please call around to chat and see what we are saying, you are penalising us and that is wrong, if we use our caravan we won't be able to move it in and out without being fined for being on lines.

You do know (the Ward Member) does NOT know or live here by these two roads so he does NOT know about true parking problems."

6. Dyngley Close, Milton Regis – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – PENDING

"Concerning proposed double yellow lines at Dyngley Close, Milton Regis. Although there is some good reason to put double yellow lines to the east side of Dyngley Close extending to the garage entrance, and also to the corner on the west side, I can't see the point in extending the yellow lines on the west side all the way to the garages belonging to 14,16 and 18 Vicarage Road, as it takes away valuable parking space from the local residents which is already lacking in parking spaces. Surely parking on one side of the road only would not cause any hazards or be restrictive to emergency vehicles. Although there is parking opposite on Vicarage Road during daylight hours, there have been numerous break-ins and vandalism to cars parked there overnight.

Therefore, I would strongly propose that the yellow lines on the west side only extend to the corner, the same as they are shown to extend on Vicarage Road."