

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item:
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Meeting Date	Monday 2 nd March 2020
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 11 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines, Invicta Road, Sheerness
Cabinet Member	Cllr Tim Valentine
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 installation of both sets of double yellow lines in Invicta Road, Sheerness.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of formal objections received to our recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 11, for the installation of two sections of double yellow lines in Invicta Road, Sheerness.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following issues with refuse freighters accessing Invicta Road in Sheerness, due to parked vehicles, the Ward Member has requested two short sections of double yellow lines to be installed, either side of the bend between 10 to 18 Invicta Road, and around the junction of Invicta Road and Galway Road. Proposals were discussed with the refuse contractor prior to progressing the Traffic Order to ensure that the restrictions would be adequate to address the issues. This report provides details of formal objections received in relation to the Traffic Regulation Order.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order can be found in Annex A, and a Statement of Reasons for the Order can be found in Annex B. Plans of the proposed double

yellow lines can be found in Annex C, and details of the formal objections received can be found in Annex D. At the time of writing this report the formal consultation is still in progress, and any additional objections received following the submission of this report will be verbally reported to Members at the Swale Joint Transportation Meeting in March.

- 3.2 Prior to formally advertising the Traffic Regulation Order, letters and plans were sent to residents in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions, copied to the County and Ward Members and Sheerness Town Council, to explain the issues that the refuse collection contractors were experiencing, and the inconvenience to residents due to delays in bins being emptied. A copy of the letters can be found in Annex E.
- 3.3 At the time of writing this report, a total of three formal objections have been received, as detailed in Annex D. One objector has stated that the problem is due to vehicles parking outside of No.11-13 Invicta Road only, and has suggested a daytime restriction on Tuesdays only, just on this side of the road. Another objector has suggested that the proposed restrictions in the vicinity of Galway Road be reduced slightly to have less impact on resident parking. The third objection received was also in relation to the proposed restrictions near Galway Road, and has stated that the problems with refuse collections are only once or twice a week and that the proposed restrictions will cause havoc with parking in the area. They have stated a preferred choice of no restrictions, or a possible compromise of single yellow lines with daytime restrictions only.
- 3.4 The option of daytime waiting restrictions was discussed with the Ward Member following receipt of the formal objections, but it was felt that similar issues of gaining access along Invicta Road could be experienced with larger emergency vehicles as well as the refuse freighters and for this reason this was not considered to be a suitable alternative to the proposed double yellow lines. With regard to the request to reduce the length of lining opposite Galway Road, the Ward Member has stated that there is an existing dropped kerb and garage to the side of 171 Invicta Road which is regularly obstructed by parked vehicles, and felt that any reduction to the proposals would not keep this access clear.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that Officers proceed with the installation of both sets of double yellow lines in Invicta Road, Sheerness.

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	Sealing 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.
Health Implications	Possible negative health implications for those local residents who have objected to the proposals, through lack of parking and stress caused by having to park a considerable distance away. Improved access for emergency services could reduce delays attending incident in area, resulting in a substantial health benefit for residents in the area.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Traffic Regulation Order
- Annex B – Copy of Statement of Reasons
- Annex C – Plans of Proposed Double Yellow Lines
- Annex D – Formal Objections Received
- Annex E – Copy of Letters to Residents

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None