

Formal Objection Received – Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 1

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 bleepers 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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