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| SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD | Agenda Item: |
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| Meeting Date | Monday 7 th September 2020 |
| Report Title | Petition for Double Yellow Lines – Nutfields, Sittingbourne |
| Cabinet Member | Clr T Valentine |
| Head of Service | Martyn Cassell |
| Lead Officer | Mike Knowles (SBC) |
| Classification | Open |

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| Recommendations | Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that Officers draft a Traffic Regulation Order for proposed double yellow lines as shown in the report. |
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is in response to a petition from residents of Nutfields in Sittingbourne, presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in March 2020, requesting waiting restrictions in Nutfields.

2. Background

- 2.1 The petition, signed by 9 residents of Nutfields and a further 25 signatories including Kent Fire and Rescue and the Operations Manager of Sittingbourne Ambulance Station, requested road safety improvements in Nutfields, Sittingbourne.
- 2.2 The petition stated *“We, the undersigned residents and users of Nutfields, Sittingbourne, hereby petition for Double Yellow Lines as a resolution to a serious Highway Safety issue. Vehicles parking outside No.12 at the junction where the road leads to Nos.16 to 20 are creating not only a dangerous situation by obstructing visibility to vehicles entering and emerging from Nos.16 to 20 but they are also creating a situation where vehicles are unable to turn into and out of the junction without mounting the extremely narrow kerb on the opposite side. Whilst there haven’t been any recorded injury accidents at the junction there have been recent instances where vehicles have collided with and damaged parked vehicles as they are unable to negotiate the available space left by the parked vehicles. This is particularly an issue for delivery vans and a minibus which has to regularly collect a disabled person from the No.16-20 area.”*

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 Issues associated with highway safety are the responsibility of Kent County Council as Highway Authority, although at the March 2020 Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting a Member highlighted that as the request was for parking restrictions the issue should be considered by Swale Borough Council.
- 3.2 As the solution to the issue is relatively straight forward, not requiring specific detailed highway design or safety audits, Swale Officers have prepared a plan to show the possible installation of double yellow lines, which could be incorporated in our next Traffic Regulation Order amendment. A copy of this plan can be found in Annex A.
- 3.3 The proposed double yellow lines cover both corners of the entrance to the access road to Nos.16 to 20 Nutfields and extend halfway across the frontage of No.12 Nutfields. This is to keep the junction clear of parked vehicles, whilst maintaining space for a vehicle to park in front of No.12, between the new restrictions and the adjoining property's vehicle crossing.
- 3.4 Ward Member Comments: A plan of the double yellow lines has been sent to the Ward Member who has confirmed his agreement to the planned waiting restrictions.
- 3.5 As the submitted petition has demonstrated a significant level of support to double yellow lines at this location, it is proposed to progress with the Traffic Regulation Order without undertaking an informal consultation with residents. However, as part of the formal consultation process of the Traffic Order, we would write to the householder of No.12 Nutfields with details of the planned restrictions so they are fully aware of the proposals in the Order, as they are outside of this particular property.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report and recommend that Officers draft a Traffic Regulation Order for proposed double yellow lines as shown in the report.

5. Implications

| Issue | Implications |
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| Corporate Plan | Improving Community Safety through safer Highways. |
| Financial, Resource and Property | Resource of Drafting Traffic Regulation Order, Costs of Advertising Order, Cost of Installing Double Yellow Lines. |
| Legal and Statutory | Drafting of Traffic Regulation Order, and 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 | The proposed waiting restrictions will improve vehicle access to Nos.16-20 Nutfields, including the mini-bus transporting a disabled resident, which will maintain independence and social interaction for this resident. The proposals should also have a positive impact on the mental wellbeing of those residents and visitors currently suffering from the stress of negotiating parked vehicles on this junction to gain access to and from properties. |

6. Appendices

6.1 Annex A – Plan of Proposed Double Yellow Lines

7. Background Papers

7.1 None