

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 5
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Meeting Date	Monday 7 th December 2020
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 18
Cabinet Member	Cllr Richard Palmer, Cabinet Member for Communities
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to note the formal objections and comments received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that:-</p> <p>(1) the proposed single yellow line in South Street, Queenborough, be progressed but with revised times of 8pm to 6am on all days;</p> <p>(2) the proposed double yellow lines in Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch, <u>either</u> be progressed <u>or</u> abandoned.</p>
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of objections and indications of support received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 18, which covers various amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in the Swale area.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted for various proposed amendments to on-street waiting restrictions in Swale. Extracts from this Order where objections and indications of support have been received can be found in Annex A. A Statement of Reason summarising the relevant contents of the Order can be found in Annex B. A

number of formal objections, comments and indications of support, have been received to some of these proposals, and these are discussed below.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A copy of the formal objections, comments and indications of support, can be found in Annex C, and plans for each of these areas can be found in Annex D. A resident has provided photographs of the parked vehicles in Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch, together with a letter, and these can be found in Annex E.

Proposed Single Yellow Line – South Street, Queenborough

- 3.2 A request was received from the Ward Member for parking restrictions to be introduced in South Street, Queenborough, to tackle issues with camper vans and motorhomes in the area. It was reported that these vehicles have always been a problem in Queenborough, and more specifically in South Street where vehicles are now using the water and electricity supply supplied for the commercial fishermen.
- 3.3 Proposals were therefore included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order to install a single yellow on both sides of South Street, restricting parking by motorhomes only, between the hours of 6pm and 6am to prevent overnight parking by these vehicles.
- 3.4 During the formal consultation period of the Traffic Order, two indications of support were received for these restrictions. Queenborough Town Council discussed the proposals at their meeting in August and recommended that the single yellow lines should go ahead, but requested that the times for these restrictions be reduced slightly to between 8pm and 6am.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch

- 3.5 Following requests from residents and the Parish Council, proposed double yellow lines for Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch, from Eastchurch Road to Coultrip Close, were included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order. It has been reported that large numbers of vehicles are parking on both sides of the road in this area, from early in the morning until late in the evening, creating safety issues for vehicles entering and exiting the estate. Some of these vehicles, owned by visitors to the nearby country park, are parking on footways and close to driveway entrances creating obstruction issues for pedestrians and residents.
- 3.6 The Clerk to Eastchurch Parish Council contacted the Borough Council and stated *“Regarding the parking at the entrance to the woods on Court Tree Drive at Kingsborough: Could a request be made for yellow lines at the entrance leading to the roundabout. Vehicles are parking both sides of the road right up to the roundabout and this is making access and egress to the estate very dangerous.”*
- 3.7 Separate to the proposed waiting restrictions, the issue has been discussed with the Greenspaces Manager, who is investigating the possibility of providing off-street parking facilities within the park, accessed off Plough Road, to accommodate visitors’ vehicles.

3.8 Member Comments: A County Member for the area has stated that he *"would generally support the objectors as people need to access the country park, however a temporary lay-by would seem to be a compromise before a permanent solution can be implemented"*. Another County Member has stated that *"knowing this area very well, the introduction of yellow lines would make this junction far more palatable"* and was *"in full support of this initiative"*. No further comments have been received at the time of writing this report.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Ashford Road, Faversham – Information Only

3.9 Following the recent installation of a single yellow line on the east side of Ashford Road, Faversham, proposals were added to our latest Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines to be installed from the end of these restrictions to the recently constructed roundabout into the new development, off Tettenhall Way.

3.10 The purpose of these restrictions is to prevent vehicles parking between the new single yellow line and the roundabout. Three indications of support were received during the formal consultation period, but as no objections were made this is reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board for information only and no recommendation is required.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are asked to note the formal objections and comments received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that:-

(1) the proposed single yellow line in South Street, Queenborough, be progressed but with revised times of **8pm** to 6am on all days;

(2) the proposed double yellow lines in Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch, either be progressed or abandoned.

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Advertising Made Order, Cost of Installing Lines and Signs on site.
Legal and	Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order by Kent County Council.

Statutory	
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 introduction of single yellow lines in South Street, Queenborough, will improve the area for local residents by removing overnight parking by motorhomes which may cause noise issues as well as impacting on the visual aspect of the area. The installation of double yellow lines in Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch, may deter visitors to the local country park and open space amenities unless a suitable off-street car park is provided. However, equally the restrictions will have a positive effect on residents by alleviating vehicle movements from early in the morning until late in the evening, reducing both noise and air pollution, and improving the safety of vehicles entering and exiting the estate. In addition to this, by preventing vehicles from parking on the footway at this location, this will improve access for pedestrians and encourage greater use of the footway for shorter journeys.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Extracts from Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 18
Annex B – Extracts from Statement of Reason
Annex C – Copy of Formal Objections & Indications of Support Received
Annex D – Plan of Proposals Subject to Formal Objections and Support
Annex E – Photographs of Parked Vehicles & Letter – Court Tree Drive, Eastchurch

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None