

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 7
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Meeting Date	Monday 21 st June 2021
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 25 2021 – Extension to Sittingbourne Residents’ Parking Scheme
Cabinet Member	Cllr Richard Palmer, Cabinet Member for Community
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Commissioning, Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	Members are asked to note the formal objections and comments received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that the proposed extension to the Sittingbourne Residents’ Parking Scheme is either progressed as per the advertised Order or abandoned.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of objections, indications of support and comments received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 25, which covers the proposed extension of the existing Sittingbourne Residents’ Parking Scheme to include the full length of Park Road and Ufton Lane.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Traffic Regulation Order has been drafted following the recommendation from the Swale Joint Transportation Board at their meeting in March 2021. Full details of the consultations and process to date can be found below. The formal consultation for this Traffic Order ran from 14th May 2021 to 4th June 2021.
- 2.2 A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order can be found in Annex A, and a Statement of Reason summarising the contents of the Order can be found in Annex B.

3. Issue for Decision

- 3.1 A copy of the formal objections, indications of support and comments received can be found in Annex C, and a plan for the proposed scheme extension layout can be found in Annex D.
- 3.2 A petition was submitted to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in June 2019 by a Ward Member requesting the extension of the current Residents' Parking Scheme to cover the full length of Park Road. An informal consultation was subsequently undertaken with residents in this section of Park Road, and a similar consultation took place with residents in the southern end of Ufton Lane on proposals to extend the scheme to cover the full length of their road, to avoid vehicle displacement issues.
- 3.3 The Swale Joint Transportation Board considered the results of the informal consultations at their meeting in September 2019 and recommended that further consultation took place on a proposed layout for the scheme extension. This consultation was completed in December 2019 and the results reported to the Swale JTB in March 2020. At this meeting, Members recommended that any extension to the scheme should be put on hold until a full review of Residents' Parking Schemes in the Borough had been undertaken.
- 3.4 This review was subsequently completed, and the results reported to the JTB in December 2020. A further report was submitted to the March 2021 JTB meeting requesting a definitive recommendation from Members as to whether to proceed with the proposed extension to the current Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme, and at this meeting Members of the Board recommended that the extension be progressed. The Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 25 2021, was subsequently drafted and the formal consultation took place between 14th May 2021 and 4th June 2021.
- 3.5 During this formal consultation, a total of **13** indications of support were received from 12 properties, with one of these indications of support stating that the times of the current scheme should be amended. By contrast, a total of **41** formal objections have been received from 39 properties, and one comment has also been received. Details of these can be found in Annex C.
- 3.6 The comments received, both for and against the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, are self-explanatory, however one comment that seemed to feature quite heavily in responses was that many residents felt that they had provided their views on several occasions and expressed some frustration that they were being asked to respond once again, albeit as part of the formal Traffic Regulation Order process in this instance. It is therefore felt that any further consultations within these roads should be avoided for the foreseeable future.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the formal objections and comments received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and recommend that the proposed extension to the Sittingbourne Residents' Parking Scheme is **either** progressed as per the advertised Order **or** abandoned.

5. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Cost of Advertising Made Order, Substantial Cost of Installing Lines and Signs on site.
Legal and Statutory	Sealing of Traffic Regulation Order 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 extension of the existing Residents' Parking Scheme could have a positive impact on the mental health of residents who currently suffer stress of non-residents' vehicles parking near to their properties forcing them to park further away, but could also negatively impact on those residents who feel they do not currently experience problems with parking and believe the introduction of the Scheme will add financial burden and limit the number of vehicles they can park near to their properties, forcing them to find alternative parking further afield. Residents in nearby streets may also be impacted negatively by an increase in vehicles in their roads due to the displacement of parked vehicles.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 25 2021
- Annex B – Statement of Reason
- Annex C – Copy of Formal Objections, Indications of Support & Comments
- Annex D – Plan of Proposed Scheme Extension Layout

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None