

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Agenda Item: 5
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Meeting Date	Monday 21 st June 2021
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 24 2021
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	<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 double yellow lines in the Attlee Way area, Sittingbourne, be progressed as advertised;</p> <p>(2) the proposed extension to the double yellow lines in Dark Hill, Faversham, be progressed as advertised;</p> <p>(3) the proposed double yellow lines in Clarence Row, Sheerness, either be progressed or abandoned;</p> <p>(4) the proposed removal of the section of single yellow line in St Catherine’s Drive, Faversham either be progressed or abandoned.</p>
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of objections and comments received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 24, 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. The formal consultation period for this Order ran from 28th May 2021 to 18th June 2021 and as such at the time of writing this report it is not known how many formal objections will be received. Those received prior to submission of this report will be included, however any objections received after submission will require a verbal update to the Swale Joint Transportation Board.
- 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 plans for the proposals within the Order can be found in Annex D.
- 3.2 (1) Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Attlee Way, Sittingbourne
Following a request submitted by Ward Members and funded through the County Member, an informal consultation took place with residents on proposed double yellow lines in Attlee Way, Sittingbourne, and a couple of junctions off Attlee Way, as shown on the plan in Annex D.
- 3.3 The results of the informal consultation, 4 responses supporting the proposals, 2 objecting, and also a submitted petition requesting double yellow lines, were reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board in March 2021 and Members recommended that the proposals be progressed.
- 3.4 The restrictions were subsequently included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 24 2021, and during the formal consultation one formal objection and four indications of support were received, two requesting an extension to the proposals, details of which can be found in Annex C. The objection includes comments that there have not been accidents at this location and that the introduction of restrictions will make it difficult for residents and visitors to find alternative parking arrangements. The indications of support include comments that a near miss has been witnessed due to vehicles parking in Attlee Way near the junction of Satis Avenue. Any extensions to the proposals in the Traffic Order would require the Order to be re-drafted and the process started again.
- 3.5 Ward Member Comments: The Ward Members have spoken to residents near the junction of Attlee Way and Satis Avenue and have explained the exact distance of the proposed restrictions. The residents have advised the Ward Members that they are happy with the proposals, although the objector has advised officers that they wish to uphold their formal objection.

(2) Proposed Extension to Double Yellow Lines – Dark Hill, Faversham

- 3.6 Following a previous request from Ward Members to the Swale Joint Transportation Board, a Traffic Regulation Order was completed for some double yellow lining in Dark Hill, Faversham. During the formal consultation for the Order, a request was received from a resident for the lining to be extended slightly to cover the full width of their driveway entrance, as the proposed restrictions stopped mid-way across the driveway and concern was expressed that this could encourage drivers to park across the un-restricted section of the entrance.
- 3.7 Any extension to proposed restrictions which have been advertised as part of a formal Traffic Order process cannot be accommodated without drafting a new Order, and as such it was agreed that the restrictions should be progressed as advertised but with the extension to the lining incorporated in a future Order. The proposals have therefore been included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order, Swale Amendment 24 2021, and two indications of support have been received but with both including comments that the proposed extension should be extended further to cover the entrance to the adjacent Monks Alley.
- 3.8 Once again, as any extension to advertised restrictions would require a new Traffic Order, it is recommended that the proposed extension be progressed as advertised, to cover the full width of the driveway entrance.

(3) Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Clarence Row, Sheerness

- 3.9 Following a request from a Ward Member, an informal consultation was undertaken with residents to gauge support for double yellow lines outside of their properties in Clarence Row, Sheerness. The results, 3 supporting and 1 objecting, were reported to the Swale JTB in March 2021 where Members recommended the proposals be progressed.
- 3.10 The double yellow lines were therefore included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order, and during the formal consultation a total of three formal objections were received. The objections include one raised by an elderly disabled resident who lives nearby and relies on parking in Clarence Row due to the existence of double yellow lines outside of her property, and states that she has parked here for over 50 years without issue.

(4) Proposed Removal of Single Yellow Line – St Catherine’s Drive, Faversham

- 3.11 Following a request from a Ward Member, an informal consultation took place with residents to remove a section of the existing single yellow line outside Nos 2 to 8 St Catherine’s Drive, Faversham. The results of the consultation, 4 supporting the proposals and 4 objecting, were reported to the March 2021 Swale JTB meeting where Members recommended that the proposals be progressed.
- 3.12 The proposals were therefore included in our latest Traffic Regulation Order, and during the formal consultation a total of five formal objections were received. Details of all of these objections can be found in Annex C.

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 double yellow lines in the Attlee Way area, Sittingbourne, be progressed as advertised;

(2) the proposed extension to the double yellow lines in Dark Hill, Faversham, be progressed as advertised;

(3) the proposed double yellow lines in Clarence Row, Sheerness, **either** be progressed **or** abandoned;

(4) the proposed removal of the section of single yellow line in St Catherine's Drive, Faversham **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 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 introduction of double yellow lines in Attlee Way, Sittingbourne, should have positive health implications for residents using these roads and junctions by improving sightlines and reducing near misses, which should reduce stress levels for motorists. It is acknowledged that those residents currently parking in the area of the proposed restrictions may be impacted negatively

	by having to park further away from their properties and potentially impacting on nearby residents. With regard to the proposed double yellow lines for Clarence Row, Sheerness, whilst the restrictions could assist residents by improving access to their properties, it should be noted that a nearby disabled resident relies on this area to park and the restrictions could negatively impact on their ability to remain mobile if forced to park further away from their property.
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6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 24 2021
- Annex B – Statement of Reason
- Annex C – Copy of Formal Objections, Indications of Support & Comments
- Annex D – Plans of Proposals

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None