

Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 39 2022 – Summary of Formal Objections, Support & Comments

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Monks Close, Faversham – 2 Support, 1 plus comment, 18 Objections

Support & Comment 1

This is a good idea in theory as I have watched lorries and vans trying to get to the flats. I have seen them going over the paths. Another reason for this is there are cars/vans parked outside 4-6 also my property which also makes things difficult, I would also like the double yellow lines outside my property as it makes hard work for me and my family members to park on my drive, this one day will cause an accident. If cars are stopped parking outside 4-6 they are going to park across my property.

Support 2

I am writing to support the above proposal. We have often witnessed refuse lorries, large removal vans and other large vehicles driving over the council green churning up the grass and in wet weather turning the road into a mud bath. This happens because cars and sometimes large vans park outside numbers 4 and 5 making it impossible for other large vehicles to pass on the narrow access road. The corner is now an eyesore.

Objection 1

I live in sheltered housing in Hanover Court, Monks Place, Faversham ME13 7SU. There is a notice advising that double yellow lines are planned to restrict parking in Monks Close. As you can imagine there are many elderly people, besides my wife and I, both with blue badges, in Hanover Court. There are also a number of occupants that have cars and are visited by families with vehicles thus putting a strain on the limited space available now, without the introduction of new double yellow lines. There are other occupants with blue badges who would still park on the yellow lines, so what is the point of this exercise. The bungalow occupants all have long driveways and it is a public highway and not part of their land. We strongly object to this action and feel that instead of painting yellow lines the grassed area could be converted to provide more parking

Objection 2

Double yellow lines outside 4 & 6 Monks Close would make my life very difficult if I couldn't park outside my flat or 4 & 6 Monks Close. I have Barrets and Bronchiectesis which is a lung condition and I get short of breath having to walk even a short distance. The average age of residents in Hanover Close is mid seventies to late eighties with various health conditions such as severe muscle weakness and COPD. There is 3 flats and between them they have 7 cars. Some cars don't move for weeks and even months. So if there was double yellow lines I would feel trapped in my flat as I would worry I wouldn't be able to park when I come home.

Objection 3

I/we object to the above proposal on the grounds that parking in Monks Close is very limited the majority of the time and as Hanover Court is strictly for the over 55 year olds, this would cause hardship on those with mobility problems. In addition, to the best of my knowledge, there has never been an accident due to vehicles parking on the road outside numbers 4 & 6 Monks Close.

Objection 4

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Objection 17

I work as a Support Officer for Anchor & we have a site called Hanover Court, Monks Close, Faversham, Kent. ME13 7SU.

Several of my residents at that site drew my attention to the bungalows opposite them, from 2 – 6 Hanover Court, who have put in a request to Swale Borough Council to insert parking restrictions to prevent those who live at this site, parking their cars there. I have also been informed that the local Ward Councillor, as I understand it, is looking to pay these lines from their local council grant.

I appreciate that there is a bottleneck at the top of Monks Close, caused by a narrow entrance into the cul de sac & that the refuse lorry struggles to get around the turning into Monks Close, when cars are parked up at the top by the entrance. This then causes the truck driver to run over the grass verge there.

I had suggested that maybe the council could make the entrance wider therefor taking out some of the green area including the roots of the old willow tree that crashed to its death a few years ago. This would then make the entrance wider so a few cars could park in that area, safely.

Several of my residents have Motability cars & blue badges, but find it difficult to park anywhere near the properties they live at which also causes them issues but they, until now have never complained about this.

By adding a restriction for the cars parking there will cause them even more stress & anxiety.

If it's a case that losing green space impacts on the environment with all these cars, could the council look into providing electric car charging points at the top of the junction once widening work has taken place? By installing these charging points the cars will not be parked long term but only for charging up periods.

This would also provide a revenue for the council.

So as you can see I have submitted an objection but also come up with a solution that may be more costly but would work for all in that area who have cars – with many of us still needing two cars per household due to having to work until we are approaching our 70's.

Objection 18

We are writing to object to the proposal of adding double yellow lines outside these 2 bungalows. There are a great number of reasons and these are some of the issues which we feel need to be considered.

- . There is very little parking in this small cul de sac.*
- . One of the reasons which has been cited in favour of the proposal is that lorries go over the grass opposite the bungalows. We did see when this happened and it was an issue but it was not bad driving or the fact that there were cars parked outside the bungalows. It was more that the lorries had to negotiate the unusual layout of the Close and pavements and this is very difficult at times, even with a car.*
- . There are 28 properties in this Close. All residents should have been spoken to before an application was made. None of us were aware of this until the notice was posted in the cul de sac.*
- . The residents in the Close were not given written notice of this application.*
- . Of the 28 properties, 2 are the applicants, and residents of the other 26 properties are very unhappy with this proposal. We are aware that many of them have written to you and/or made telephone contact with you. This is a very high percentage of objectors against the applicants.*
- . If there are lines outside those 2 bungalows, where are their visitors going to park? Are they going to expect to park in the other limited spaces in the close? This will then cause more congestion.*
- . Numbers 4 and 6 do have their own 3 vehicle spaces on their drives so they do not have a parking dilemma every day.*

. One of the reasons given in favour of the proposal is that cars parked outside their properties restrict their view. Unfortunately that is not a valid reason for causing further parking difficulties for other people.

We do strongly object to the installation of double yellow lines outside those 2 bungalows and hope that our views will be taken into account. However, there is an issue with the vehicle parking here, and we would request that a site meeting is arranged to discuss a satisfactory solution for everyone. There is a very unusual pavement design, and at times there is not sufficient space for emergency vehicles to get to the flats or bungalows at the bottom of the cul de sac.

There is a large grassed area, which would be a really good place to create some more parking spaces. This is opposite Numbers 4 and 6, but it would be a far better solution. We also believe that if there are going to be parking restrictions here that they should encompass the bottleneck part and not be outside 2 properties. The proposal as it is now would not benefit anyone whatsoever.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Recreation Way, Sittingbourne – 2 Objections, 1 Comment

Objection 1

I have today received your notification of the proposed double yellow lines to be placed at the corner of 62 Recreation Way. Unfortunately, the parking around this particular part of Recreation Way has been a problem for a number of years and continues to be so. There seems to be a monopoly from two/three households with number of cars (+four/five per household) taking up a large portion of this part of the road and further down. I object to you putting double yellow lines on only one side of the road and potentially what you are doing removing the problem from that side of the road to the opposite side, thus, making it very hard and impossible for me as it has been at times to get out of my drive (** Recreation Way). You will be effectively pushing the problem from one side of the road to the opposite side! If need be yellow lines on both sides of the street should be an option to make it safe and fair.

Objection 2

We have lived at ** Recreation Way for 15 years there has never been a problem or accident in these 15 years

Your proposal of double yellow lines will cover my front door and rear garden gate. There has been a high influx of traffic within the last 6-9 months due to massive building works which has created a major problem with builders vehicles and other tradesmen parking.

The problem we have got with this roundabout is opposite ** recreation way we have people who do park directly onto the round about itself (photo included) this road is a 20mph speed limit children play on these roads all the time I personally think if you start putting yellow lines here people will increase there speed running the risk of children being run over because the roundabout is a 90 degree turn either way people wont see down the road before turning the way the cars are currently parked now forces the traffic to slow down and I don't understand why only one part of recreation way is having yellow lines when there are so many other areas of recreation way that are far more dangerous

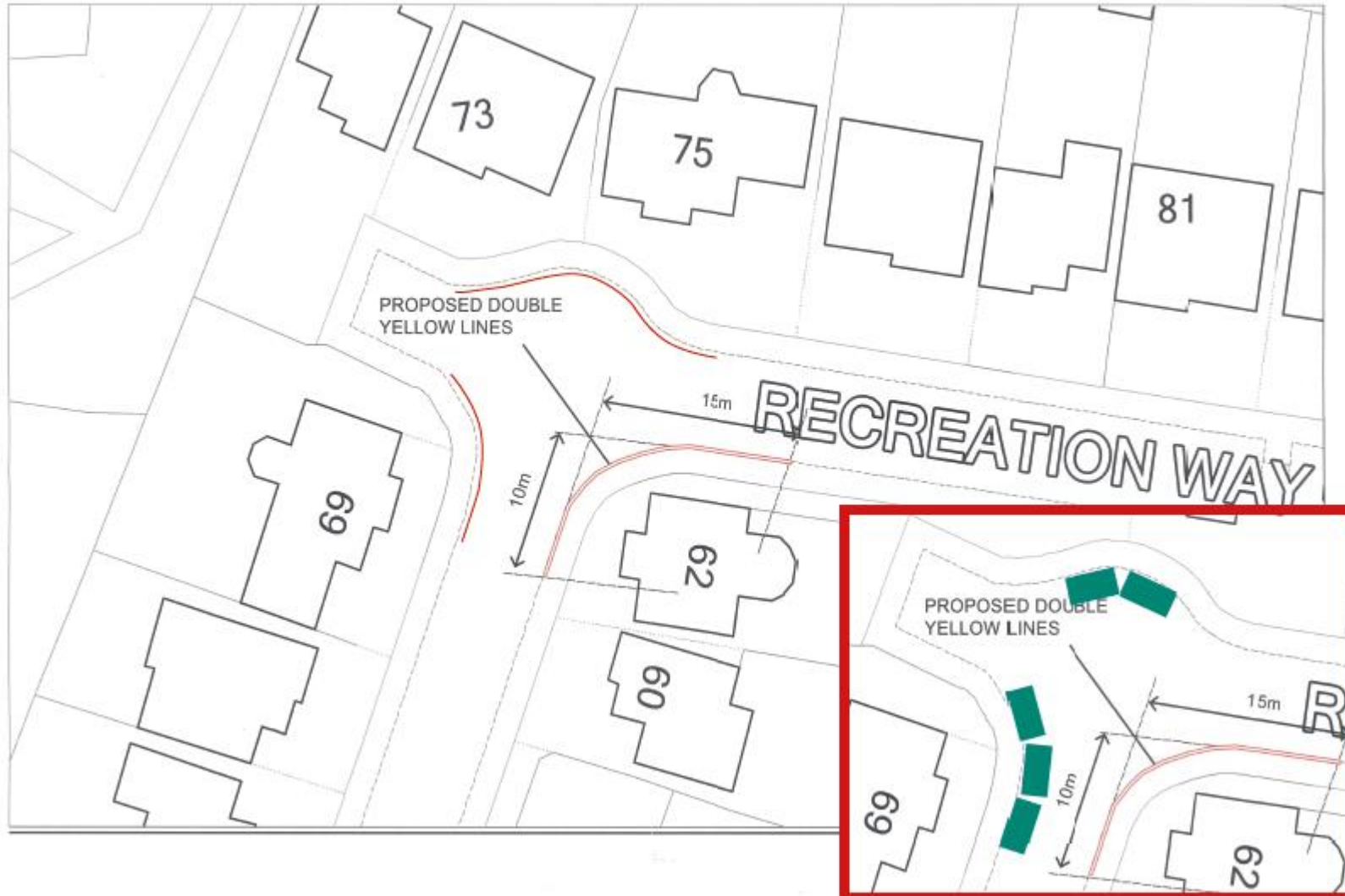
We feel that the problem is not along ** recreation way the problem is opposite the picture included *****



Comment 1

In response to the letter received this week with reference to proposed double yellow lines around the corner of Recreation Way outside number 62. Whilst I am in favour of the lines I believe all it will do is move the problem to the opposite sides of the mini roundabout. Maybe yellow lines as added to the attached pdf would be required to stop vehicles parking on the roundabout as per bottom right hand corner.

Near No.62 Recreation Way, Sittingbourne – Proposed Double Yellow Lines



Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Bramley Avenue, Faversham – 4 Objections, 2 Indications of Support, 4 Comments

Objection 1

I would like to voice my objection to the yellow lines on Preston and Bramley avenue. Whilst I understand the sentiment behind it I have the following issues and concerns.

- 1. Speed will be greatly increased around the corner day and night. Cars already come around at huge speeds. 20mph is not adhered to and this will only get worse. There is a walkway between the houses and it is always in use. Cars being able to speed round will at the least hurt peoples pets at worst case a person or child. I can guarantee it.*
- 2. There are around 8/9 cars that use that stretch for parking (myself included) and this will only cause additional issue further up and down the roads with there not being enough spaces as there is.*
- 3. I have approached the council twice as per the attached to assist in rectifying the camber in the road which would enable me to park both cars on my driveway. You haven't been forthcoming with this and therefore I cannot park my car on my drive. You could assist with this rather than further making my parking more difficult than it already is. Its been closed out with no action twice.*

I don't see why this is needed now. What you are doing is taking an already difficult road to park on and turning it into more hassle for the residents. I'd honestly rather see a parking permit system come in. At least then the people who live here would actually be able to park here. Your council vehicles and the railway security vehicles also park here several times a week. I would like to make it clear that should they do it when double yellows are down we will be making objections.

Finally why should I damage my car due to your road camber by trying to park on my driveway. If this was fixed it would go a long way to helping the situation. If your going to force this permitted area through can you at least say you will actually have a go at assisting with this?

I know what you have to go through, I go through the same thing day in and out at my work so I understand what you are doing and trying to do. A little bit of assistance would go a long way though if you can. Its an absolute nightmare down here and in trying to make it better, which I understand, you are going to make it worse for quite a few people unfortunately. You will have got a lot of people say they are happy with it. They are the ones that have drives further round in Bramley Avenue.

Lastly if I can be so brutal, you wont be sending anyone round to keep an eye on it. How many roads have this system where it is simply not adhered to. Ospringe Road, St Johns Road, all of these places have the lines and they aren't followed. All have long passing routes. All are slightly hard work. We haven't had any RTAs or even any near misses there, unless you can furnish me with the examples please. You will be creating more of an issue.

Please can you confirm receipt of this email and let me know next steps please. Anything such as a town hall on this and I would like to get an invite please.

Objection 2

I have received your second letter about the proposed yellow lines as above your ref H4. 1/TRO AM 39. I have sent in my opinion on this. I agreed there should be double yellow lines across the road from my property. However, the proposed placing of the lines does and will make it worse for me to get onto my drive and off my drive as the lines stop at the start of my drive looking from the left. This will only make people park dead opposite my drive all the time as said in my past email to you. I suggest these lines go up to the other side of the sub as seen the map you have provided with your letter. I hope this can be looked at as I would not want to have any lines at all if it stays as proposed on your letter.

Objection 3

*As a resident of Bramley Avenue (No**) I feel obliged to comment on the proposal to apply permanent parking restrictions on the North side of Bramley Avenue adjacent to the railway sidings.*

Whilst I agree that the corner has far from ideal driving conditions due to parked vehicles, parking restrictions is not addressing the root cause of the problem which is speeding. Currently the parked vehicles act as a traffic calming measure and the enforcement of further parking restrictions in the area will only result in increasing the speed of the traffic further.

Current parking restrictions on the South side allows ample room for all types of traffic, including emergency vehicles, to access and egress the estate and as stated previously provides some degree of traffic calming.

There are far more 'deserving' areas in the town that need parking restrictions applied to allow safe access of emergency vehicles before any council tax money is spent on areas such as this

Objection 4

I am writing with regards to the Traffic Regulation Order - Swale Amendment 39 2022 Ref: H4.1/TRO AM 39. The proposed double yellow lines on Bramley Avenue, Faversham.

*While I acknowledge that **some** cars come around the corner from Bramley Avenue onto Preston Avenue at speed and in the middle of the road I object to the proposed double yellow lines being painted on Bramley Avenue.*

Both local residents (without driveways or with more than one car) and people accessing the Recreation Ground and train station (from the footpath over the railway lines) require space to park and use this bend as there are no houses/driveways on the railway side of the road. Most of the time, particularly in the evenings, there are cars parked on the bend from the garages all the way to the first house, without any other place to park on Preston Avenue. Railway workers and maintenance teams also regularly park their works vans there while working on the railway lines over night.

I would prefer to see speed bumps put on the bend to reduce the speed of cars. This will allowing local residents etc. to park safely on the bend and reduce the risk of accidents from cars speeding around the corner. This will also maximize available parking in the area which will be important in the future as more households get more than one car.

I hope you will take these comments into consideration.

Support 1

*I am emailing to express my support for the proposed double yellow lines in Bramley Avenue, Faversham. I live at ** Bramley Avenue, unfortunately there have been many occasions when I have nearly collided head on. This is due to the parked cars reducing visibility*

Support 2

I support the proposed double yellow lines Bramley Avenue Faversham

Comment 1

I am all in support for the double yellow lines. After living here for over 10 years the yellow lines are needed as there will be an accident at some point .

However am not sure why you are only doing a small section. The double yellow lines on the other side go a lot further. Please see pic attached. I think this would be better suited. As a resident who drives down here every day I believe this would be more safe for all. I have marked in biro the start and finish. All you are doing is moving the cars that park there up further on the bend.



Comment 2

I am writing to you in regards to the double yellow lines on the corner of Preston avenue and Bramley avenue. However I do feel as if the lines should be extended beyond the proposed lines. Increasing the lines would then prevent the whole corner having cars parked. Being a resident I feel double yellow lines are needed and welcome this decision but as previously mentioned needs to be extended. Be best if it's matched the other side of road.

Comment 3

Emailing you regarding the double yellow lines. I support the fact yellow lines are needed. However I think they need to go all the way round the corner up to the substation. Where you are originally proposing it's not sorting the problem as people park all the way up to substation . Please note I am supporting yellow lines just think they need to be extended .

Comment 4

I think yellow lines should be up to el sub station . Because it's like brands hatch in bramley avenue.a lot of drivers don't take notice of twenty miles speed limit. Trying to reverse out of my driveway is getting harder every day.

Proposed Formalising of Disabled Persons' Parking Bay – 18 Jubilee Crescent, Queenborough – 4 Objections

Objection 1

*I have just received a letter about formalising disabled parking bay at 18 jubilee crescent queenbrough. I would like to disagree with this I live at no ** jubilee crescent and cannot understand why you would leave this outside someone house who is not disabled , parking is bad enough with out something that's not used-my occupants of that house , surely if one is needed in this area it should be outside there own house not someone else .please rethink this situation*

Objection 2

*I object to SBC wanting to keep the disabled bay at the above address, why are you not removing it??? The person who originally paid for the bay was my neighbour ***** who died in 2020 and no one has bothered since then. There is now a new owner of property no. **. If someone wants a disabled bay why do they not apply for one outside their own homes if being disabled is a issue?*

Objection 3

*This email is to voice a formal objection to the proposed formalisation of the disabled parking bay outside the property of 18 Jubilee Crescent. I am the property owner of ** Jubilee Crescent and have spoken a few times over the phone with yourselves to press my concerns about this bay. I did apply earlier this year to have the bay removed completely as it was originally installed for the previous owners of 18 Jubilee Crescent who have both since passed away.*

*Myself, and my neighbours at both ** and ** Jubilee Crescent are all in agreement that the formalisation of this bay should not go ahead for a number of reasons. Both myself and number ** have no usable access to our driveways at present and so rely on the use of the road where the bay is. I have actively used this space since my purchase back in February of this year and wish it at the very least to remain an advisory bay if not removed altogether.*

*It is my long term plan to have driveway access to this property, just like my neighbours at number **. I would need the bay removed altogether for me to go ahead and install a drop curve and driveway access so that I can park my vehicle off the main road.*

*I also object on the grounds that this bay has very seldom been used by the only car that has a blue badge disability in the area which I believe is number * on the other side of a very wide and busy road. They have not used this space at all in the last few months, not on one single occasion have I come home from*

*work and seen them actively using the bay. They park outside of the own house on the other side of the road. May I suggest that if they feel they need access to a disability bay that it is instead placed outside of their own property at number *, in the space where they already park their car anyway.*

It is still my wish to have this bay removed completely, and it is my hope that you agree with my reasoning behind and will at the very least keep this bay as advisory, or better yet to either remove or move the location of the entirety.

Objection 4

I feel I must object to such an action. Before I elaborate further, and before any riposte is used, please allow me to point out that I am aware of hidden disabilities - indeed I have Anxiety, PTSD, Asthma and a permanent back injury which severely affects my mobility!

*However, those whom we believe are the applicants for the formalisation of this space have at least three vehicles (*****, *****, *****) which they have been seen regularly driving and parking in the on-street parking; at least one of these vehicles parks outside their house. This is much closer than parking outside number 18. As they are able to park outside their house they are already able to "park close to their destination" and it is therefore, illogical and against the guidelines to request to formalise a space a distance from it. This implies that they are only requesting this to park their additional vehicles and is not a genuine need. A blue badge is not there to enable the holder or their household to have a personal private parking space.*

In addition, it is concerning that the guidelines of having a blue badge are not being fulfilled correctly. The badge is often not displayed in the car(s) correctly. In addition, from what we have seen the person entitled to the blue badge has not been in the car(s) on all the occasions the badge is being used or on all the occasions when it is parked in disabled bays.

I am sure you are more than aware of the following but if I may for ease of reference quote from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england>

"You must never give the badge to friends or family to allow them to have the benefit of the parking concessions. You must never use a copied badge to park or try to change the details on a badge. The badge remains the property of the issuing local council. They can ask for the badge to be returned if it is being misused.

Who can use the badge?

The badge is for your use and benefit only. It must only be displayed if you are travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger, or if someone is collecting you or dropping you off and needs to park at the place where you are being collected or dropped.

Don't allow other people to use the badge to do something on your behalf, such as shopping or collecting something for you.

You must never give the badge to friends or family to allow them to park for free, even if they are visiting you.

You should not use the badge to allow non-disabled people to take advantage of the benefits while you sit in the car.

It's a criminal offence to misuse a badge. This includes people other than the badge holder taking advantage of the parking concessions provided under the scheme."

"A Blue Badge will help you to park close to your destination, either as a passenger or driver."

Therefore, we feel it would be wrong to formalise this parking bay.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Windsor Drive/Hill Brow, Sittingbourne – 1 Indication of Support

Support 1

I think the above proposal is an excellent one. My only concern is that unfortunately several of the parents of Minterne School children will not take a blind of notice of them and continue to park exactly as they think fit, i.e. on double yellow lines, on pavements, across corners and opposite cars that are already parked. How an emergency vehicle would get down the road during school pickup/drop off heaven only knows!

I have lived here for seven years and cannot believe there has not yet been a serious accident and children hurt, I have seen several near misses. I understand these problems are outside every school but until there is a very strong enforcement presence, and tickets/fines actually issued it will not change.

I also feel very strongly there should be double yellow lines at the junction of Windsor Drive and Minterne Avenue, an even more dangerous junction than where you are currently proposing yellow lines, also at the junction of Windsor Drive and West Ridge. Until more parents walk their children to school the daily dangerous, illegal and inconsiderate parking will continue.