

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Meeting Date	Monday 12 September 2016
Report Title	Formal Objections to Traffic Regulation Order Am 1
Cabinet Member	Cllr David Simmons
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Lead Officer	Mike Knowles (SBC)
Classification	Open

Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to note the contents of this report and consider formal objections to the Traffic Regulation Order, and recommend that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) the proposed restrictions in The Street/Canterbury Road Boughton-under-Blean/Dunkirk either be progressed or abandoned;2) the proposed restrictions to the rear of St Michael's House in Sittingbourne be progressed;3) the proposed restrictions in Cooks Lane, Milton Regis be progressed and Biffa be reminded of their comments for the Planning Application at their Gas Road site.
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1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of formal objections and support received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 1.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Traffic Order includes proposed amendments to various parking restrictions in the Borough, some of which have previously been reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board and subsequently recommended for progression. A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order can be found in Annex A, with the proposals that have received formal objections highlighted. A copy of the formal objections received can be found in Annex B. Plans of the proposed restrictions can be found in Annex C.

3. Issue for Decision

The Street, Boughton-Under-Blean/Canterbury Road, Dunkirk – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.1 An informal consultation took place with residents back in February 2016, on a scheme requested by both Parish Councils for double yellow lines to be installed in Canterbury Road/The Street between the junctions of Staplestreet Road and Horselees Road. Of the 28 properties consulted, 19 responses were received, 11 supporting the proposals and 8 objecting. An additional 54 responses were received from outside of the consultation area, following the distribution of leaflets by the Parish Councils. 41 of these responses supported the proposals and 13 objected.
- 3.2 The results of the informal consultation were reported to the Joint Transportation Board, and it was recommended that the proposed restrictions be implemented, but with a reduction in the length of lining on the north side of the road following a suggestion from Kent County Council, subject to the approval of both Parish Councils who are funding the works.
- 3.3 As both Parish Councils wanted to proceed with the original proposals, a meeting took place with Kent County Council, and it was agreed that the Traffic Regulation Order would be drafted based on the initial design.
- 3.4 During the formal consultation period, the Traffic Regulation Order received 10 formal objections to the proposals, and 11 letters of support. In addition to this, the Parish Council distributed a further questionnaire requesting formal responses to the Traffic Regulation Order, and this produced 1 formal objection and 19 responses of support.
- 3.5 A copy of all of the formal response comments can be found in Annex B.

“Un-named Road”, Rear of St Michael’s House, Sittingbourne – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.6 Following a request from Kent County Council, the Traffic Regulation Order included the installation of double yellow lines in the un-named road at the rear of St Michael’s House, running along the side of the former Globe and Engine Public House, parallel with St Michael’s Road in Sittingbourne.
- 3.7 Kent County Council have received communications from the NHS who occupy the St Michael’s House offices, requesting restrictions to prevent parked vehicles obstructing access to their private car park.
- 3.8 Following the advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order, one objection was received to these proposals from a commuter who parks in this road several times a week. A copy of the formal objection can be found in Annex B.

Cooks Lane, Milton Regis – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

- 3.9 A request was received from Kent County Council for double yellow lines to be installed in Cooks Lane in Milton Regis, from the junction with Mill Way alongside the former Milton Pipes site. At the present time, a large number of vehicles are parked here during the day, some very close to the Mill Way junction, affecting the movement of vehicles along Cooks Lane. With the possibility of the former Milton Pipes site being developed, the parked vehicles could become even more of an issue.
- 3.10 A petition containing 37 signatures objecting to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order has been received from employees of Biffa, whose site is located nearby in Gas Road. The accompanying letter states that the employees have nowhere to park their cars as their employers do not provide parking facilities.
- 3.11 When the Planning Application was received from Biffa for their site in Gas Road, KCC Highways made several comments around the proposal, and one of these was regarding parking facilities for employees. Biffa's response to these comments is quoted below:-
- 3.12 *"The Highways Authority comment that car parking provision is potentially too little. This is based on the fact that a visit to the existing depot showed a significant number of cars parked on site and the fact that we have included only 15 car parking spaces but quote that there will be 79 full time staff employed at the Gas Road site. As with the existing site, the majority of the workforce will be waste collection vehicle drivers and loaders. They arrive by private car and park in the spaces where the waste collection vehicles are kept overnight. Generally we get 2 cars into an HGV space. Added to this is the fact that many of our staff live in the town and either car share, walk or cycle to work. The company has recently introduced a "cycle to work" initiative where staff can purchase a bicycle for use associated with work, at a discounted price. So far, approximately 10 members of staff at our Princes Road depot have taken up this scheme. In summary therefore, we consider that, although have 79 members of staff at the site there will be a smaller number of cars visiting the site and they will use the HGV parking as well as the car parking spaces. There will be no need for our staff to park outside of the site on the private road."*

4. Recommendation

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- 2) the proposed restrictions to the rear of St Michael's House in Sittingbourne be progressed;
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5. Implications

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Corporate Plan	Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.
Financial, Resource and Property	Costs associated with Traffic Regulation Order, and necessary lining and signing.
Legal and Statutory	Traffic Regulation Order to be sealed 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.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Annex A – Copy of Traffic Regulation Order with Objections Highlighted
- Annex B – Copy of Formal Objections/Support Received
- Annex C – Plans Showing Proposed Waiting Restrictions

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None