

Maidstone Joint Transportation Board

**17
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Gatland Lane, Maidstone

Decision Making Authority	Kent County Council
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Wards and County Divisions affected	Fant Ward, Maidstone Borough
Which Member(s) requested this report?	n/a

This report makes the following recommendations:

That the committee support the following:

- ❖ Existing double yellow line corner protection at:
 - Ridgway, junction with Gatland Lane
 - Chamberlain Avenue, junction with Gatland Lane
 - Burghclere Drive, junction with Gatland Lane
 - The Gatland Lane vehicle entrance to Jubilee Primary School
- ❖ The implementation of a single yellow line parking restriction, outside numbers 21 to 29 Gatland Lane, with 'no waiting' from 0800 to 1700 hours Monday to Friday only (as depicted in drawing reference Maidstone JTB IG.01) to replace the double yellow lines marked on the ground
- ❖ The implementation of 'School Keep Clear' road markings outside Gatland House (as depicted in Appendix 2 drawing reference Maidstone JTB IG.02)

Timetable

Meeting	Date
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1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is presented as a result of KCC receiving 10 objections following the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) public consultation, in accordance with KCC policy.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 This report provides details of formal objections received in relation to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order Maidstone Variation number 1, for proposed double yellow lines in Fant.

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 Traffic Regulation Order 'Maidstone Variation number 1' was completed by Maidstone Borough Council at the request of Kent County Council. It relates to the following:

- ❖ Double yellow line corner protection at:
 - Ridgway, junction with Gatland Lane
 - Chamberlain Avenue, junction with Gatland Lane
 - Burghclere Drive, junction with Gatland Lane
 - The Gatland Lane vehicle entrance to Jubilee Primary School
- ❖ Double yellow lining outside numbers 21 to 29 Gatland Lane

These provisions relate to the opening of the Jubilee Primary School for the school year September 2016 and are not related to any later plans to increase the number of pupils at the school that have since been refused by MBC planning committee.

The aim of this TRO was to:

- provide protection from parking on junction corners where new pedestrian crossing points have been constructed
- protect visibility for vehicle movements at the junctions
- protect visibility for and of pedestrians opposite the school where a new pedestrian crossing point has been constructed.

All of the aforementioned double yellow lines were implemented in 2016, ahead of the formal TRO process, for safety reasons.

As a result of the formal TRO process a number of objections have been received, details of which are attached.

It is the view of KCC that the objections are primarily concerned with further restrictions on resident parking, rather than these restrictions which have already been in place for over a year.

In response to the public consultation, KCC have reviewed the parking restrictions in the area and propose to remove the double yellow lining from

outside number 21 to 29 Gatland Lane and replace these with a single yellow line to improve parking amenity for local residents.

The single yellow line restriction will apply from 0800 to 1000 hours and 1400 to 1700 hours, Monday to Friday only, enabling residents to park at weekends and out of school drop off times.

The TRO application currently includes the following:

"3. GATLAND LANE, MAIDSTONE

South side; DYL's from a point 15 metres northeast of its junction with Ridgway in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 95 metres.

KCC propose to amend this element of the TRO to read as follows:

3. GATLAND LANE, MAIDSTONE

South side; DYL's from a point 15 metres northeast of its junction with Ridgway in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 47 metres.

South side; Single yellow line from a point 15 metres southwest of its junction with Ridgway in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 48 metres. No waiting 0800 to 1000 hours and 1400 to 1700, Monday to Friday only."

Please see Appendix 1, reference Maidstone JTB IG.01, depicting these amendments.

In addition to asking the Joint Transportation Board to support the existing DYL corner protection, and agree the change to lining outside numbers 21 to 29 Gatland Lane, KCC also seek the board's endorsement of school keep clear road markings being implemented in Gatland Lane. The prohibition of stopping on the school clear markings will be Monday to Friday between 0800-0900 and 1500-1600 hours. Please see Appendix 2, reference Maidstone JTB IG.02.

The notice of intent has been advertised and the consultation deadline was 11 December 2017. No letters of objection or support have been received.

4. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – accept all of the above listed recommendations from KCC for the reasons of safety.
- 4.2 Option 2 – reject all of the above listed recommendations from KCC with a view to formerly removing all existing parking restrictions currently marked on the roads (as they cannot be retained without a legal Order in place in perpetuity) – this option is likely to result in chaotic and ad-hoc parking by school traffic.
- 4.3 Option 3 – The JTB may choose to select specific roads from the above listed recommendations from KCC.

5. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Option 1 – accept all of the above listed recommendations from KCC. These are all considered necessary to provide a safer road crossing environment for pupils attending the school.
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6. REPORT APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Plan for single yellow lining – reference 'Maidstone JTB IG.01'
6.2 Appendix 2 - Plan for school keep clear markings – reference 'Maidstone JTB IG.02'
6.3 Appendix 3 - Gatland Lane DYL TRO
6.4 Appendix 4 - Gatland Lane DYL TRO consultation responses
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