

Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 27 2025

Formal Objections and Indications of Support

Objection 1

I am a resident of ** London Road, Faversham, ME13 8RX. My property adjoins Kingsnorth Road and is affected by the introduction of parking permits in Kingsnorth Road as covered by THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF SWALE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT No.27) ORDER 2025.

I object to the changes as set out. The changes introduce parking permit requirements for any resident to park on this road, combining with the existing Parking Zone B in place in Edith Road, The Mall and associated roads. I understand that some residents of Kingsnorth Road have requested this change. Whilst I can understand the introduction of yellow lines for dropped kerbs and the marking of the disabled parking spaces, the requirement to pay for and display a parking permit I simply do not understand.

The area, as any Victorian area concerned, is one that has a large amount of on-road parking for residents but there are no current parking issues in that area that would justify the need for a parking permit. During the day, the area has a reasonable number of empty spaces, allowing visitors to the area to park almost at will, and parking fills up only in the evening and overnight when residents park in the area. As it stands, even coming back late at night, I have always been able to obtain a parking space at a reasonable distance from my house on London Road. I understand that some residents believe that commuters park in the area during the day, for which I can say right now is not noticeable if it does occur, as the peak amount of parking takes place overnight, i.e. residents.

Note as a resident of London Road, I would be able to park outside my property but I am cognisant of the requirement for free flowing traffic on the A2 and so I do not park directly outside my property. I do generally park on the end of Kingsnorth Road where the side of our neighbours house ensures there is ample space for parking more than 50% of the time, with Canute and other spaces further down Kingsnorth also offering space when needed. In that respect I hope that my household and others in the area will be included in the count of those parties who oppose the introduction of parking permits.

Considering the lack of serious parking issues at this time, I am surprised that a parking permit system is being considered. I also am aware that introduction of that permit will make little or no difference to the parking in the area as the issue is in proportion to residents parking, and as such I would understand that would continue just with a charge after the introduction of a permit scheme.

Does the council have any actual evidence of a significant parking issue that contradicts my experience of the area that would underwrite and justify the introduction of the scheme? Are you simply going to introduce it because some residents believe they need it to solve a problem that does not exist? Or are you going to gather actual evidence regarding parking in the area?

As said, I object to the introduction of the permits, believing them to not be needed, will not change the pattern of parking in the area and only introduces needless cost to myself and the other residents in the area.

Objection 2

I object to the proposed double yellow lines in front of the door of the rear outbuilding to [*****], on the grounds that this building has been converted to an office with small storage area and is not a garage. Whilst it still has a dropped kerb, there is no requirement for vehicular access. Therefore, the proposed parking bay should be extended up to the adjacent disabled bay.

Objection 3

I understand the latest proposal for the Kingsnorth Road Residential parking Scheme includes putting double yellow lines outside the building of at the bottom of [*****] garden. Although there is an old drop curb there the building is no longer a garage and has had an internal wall built and is used as an office and storage area.

My neighbours have been consulted who are in the immediate vicinity of the building (numbers ** to ** + **) and all are unanimous in objecting to the proposed double yellow lines as we will lose another parking space which are at an absolute premium.

Support 1

I would like to register my support for the proposed extension to the parking scheme to include Kingsnorth Road.

There are a number of reasons the scheme should be extended, aside from simply being fair, as failing to include the street would have an impact on safety, pollution and the wellbeing of residents living on the street, as previously mentioned in response to the extension for Belmont.