

22.3.2015

Dear Sirs

RE: 6' 6" WIDTH RESTRICTIONS IN LEYDENHATCH  
LANE, RUSSETT WAY & BIRCHWOOD ROAD

It is recently that we have heard of proposals to install the above restrictions.

Currently, heavy goods traffic use these routes to get to industrial sites in Leydenhatch Lane.

Should this proposal go ahead, then heavy traffic will be obliged to use either College Road, Hextable with difficult roundabout access and already heavily congested and very restricted in parts, or New Barn Rd - also restricted and used by many pedestrians going to Swanley Park.

Serious consideration must be given as to the practical route for heavy goods traffic to access industrial sites.

I strongly object to any proposals that do not take this into account and, in particular,

, any proposal that increases the traffic  
along the already congested college  
road.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

## **Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 09:40  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) (6' 6" Width Restriction Order 2015

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**From:** Eric Leaver  
**Sent:** 22 March 2015 13:53  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) (6' 6" Width Restriction Order 2015

For the attention of Mr Steven Noad

Dear Mr Noad

I write with regard to the above road width restrictions. Currently heavy goods traffic use the stretch of roadway between Birchwood Road and Russett Way to gain access to various industrial units/sites. Should a restriction be placed in this area then heavy traffic will be forced to use either College Road with difficult roundabout access and already heavily congested and very restricted in parts or New Barn Road once again restricted and used by many pedestrians accessing Swanley Park. Serious consideration must be given as to the practical route for heavy goods traffic to access the industrial sites. I currently strongly object to any proposals that do not take this into account and in particular any proposal that increases the traffic along the already congested College Road.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Leaver.

## **Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 09:42  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to installation of Width restrictions

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Vicki Hayes  
**Sent:** 22 March 2015 20:48  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Objection to installation of Width restrictions

To whom it may concern,

I write to OBJECT with regards to the proposed installation of width restrictions between Birchwood road and Russett way. This would be totally unpractical as it would mean that heavy goods vehicles would then have to use College road, which is a very narrow road, with very tight turns into the road and the Top Dartford/Main Road junction, or New Barn Road which is also a very narrow road which is used by people going to and from Swanley Park. We have over the last 10 years had wing mirrors knocked off our van from these heavy goods vehicles. I have also previously been forced along with other car drivers, to reverse most of the length of College road because of heavy goods vehicles using College Road.

We feel that the width restrictions would be better being placed at the beginning and end of College road to prevent these heavy goods vehicles from using it.  
therefore in summary, we strongly object to the installation of the said width restrictions.

Regards  
V Hayes & F Samuel

## **Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 09:42  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: 6'6 width restriction in Leydenhatch Lane, Russett Way and Birchwood Road

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Julia  
**Sent:** 22 March 2015 23:23  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Re: 6'6 width restriction in Leydenhatch Lane, Russett Way and Birchwood Road

Dear Sirs

I'm emailing you with our objections to the width restriction proposed.

We live in College Road and the traffic that comes down there is in abundance as it is and what's more they come speeding down our road at all hours of the day and night and are a danger. It is sometimes impossible to even get off our drive. We have complained enough times about this and requested speed humps now you propose to put width restrictions at the top of Leydenhatch lane and beyond which will cause even more traffic, especially large vehicles adding to the noise and extra traffic. Especially since they will be coming at all hours of the day and night and not giving any peace to people who are trying to sleep in early hours.

College Road from Malyons Road and Rollo Road leading up to Leydenhatch lane is only just wide enough in some areas for one car in either direction, not even allowing two down together and you are proposing width restriction forcing large vehicles to use this road. Not only is it dangerous and noisy, they could potentially cause damage to parked cars.

Also another thing, with extra traffic and wagons, the lane won't be able to cope, when one large vehicle gets stuck in the lane, the build up is horrendous where cars can't move in either direction. This is bad enough on a Friday with the bin men and their vehicle.

Therefore we, residents on College Road object to the width restrictions.

Regards

Mr & Mrs O'Shea

**Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** RE: Width restrictions

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 09:41  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: Width restrictions

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 March 2015 17:23  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Width restrictions

I would like to express my deep concern regarding the above restrictions. Should this proposal be allowed in this area a substantial amount of commercial traffic mostly HGVs would be forced to use alternative routes to access the industrial and commercial premises particularly in College Road and Leydenhatch Lane. This would be additional to existing HGV traffic and those who ignore the unsuitability signs. College Road for the most part is a narrow lane, without a footpath, where the footpath does exist it is on both sides of the road for its shortest part, and on one side only where the road narrows. The state of the road surface is pitted, potholed and has little or no major remedial work in the past 30 years or so.

During even moderately wet weather large puddles are prevalent and exacerbated by a constant flow of surface water which is sprayed onto pedestrians using the limited footpaths. Parts of College Road are very narrow with traffic using the limited footpath in order to pass, These proposals will I feel certain increase commercial traffic from Light, medium vans to 20 tonne Tippers. This will increase congestion and will increase the accident risk to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. While it is clear that the area covered is in need of attention the proposals, as they exist, will not solve the problem, merely shift it to another equally congested area.

H.D.Wardell

[REDACTED]

## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 12:04  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: Width Restrictions in Leydenhatch Lane, Russett Way and Birchwood Road

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**From:** John C Ward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 09:46  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Width Restrictions in Leydenhatch Lane, Russett Way and Birchwood Road

I write with regard to the above road width restrictions. Currently heavy goods traffic use the stretch of roadway between Birchwood Road and Russett Way to gain access to various industrial units / sites. Should a restriction be placed in this area then heavy traffic will be forced to use either College Road with difficult roundabout access and already heavily congested and very restricted in parts, or New Barn Road once again restricted and used by many pedestrians accessing Swanley Park.

Serious consideration must be given as to the practical route for heavy goods traffic to access the industrial sites. I currently strongly object to any proposals that do not take this into account and in particular any proposals that increases the traffic along the already congested College Road.

Kind Regards,

## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 14:17  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: width restriction

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**From:** Alan Toomer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 14:03  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** width restriction

To whom it may concern

We have just been made aware of the possible width restriction in Leydenhatch Lane, Russet Way and Birchwood Road. You will problems with this implementation as any access via Hextable would encounter serious problems as the large vehicles would have to negotiate two mini roundabouts, residential area where cars are parked which only leaves on a lot of occasions one vehicle access. Serious consideration must be given as to the practical route for heavy goods vehicles to access the industrial sites on the narrow lane from College Road. Cars themselves have problem getting passed one another and with large vehicles it would be impossible for cars to park. The road in question was not made for such large vehicles and unless you widen the road someone you will get massive congestion and possible accidents.

Please give this matter serious thought before going ahead with the width restrictions.

Regards

Alan and Peta Toomer



## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 14:17  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: Proposal - 6'6 Width Restriction in Leydenhatch Lane / Russett Way & Birchwood Road

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**From:** landlords - enquiries [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 14:05  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Proposal - 6'6 Width Restriction in Leydenhatch Lane / Russett Way & Birchwood Road

Mrs Dana Bernal

Dear Sirs

I am totally chocked to hear of the above width restrictions . This will force heavy load vehicles onto College Road which is totally unacceptable a crazy idea.

Our road is already over loaded with passing traffic cutting through. College Road is only a narrow road only really for one car to travel along.

We have had numerous scratches to our vehicles from wide vehicles.

You would think speed humps would be more suitable, even my cat has been run over and killed from a speeding car.

Most of the properties in College road are open without fencing and gates this is a health and safety risk to children and animals.

The residents of College Road will suffer at this proposal.

We suggest you speak to the residents before an ideas are finalised.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Dana Bernal  
[REDACTED]

**Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 12:37  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: KCC road width restriction order 2015

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**From:** Tony Codling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 10:59  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** KCC road width restriction order 2015

24th March 2015

TRO@KENT.GOV.UK

Ref:- The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward)  
(6' 6" Width Restriction Order 2015)

*Notice is hereby given that the Kent county Council proposes to make and Order, the effect of which would be to : - Restrict access to motor vehicles exceeding 6' 6" in width on the following sections of road; (a) Birchwood Road - From its junction with B2173 Maidstone Road to its junction with Leydenhatch Lane. (b) Leydenhatch Lane from its junction with Birchwood Road to its junction with Russett way. (c) Russett Way for its entire length.*

As a resident of College Road for over 29 years and Hextable for over 49 years my reasons for objection are that it would mean the only access for HGV's would be along College Road (which already has a sign in Main Road Hextable stating College Road is unsuitable for HGV's) and New Barn which along with the upper part of College Road is not much more than a single track country lane and totally unsuitable for articulated or large lorries to use without causing congestion and creating a safety hazard.

Road Safety

The increase of this type and volume of traffic on roads where there is no pavement and the road so narrow that cars have to use private drives as passing places will increase existing traffic conflicts with the risk of crashes and pedestrian injuries.

Yours Sincerely  
A.G.Codling

## **Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** james aitkenhead [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 12:05  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Traffic calming proposal concern

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

To whom it may concern

RE - 6'6 Width restrictions under consideration Leydenhatch Lane, Birchwood Road and Russett Way.

I would like to express my serious concern about the proposed traffic calming measures as described above.

There are several commercial premises in Leydenhatch Lane and College road which a lot of heavy goods vehicles, lorries, and dumper trucks are attributed to. I would like to point out that these premises fall on the Swanley side of the area boundary.

By putting in the proposed width restrictions you will be forcing all of the heavy good vehicles to gain access through Hextable down college Road from the junction with Main Road. There are several very important points to consider.

- 1) College Road is very narrow and a residential street with houses on both sides.
- 2) Cars are also parked along the road which will make it very difficult for heavy goods vehicles to pass freely.
- 3) The vehicles will pass by 2 childrens nurseries on College Road which are used every day
- 4) The vehicles will pass by one secondary school on College Road
- 5) The vehicles will pass one Church on College Road
- 6) The Vehicles will pass by Hextable Gardens (used by children)
- 7) The vehicles will pass directly through the main access by foot for Swanley Park for residents of Hextable and children
- 8) There will be an increase in damage to the roads of Hextable
- 9) There will be more industrial waste and shed goods on the roads of Hextable (this is obvious as I have seen many times items and dirt falling from the dumper trucks onto the road.
- 10) There will be additional traffic and pollution in Hextable.

All of the above points considered there is high likely hood that accidents will occur involving children and the roads. Hextable is already used as a thoroughfare. A number of years ago traffic calming was introduced due to a high number of serious car accidents, and a set of traffic lights were installed due to the death of a child on the road next to the post office.

I fail to see how any good will come from forcing the traffic into the village. Currently the traffic passes to the premises through Birchwood Road and through Russett Way. I do understand that Russett way is residential and they have genuine cause for complaint. But the traffic along Birchwood road (40mph as

opposed to 30mph in Hextable) passes by NO schools, NO Nurseries, very few houses, NO parks, and the premises are situated at that end of the lane.

Can you please reply to this email with an explanation for why Hextable is being targeted for this very poor and dangerous proposal.

Regards

James Aitkenhead

## **Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 09:06  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: KCC (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) (6' 6" Width Restriction) Order 2015

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 00:00  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** KCC (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) (6' 6" Width Restriction) Order 2015

### **The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward)** **(6' 6" Width Restriction) Order 2015**

Dear Sir

I write with reference to the above proposed road width restrictions and wish to gain clarification of the proposal and the form such restrictions will take.

From reading details of the proposed Order I can understand where the proposed restrictions will have effect but it is unclear whether those proposed restrictions will be physical barriers preventing traffic greater than 6' 6" in width being able to access the various units in Leydenhatch Lane from the direction of Birchwood Road or not.

If the proposal is to introduce physical barriers which only permit vehicles with a width less than 6' 6" to pass through in the areas indicated on the plan this will mean that the only access for all other traffic to the various units in Leydenhatch Lane and College Road will be either via College Road and through the village of Hextable or via New Barn Lane.

Access via New Barn Lane would be ludicrous (not to mention dangerous and even negligent if permitted) given it's proximity to - and use by people visiting - Swanley Park.

Whilst I understand the desire of the residents of Russett Way not to have heavy goods vehicles passing through such a narrow estate - and would support them in such a request - I cannot see the logic of merely transferring the problem to the village of Hextable by denying such vehicles access to the area from Birchwood Road (which currently operates as a bus route).

As you will undoubtedly be aware, the B258 (Swanley Lane/Main Road/Top Dartford Road) is also a bus route but with traffic calming measures (presumably installed due to the fact that the road is very widely used by children accessing the various educational establishments and the park area at all times of the day) and regularly attracts vehicles over the proposed width limit.

However, College Road (which is a residential road) does not attract - and is quite unsuitable for - such vehicles. There is quite a restrictive turn for larger vehicles on the two roundabouts outside the Church on Main Road, which would be made more difficult and dangerous as - amongst many other activities held there - one of the village's pre-school and after-school facilities operates from the Church.

When a proposal was made a few years ago to have a meat processing plant at one of the units towards the Leydenhatch Lane end of the road it was discovered that large vehicles accessing the

area from College Road (or indeed from Leydenhatch Lane) would be unable to turn into the unit without causing major disruption. This hasn't changed - the road is still the same.

College Road is barely wide enough to take two cars passing alongside each other at any point past Egerton Avenue and anyone driving along there knows that they may have to pull in to allow oncoming traffic to pass. There are no facilities for pedestrians to cross the road (this is especially noticeable near the area that provides access to the Avenue of Limes and the Oasis Academy in Egerton Avenue) making it currently quite dangerous for children and other people to do so. By adding heavy vehicles to the current traffic flow that problem and danger will only be made worse.

In fact, within your own Statement of Reasons given in the consultation for the proposed Order, it states that Kent County Council intends to make the Order for the reasons of:

(1) *'preventing damage to the road or any building on or near the road; and*

*(2) avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising'*

Should wider, heavier traffic be denied access to the various units in Leydenhatch Lane from Birchwood Road then surely those reasons would also apply to College Road, where there are a well-used Church, two separate local Nursery School Groups and, currently, a secondary school as well as many residential properties.

If the intention is not to cause damage to the road it must be noted that, due to the fact that it is not a bus route, College Road is never gritted during bad weather, the snow is never cleared and access to those parts of the village that run off College Road is often restricted and dangerous in such circumstances.

There are currently many potholes in College Road which remain unrepaired and to permit heavier goods vehicles to use that road, making the road surface even worse, would surely go against the reasons for implementing the Order in the first place - albeit in a different location.

I should also add that my property backs on to College Road - with my garden being separated from it by a fence - and the constant noise, vibration and emissions from such vehicles travelling along the road will detrimentally affect the quality of life for both me and my family (and other neighbours in a similar situation with young children)

In summary, whilst I support the proposal for a restricted width limit to be introduced within the Russett Way area I strongly object to the proposal being extended to Birchwood Road and Leydenhatch Lane if it means that the displaced traffic then has to use College Road and the village of Hextable as an alternative access route.

I am more than happy to attend any meeting arranged to discuss this matter given sufficient notice to do so.

Yours faithfully

## **Noad, Steven - GT HTW**

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 09:06  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: Width Restrictions - Leydenhatch Lane, Russett Way and Birchwood Road

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Graham Sayer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 March 2015 21:58  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Width Restrictions - Leydenhatch Lane, Russett Way and Birchwood Road

Sirs,

I have read the KCC recent proposal to apply width restriction plans to the above areas with some considerable interest but cannot understand the logic or the council's summary reasons or rationale and so strongly object.

The current reason HGV's and large commercial vehicles use the Birchwood Road end of Leydenhatch Lane is because it provides not only the shortest distance from a more major road to these Industrial and commercial premises, but also because it provides the widest stretch of the lane thus preventing congestion.

Putting these proposed restrictions in place would inevitably mean that all access to the industrial and commercial premises would be through Swanley Town Centre, Hextable Village and College Road. Diverting HGV's through this congested route would mean a diversion 4 times further than they currently travel and certainly counter any arguments or rationale the council propose regarding road or building damage and pedestrian safety at the Birchwood Road end of Leydenhatch Lane.

I would consider that the current condition of the road at the eastern end of Leydenhatch Lane from the Premises of DK East to the junction of College Road is in no better condition if not worse than the stretch of road that is under the councils proposals. Furthermore the width of College Road from the location just West of The Heritage Centre to the point of the DK East Premises is insufficient in a considerable number of places for two cars to pass without risk of damaging paintwork, and it is a recognised principle and practice that when private cars are coming in opposite directions that they use access to either private drives or commercial units at the 5-6 number passing points in the lane. There is also NO pedestrian footway up this entire stretch of road which also currently causes considerable H&S issues with the speed that motorists travel up the lane.

I recently experienced an incident where an HGV was stuck in Leydenhatch Lane travelling towards College Road to the point where a number of cars travelling West up towards Birchwood Road could not pass. The Driver then realising he could proceed without considerable difficulty then started to reverse back towards Birchwood Road. Up to a dozen vehicles that had built up behind the HGV then had to reverse back as far as Russett Way and the entrance to DK East and the adjacent industrial unit to allow the HGV to get out of his difficulties. This took upwards of 20

minutes to clear and only highlights the potential problems of HGV's in College Road and the eastern end of Leydenhatch Lane.

To a degree I understand the sense in the provision of restrictions in Russett Way, but there is currently a public bus service that runs along Russett Way and I presume the impact and loss of this service on the community has been assessed and public opinion sought and evaluated

There is the greater facility to widen the road if necessary at the Birchwood Road end of Leydenhatch Lane than virtually the entire length of College Road and the lower end of Leydenhatch Lane and I suggest that this proposal is ill conceived, poorly thought out and merely pushing what is considered to be a problem to an area which has the potential to become a even greater problem and a logistical nightmare

Graham Sayer



## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 25 March 2015 09:19  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) (6' 6" Width Restriction Order 2015)

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**From:** David Russell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 21:07  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) (6' 6" Width Restriction Order 2015)

For the attention of Mr Steven Noad

Dear Mr Noad

I write with regard to the above road width restrictions. Currently heavy goods traffic use the stretch of roadway between Birchwood Road and Russett Way to gain access to various industrial units/sites. Should a restriction be placed in this area then heavy traffic will be forced to use either College Road with difficult roundabout access and already heavily congested and very restricted in parts or New Barn Road once again restricted and used by many pedestrians accessing Swanley Park. Serious consideration must be given as to the practical route for heavy goods traffic to access the industrial sites. I currently strongly object to any proposals that do not take this into account and in particular any proposal that increases the traffic along the already congested College Road.

As it is the restrictions should be in place in College Road opposite Dawson Road in Hextable to stop large vehicles trying to go down Leydenhatch Lane from the Hextable end of the lane. We have already had a lot of instances of lorries having to turn round because they cannot get down the lane: this proposal is only going to compound the situation as more lorries will have to try and gain access from this direction, which will put even more children at risk during school times.

Yours sincerely,

David Russell

[REDACTED]

## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 25 March 2015 09:19  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: Width restrictions Leydenhatch Lane, Swanley  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

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**From:** Peter Cornwell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2015 22:04  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Width restrictions Leydenhatch Lane, Swanley

I write with regards to the above road width restriction proposal.

I am a resident in College Road, more towards the church end in the village. This end of the road gets heavy traffic presently what with vehicles entering and exiting the Claremont estate, and vehicles cutting through to and from Birchwood Road. The church itself attracts a growing level of traffic as it is used as a village playgroup and activity centre. Incidentally, there are plans to develop the church in the near future to increase the size and functionality of the building. This will no doubt attract yet more traffic.

The idea of placing width restrictions at the proposed location will only force heavy vehicles to circumnavigate the top end of College Road to enter at the Hextable end in order to reach their intended industrial sites. I would ask that alternative access be planned for this traffic or indeed that the whole proposal be scrapped.

I currently strongly object to this plan.

Mr P Cornwell  
[REDACTED]

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## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** R LEE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2015 10:10  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Responce to Proposed Width Restriction Order 2173

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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RE: The Kent County Council (Various Roads Swanley, White Oak Ward) 6' 6" Width Restriction Order 2015

I write with regard to the above road width restriction order.

Currently heavy goods traffic use the stretch of Leydenhatch Lane between Birchwood Road and Russett Way to gain access to various industrial units/sites situated along Leydenhatch Lane and College Road. Should a restriction be placed in this area then heavy traffic will be forced to use either College Road (from the Hextable Village end) with very difficult roundabout access and already heavily congested and very restricted in parts, or New Barn Road also very restricted in parts and used by many pedestrians accessing Swanley Park.

Serious consideration must be given as to the practical route for heavy goods traffic to access the industrial sites taking into account the congestion, environmental issues that may ensue (such as increased noise, pollution, problems with the road surfaces and bank erosion) and various safety issues/risks that will result from the proposed changes.

I strongly object to any proposals that do not take these into account and in particular any proposals that increase the traffic currently using the already congested College Road.

Rhona Lee  
[REDACTED]

## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Sent:** 25 March 2015 14:55  
**To:** Noad, Steven - GT HTW  
**Subject:** FW: width restrictions

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2015 13:46  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Cc:** [info@hextableparishcouncil.com](mailto:info@hextableparishcouncil.com)  
**Subject:** width restrictions

in response to the notification that Kent CC are consulting re width restrictions on LEYDENHATCH LANE etc.

As a resident i wish to lodge my concerns regarding the effect such measures could have on College Road in Hextable. Apart from the difficult roundabout access at the start of College Rd, from it's junction with Rollo Rd and Malyons, College Rd progressing west continues to narrow and in parts is as narrow, if not narrower, than Leydenhatch.

College Road is also very difficult to negotiate due to the amount of resident's cars having to park on road as we have no other option. Traffic flows at times often result in near misses as drivers are unwilling to give way to oncoming traffic and attempt to speed in order to 'fit in' gaps. Our own car has been damaged on several occasions in this way.

For pedestrians, including elderly and children, the entrances to the Avenue of Limes and Swanley Park and the Heritage Gardens, Village Hall, Scouts and Pre- School sites are all at the point where College Road narrows most and it is at this point that all the diverted heavy goods traffic will be expected to travel to access industrial sites some of which are beyond our village boundaries.

I feel very strongly that yet again Hextable and it's residents are being overlooked in local planning discussions and I strongly object to the these proposals unless they extend to INCLUDE College Road so as to restrict ALL heavy goods traffic over a specified level on all these roads

S Porter [REDACTED]

## Noad, Steven - GT HTW

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**From:** Gillian MacCarthy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 March 2015 20:06  
**To:** Traffic Regulation Orders - GT KH  
**Subject:** Fwd: Various roads Swanley White Oak Ward 6'6" Width restriction. Order 2015  
**Attachments:** winmail.dat

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> F.A.O. Steven Noad

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> Dear Sir

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> We write with regard to the above mentioned order and as residents of  
> Dawson Drive, Hextable, would like to place on record our objections  
> to the proposed width restrictions. The two reasons given for the order:

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> 1) Preventing damage to the road or buildings .....

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> 2) Avoiding damage to persons or other traffic .....

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> would in our view be exacerbated albeit in a different location if  
> your proposal goes ahead.

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> The road surface from the entrance to the Garden Centre to New Barn  
> Lane is an absolute disgrace most of the time and has just been part  
> repaired yet again (some holes still remain). The road is also in a  
> bad state of repair by the drain/pond near the Avenue of Limes in College Road.

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> The danger to persons or other traffic will increase as half of  
> College Road has no footpath at all and is used by pedestrians. Also a  
> large stretch of the road is not wide enough for two large cars to  
> pass without scratching the paint work let alone the aggregate lorries  
> and the garden centre traffic.

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> As regular users of College Road and Leydenhatch Lane we feel that the  
> increase in traffic in what is in some parts essentially a lane will  
> lead to absolute chaos and other local residents will be of the same opinion.  
> Everybody who has a van or larger vehicle and lives/works in Selah  
> Drive or Leydenhatch Lane will now be forced to either drive into  
> Swanley, down Swanley Lane and up College Road or go via Puddledock  
> which is again a lane and in addition that route will also go close to  
> a junior school. Whilst we appreciate that businesses (Aggregate  
> company, Garden Centre and the storage  
> facility) provide jobs and revenue the effect/repercussions of their  
> traffic should have been analysed before planning permission was granted.

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- > Delivery lorries and house moving lorries will also be forced to use a
- > lane to carry out their day to day activities and there is also a
- > school bus and local bus service which will either be stopped or diverted.
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- > We assume that emergency vehicles have some way of getting through
- > these width restrictions but once they are in the narrow lane part of
- > College Road the chances of them meeting a large vehicle and facing
- > considerable delays are increased greatly which would certainly be putting lives at risk.
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- > The width restrictions are not solving a problem just moving it
- > somewhere else and in our eyes and no doubt many other Hextable
- > residents making it far worse. We find it hard to believe that a visit
- > to the area by the relevant officials has taken place because anyone
- > should see the considerable problems that would arise as a result of
- > these width restrictions

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- > Kind regards
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- > Gillian MacCarthy
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