THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGH STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE, SITTINGBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ('the Act') and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby make the following Order:-

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT and REVOCATIONS

- 1. (1) This Order may be cited as "The Kent County Council (High Street and Central Avenue, Sittingbourne) (Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017" ('this Order') and shall come into force on the 5th day of January, 2018.
 - (2) the Swale Borough Council (High Street, Sittingbourne) (Prohibition of Traffic) Order 1984 is hereby revoked.

INTERPRETATION

2. (1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:-

"the Act of 1984" means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

"the Council" means the Kent County Council as traffic authority and, where appropriate, Swale Borough Council acting on behalf of the traffic authority;

"Borough Council" means Swale Borough Council;

"motor vehicle" and "trailer" have the same meaning as in Section 136 of the Act of 1984;

"road" means the full width – including any footway or verge – of any length of highway or of any other road to which the public has access, and includes bridges over which a road passes;

"Swale" means the administrative area of the Swale Borough Council;

- "vehicle" means a motor vehicle or trailer and "motor vehicle" and "trailer" have the same meaning as in Section 136 of the Act of 1984;
 - (2) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by subsequent enactment;
 - (3) The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulations made under or having effect as if made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 or by or under any other enactment;
 - (4) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PROHIBITION OF DRIVING AT SPECIFIED TIMES

3. (1) SAVE as provided in Article 4 no person shall, except on the direction of or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause any vehicle to proceed in the length of High Street, Sittingbourne, between the junctions of Station Street and Central Avenue between the hours of 7am and 5pm on Fridays and between the junctions of Station Street and Bell Road and in the length of Central Avenue between the junction of the High Street and the mini roundabout, between the hours of 7am and 5pm on Saturdays.

EXEMPTION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

4. Nothing in this Order shall apply to any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes, if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose of which that is being used on that occasion.

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS

5. Nothing in this Order shall apply to any vehicle that is being used in connection with any building operation or demolition in or adjacent to that road; the removal of any obstruction in that road; the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that road; or the laying, erection, alteration or repair to that road or any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984, and the vehicle cannot conveniently be used for such purpose elsewhere.

EXEMPTION FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

- 6. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose authorised and described on an exemption permit issued by the Council
 - (a) to the occupant of any residential property; or
 - (b) to the proprietors or occupiers of any business premises

in or accessible only via a length of road specified in the Schedules provided such permit is displayed on the vehicle in the relevant position.

OTHER EXEMPTIONS

7. Nothing in this Order shall apply to any vehicle obtaining access to churches for weddings and funerals subject to a maximum of two cars for each wedding or funeral entering the restricted area and the police being notified of the date and time of the weddings or funerals.

Given under the Common Seal of the Kent County Council

This 20th day of DECEMBER

, 2017

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

Authorised Signatory

SARAH Cuchow