

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow Lines

Response	Support	Object	Comments
			Visitors to our house use The Street as an area to occasionally park. Removing this as an option means visitors would be parking further down the village which is already congested with on street parking. The amount of cars parked at the front is limited especially now the builders that were working on the new estate have finished. The parked cars have inadvertently helped to calm traffic speeds of cars entering and leaving the village. If double yellow lines were to be added I would be extremely concerned that cars would once again increase their speed when entering the village. With vehicles reaching speeds of 70 mph entering Boughton it will lead to an injury or fatality very soon. I believe it would be much safer and better use of money to add some form of traffic calming on this dangerous stretch of road.
1		1	
2		1	Many comments - see e-mail
			Exiting from Staplestreet Road towards Canterbury is particularly hazardous due to parked cars belonging to residents of the recently developed Woodmans Hall site. Several minor accidents have occurred eg wing mirrors etc. A major accident waiting to happen.
3	1		
4		1	Many comments - see e-mail
5	1		
			Will inconvenience my family when they visit. It has been worse lately because the builders from Staplestreet are parking there
6		1	
			I have seen many near misses when cars are parked near exit of Staplestreet Road
7	1		
			Thoughtless people, some from our flats illegally park half on and off pavement. My Flat is directly affected more than any other.
8	1		
			Have experienced a near accident at junction Horselees/Streete due to parked cars so would welcome double yellow lines. Also, impending development at builders yard opposite my house, so lines would prevent inconsiderate builders parking inappropriately. Also difficult to get in/out of drive if a vehicle is parked opposite his house (outside No.7) and would ask for consideration into extending the proposed lines further into Horselees Road.
10	1		
11		1	Various comments - see e-mail

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow Lines

Response	Support	Object	Comments
12	1		Various comments - see e-mail
13	1	1	Various comments - see e-mail
14	1		
15	1	1	Issues around planning consent, etc - see letter
16	1		We support the installation of double yellow lines, however we would like to make a further amendment to the proposal. We would like the double yellow lines in Horselees Road extended to also include the section outside 7 Horselees Road as indicated in green in the attached document. Under the current proposal, cars parked outside 7 Horselees Road would become an obstacle to us accessing our drive in this narrow section of the road. We feel that the introduction of the double yellow lines elsewhere will encourage drivers to park outside 7 Horselees Road
25	1		
26	1		not before time
36	1	1	I object to the proposed double yellow lines in The Street/Canterbury Road area of Boughton and Dunkirk. I think they would be detrimental to the semi-rural feel of the area. There are inadequate parking spaces for the recent and proposed new housing at Woodmans Hall and The Old Manor House developments. So unless off-road parking is suddenly provided, we can expect more vehicles to park here. If parking restrictions are imposed, maybe they could be relaxed during off-peak times? I also ask you to consider reducing the existing speed limit, particularly if double yellow lines are introduced. At the very least, the speed limit road markings on the road near The Dairy Restaurant should be reinstated as promised. What happened to the proposed traffic calming on Boughton Hill/Canterbury Road? Rather than parking restrictions, I should prefer traffic management systems for the Horselees Road and Staplestreet Road junctions with The Street. The speed limit de-restriction signs in Staplestreet Road are particularly confusing. They could be removed or repositioned, or the road could become part of a lower speed area extending the 30mph limit all through Boughton and Dunkirk.

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow Lines

Response	Support	Object	Comments
37	1		re the proposed double yellow lines in the Street, Horselees Road, Boughton/Dunkirk. I am sorry that I have not met your deadline for replying, but I have been on holiday for a month and only found your letters when I returned. I hope it is not too late for my views to be considered. I live at Horselees Road, and therefore know the problems of this area very well. I heartily support the scheme as you have described it - indeed I would carry the yellow lines a little further to include the front boundary of my property, and opposite to my house as well, up to and including the drives of these 2 properties - in other words just a little further than your map goes. The reason for this is that this is a very narrow stretch of road. With double yellow lines as you propose, more people are going to park in this area than do already. If anything does park here, often they park partly on the pavement, which makes it really dangerous for wheel and push chairs. or if they park entirely in the road, then large vehicles have problems passing. As it is, two cars driving in opposite directions rarely pass here, but give way so that a single car has all the carriageway. Again, I hope it is not too late for my ideas to be considered. Further to my recent mail, I should have said that the double lines be extended across the front of number 9 Horselees Road as well as 7 and 4, to the point where the drives of 4 and 9 are opposite each other.
Total	11	8	

Properties Consulted	28	% Response	67.9
No. returned	19	% Support	57.9
No. Support	11	% Object	42.1
No. Object	8		

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow LinesRESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A1	1		I totally agree to having the double yellow lines, I have to come out from my bungalow in Staplestreet, when the cars are parked on the left hand side going up Boughton Hill you cannot see if the road is clear and have to inch out. When traffic is parked both sides buses have a lot of problems going in both directions. People park right up to the corner of Staplestreet making it impossible to see if any traffic is coming from the Canterbury direction. I believe this to be an excellent and sensible proposal.
A2	1		Various comments - see e-mail
A3	1		Strongly support for safety reasons around the junctions. I frequently use the Staplestreet Road junction and when cars are parked opposite the Woodman's Hall development, the visibility of oncoming cars coming down Boughton Hill (often at speed) is blocked, or at best very restricted. In order to turn left to go in the direction of Canterbury, drivers coming out of Staplestreet Road are forced into the middle and right hand side of the road, into the path of oncoming traffic which they have not been able to see, due to a line of parked cars. My fear is that there is likely to be a serious accident. The other issue is one of speed. Some drivers come down the hill dangerously fast and often ignore the 30 mph speed limit as they enter the village.
A4	1		I support the double yellow lines. The cars parked there make it dangerous to pull out of Staplestreet.
A5	1		
A6	1		I live in Fernleigh Close and have to pull out onto The Street and it is impossible to see the traffic coming down the hill due to the parked cars near the bus stop. I feel this is extremely dangerous as lots of cars are not keeping to the speed limit when they come down the hill.

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow LinesRESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A7	1		The proposed yellow lines on Boughton Hill are a must as vehicles park between the bus stop and Staplestreet road causing visual problems on exiting Staplestreet road. Also when a bus is stopped opposite (in Faversham direction) only one vehicle width is available causing many near misses with cars unable to stop when realising that there is insufficient room to pass. Also vehicles exiting from horseless road find it difficult to judge when it is safe to exit. I have witnessed several near misses personally and consider it a must for the yellow lines
A8	1		I support the proposal to install double yellow lines. I have lived in Berkeley Close for 30 years and since cars have parked on the bottom of Boughton Hill it has been a hazard. I have nearly had 3 accidents coming out of Staplestreet.
A9	1		Various comments - see e-mail.
A10	1		I am writing to support the above proposal as the sightline turning out of Staplestreet Road onto Boughton Hill and The Street is severely restricted when cars are parked at this junction. Parking of cars in the vicinity of bus stops should not be allowed as a matter of course.
A11	1		The current situation with cars parking at the bottom of Boughton Hill is dangerous. I live in Berkeley Close, Dunkirk, and use this route to work daily.
A12	1		
A13	1		
A14	1		We live just around the corner and often use the junction from Staplestreet when traveling to Canterbury and on many occasions have been forced to negotiate parked cars that block the road and its especially dangerous when a bus has stopped opposite.
A15		1	I understand that you are proposing to place yellow lines on the roads near Woodmans Hall The Street Boughton under Blean Faversham Kent ME13 9BF. I regularly visit a family member in that building and I strongly object to the proposal of double yellow lines there. It is difficult to park near the building and by placing them there you will only make matters worse.
A16	1		I agree with the proposed yellow lines and would like to see them extended on the corner turning into Staplestreet Road by the gates leading into the orchard, as cars park by the gates as well.

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow LinesRESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A17		1	I've recently been made aware that parking restrictions will be put in place around Woodmans Hall. I clean the communal areas of Woodmans Hall Flats 1-4 and have to park along the Street. As I take my own equipment it will make it hard for me to continue to clean there as I would have to park further in the village which is already busy. Carrying a hoover and cleaning equipment would be hard for me. I would like to place on file that I objected to the proposed painting of the double yellow lines in that area.
A18		1	I wish to oppose the installation of double yellow lines to the above area. I have lived in the vicinity of the area for 5 years now and use the road on a daily commute and have yet to have any problems in navigating the roads safely. If there was a safety issue because of parked cars then everywhere in the country should be double yellow lines. I believe the money could be better spent on fixing the numerous potholes in the county.
A19	1		A very sensible proposal with the two buses parking. It has to be kept clear.
A20	1		
A21	1		
A22		1	If double yellow lines are installed then this will encourage parking in/on other neighbouring roads and eventually requests will be made for double yellow lines to be installed everywhere

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow LinesRESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A23		1	I feel that since the vehicles have been parking in the area at the bottom of Boughton Hill (the old A2) they have made this area safer. When no cars parked there traffic coming down Boughton Hill used to travel into the village at high speed, totally ignoring the speed limit into the village. I often saw vehicles doing this and it was very dangerous. Whizzing past the junctions and bus stops and ploughing into the village very fast. Now that cars park on one side of the road vehicles driving down the hill have to slow down to allow movement around these cars and I feel this is much safer. One can no longer speed down that hill and into the village with no regard to people's safety. If you paint yellow lines in this area you will see the return of such dangerous speeds hitting the residential area and the cars that area parked there now will only park either side of the new lines anyway. I feel that people you want the yellow lines only want them as they have to wait to get up the hill or slow when they come down it which I feel is a good thing. If you do paint yellow lines in this area may I suggest that you put some sleeping policemen bumps at the bottom of the hill so that vehicles cannot hit the village at high speed or make an island there with a white and red arrow sign giving priority to cars coming up the hill. This will remedy both problems. Yellow lines alone will just see the return of high speed back into the village.
A24	1		I come from Staplestreet Road and turn left to Canterbury. If there are many cars/vans it is difficult to get a good view before pulling out.
A25	1		
A26	1		We have been residents of Boughton and recently now Dunkirk for over 30 years. As drivers and pedestrians we also have been concerned for some time at the amount of vehicles parked in this area. Its always been a area that needs extra care when pulling out from Staplestreet and Horselees Road especially with the speed of some of the vehicles that drive down the hill. The vehicles that are parked at the bottom of the hill are yet another hazard for drivers, pedestrians and buses pulling out. Hoping this request will be acted on asap.
A27		1	If double yellow lines were introduced to this particular area, it would take away safe parking for visitors (such as myself) of the flats of Woodmans Hall.

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow LinesRESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A28		1	In regard to the parking restrictions you are proposing on The Street, Boughton-Under-Blean. Unfortunately I feel the need to inform you that I would have to object to the proposed yellow lines as it would restrict myself and others from visiting my family.
A29		1	I object to the proposal of installation of double yellow lines on the Street and Horselees Road in Boughton. It is just a minority of residents parking inconsiderately and there should be an alternative - maybe signage stating that parking is not allowed. I think it a shame as double yellow lines would look incongruous in this part of the village. I am a resident of Horselees Road and think it especially unnecessary to install lines in Horselees Road as it is rare for cars to be parked near the junction.
A30		1	Please find attached my objection to the suggestion of yellow lines at the junction of Horselees Road and The Street Boughton Under Blean. The council i am sure considered the proposals of this development fully before they granted the planning and never imposed any addition parking restrictions. Where would visitors park if this was put in place? Maybe further down the Street to exacerbate an already shortage of parking and Access.
A31	1		I am writing to strongly support the proposal to install double yellow lines. Cars parked in the vicinity are posing a danger to other road users and pedestrians, notably for school children crossing the road and for vehicles exiting Staplestreet Road, turning towards Canterbury.
A32		1	I am objecting to this proposal as I have an elderly disabled mother that needs to park there to be able to visit her grandson regularly.

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow Lines

RESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A33	1		<p>I am writing to fully support the proposal of yellow lines especially opposite horseless Rd just before the bus stop. Cars parking there are an absolute hazard. I live in Stoney Rd and every week day morning I take my eldest son to school in Selling. I also have my middle son up at the pre school at the top of the hill, so I use this stretch of road every day. As the Dawes Rd is closed I come out of Stoney Rd onto Dawes Rd then left onto Staplestreet Rd. I then turn left, which is directly where these lines are needed, and I take a right into horseless Rd and then go to Selling. When cars are parked just before the bus stop I can not see the junction at horseless Rd at all and often have to pull out blind. With my 3 young children in the car this is very stressful and I have had many near misses. Added to this if there are a few cars it causes a blind spot on the hill, I can see right up the hill but if they have already started to pass the cars they can't be seen. The other issue is if I have safely turned left onto The Street but cars are parked opposite horseless Rd I have to pull out around them and attempt to turn right into horseless Rd. If a car joins the junction once I have already begun to overtake the parked cars I often don't have room to safely turn right. This stretch is an a real nightmare. One day when the builders from the manor house project had all parked along there, from the corner right to the bus stop, I attempted to pull out and literally had a near miss 3 times. I was so shaken, as were my children, I called the police. It turns out they had already received lots of concerned calls that day and the local pscpo had to pay a visit to the builders and ask them to move. Please, we really need these lines!</p>
A34		1	<p>As a pensioner this would restrict visiting my family who live in Woodmans Hall.</p>
A35		1	<p>These would make it difficult to visit my family who live at woodmans Hall.</p>

Canterbury Road, Dunkirk - Proposed Double Yellow LinesRESPONSES TO ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS SENT OUT BY PARISH COUNCIL

Response	Support	Object	Comments
A36		1	I feel that the proposals are both unnecessary and would actually cause more problems, especially for those of us less mobile. Unfortunately, the parking behind flats at Woodmans Hall has no parking for visitors and it is therefore necessary to park in the Street. It is mainly in the evening when residents are home and traffic is lighter. Visitors and residents take great care not to block any drives or the bus stop. Any time that I have visited, there have not been any problems at all - the junctions are clear and visibility is not impaired and there is plenty of room to overtake any parked cars. The parking problems in the village are far more of a problem, but are overcome. Of far more concern to me is that this proposal is deemed to be something of a personal campaign by a Dunkirk councillor, who is loathe to accept the findings of investigations that have taken place by the Police.
A37	1		
A38	1		Parked cars limit vision when coming out of Staplestreet Road. Children going to the bus stop do not have a safe place to cross from the steps to the bus stop outside Woodmans Hall.
A39	1		I wish the whole of Horselees Road was being included.
A40	1		double yellow lines needed Staplestreet/Horselees. Dangerous crossing the road
A41	1		Problem since Woodmans Hall built
A42	1		Son at risk crossing The Street/Dunkirk Hill to catch bus. Vision blocked
A43	1		
A44	1		unable to see clearly from Staplestreet Rd out to Boughton hill or The Street
A45	1		
A46	1		
A47	1		Junction from Staplestreet Rd already difficult with parked cars obscuring view
A48	1		
A49	1		Yellow lines will improve road safety around junction
A50	1		should have been done when buildings were completed
A51	1		

ANNEX B.

Dear Sirs

RE: Objection to Proposed Double Yellow Lines: The Street/Canterbury Road Area, Boughton/Dunkirk

Further to your recent letter which I received at [redacted] regarding the proposed yellow lines, I would formally like to 'object to the proposal' for a number of reasons.

1. I currently have to park on The Street which has been included in the area to double yellow line. I live with my partner in a 2 bedroom property and only have one designated space to park in which means that I have no choice but to park on the road. If the road becomes double yellow lined then I would not be able to park my car.
2. The property was bought because it had plenty of on street parking, therefore, we're concerned that should double yellow lines be put in place then this would devalue the property and seems unfair given that we have been parking on the road for over a year with no issues.
3. The road coming from Canterbury/Dunkirk Hill is a 60mph road, which then drops to 40mph as you reach the junction for Horselees Road, however, cars often do not reduce their speed especially when there are no cars parked along The Street. When cars are parked on the road then cars do have to slow down which means that it is much safer especially as the speed should drop to 30mph once past the junction to Staplestreet Road.
4. There has not been one reported accident along where the Councillors wish to have double yellow lines. The issue is that a number of older people seem to have trouble pulling out of a junction, possible because they have reduced sight, even though no cars park on the junction side, where cars pull out of Horselees Road. Furthermore, for people pulling out of Staplestreet road they have no cars park within 20 meters of the junction on ether right/left handside. If they do turn left (where the cars are parked) they have the advantage of the Dunkirk Hill (Canterbury Road) and can see for ½ a mile if cars are coming down or pulling out of Horselees Road. Therefore, it is extremely easy for cars coming out to look up Dunkirk Hill (to the right) and down The Street (to the left) and have a clear vision.
5. Boughton-under-Blean village has a number of cars parked along the streets and opposite junctions and the village is fine with the amount of cars. It's no different at the top part of the village where the councillors wish for the double yellow lines, in fact it's better as the road becomes wider, therefore, if you look you can see that cars are parked on one side of the street, a bus can stop at the bus stop and a car can still overtake the bus, which could not happen in the main part of the village.
6. Should the double yellow lines be introduced then you will force cars to park more in the main village adding to their parking issues.
7. There is usually no more than 4 cars parked in the evening and 1-2 cars during the day, so it seems silly to have the expenses and upheaval of double yellow lines for a minority of complaints. Some people think it's hard pulling out of a junction, but like I say there has not been one accident in the whole time I have been parking there.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to voice my objection to the proposal of double yellow lines outside of my property Boughton Under Blean.

I feel that there is little to no need for the lines to be placed there, for the following reasons:

- The vast majority of the cars that have been parking there are workmen who have been working on the building site of The Manor House on Staplestreet just down the road. This building work has ceased now and the number of vehicles parked there has returned to minimal amounts.
- The road is wide enough to pass a parked vehicle whilst another vehicle is coming in the opposite direction, or a bus is parked in the bus stop. This section of the road in question is by far the widest part of the street, yet cars are allowed to park wherever they want throughout the rest of the village, even where they are in contradiction of rule 243 of the Highway code. The majority of the village is forced into single file traffic due to the extent of the parking, and often blocks when the A2 is closed and lorries come through the village.
- Residents of Woodmans hall use this area, legally and in conjunction with Rule 243 of the Highway code, and in consultation with the local PCSO, for their parking and their guests. It is other people (the temporary workforce on the building site) that have ben parking irresponsibly/illegally.
- If you place these yellow lines, people will park just beyond them up the hill on Canterbury Road. This will be a much worse parking position as it will force busses out onto the other side of the road as they are pulling off.

I feel that the only reason that this is deemed an issue and dangerous is the speed at which people pass my property along The Street. The hill down Canterbury Road is at national speed limit, and it changes to a 40 Mph zone about 100m before the junction to Horselees Road. This 40Mph zone stretches into the village.

It is clear to me that people do not take this 40Mph zone into account, and regularly speed past my property. Especially as they are doing 60 down the hill. The only reason people slow down into the village is due to the single file traffic and the parked vehicles.

I personally feel that this is the crux of this matter, this 40 Mph zone should not be there. It should be a 30 Mph, especially if you consider that the two bus stops are used by school children who regularly have to cross the road.

I think that the money and effort spent on the yellow lines would be much more beneficial if it were spent on speed calming measures as vehicles enter the village and the reduction of the 40Mph zone to 30Mph, with enforcements.

However, should you feel the need to still place yellow lines, I urge you to place them only where rule 243 of the Highway Code applies (I.E: Opposite and within 10 metres of the junctions). This will allow the responsible residents of Woodmans hall still park outside our properties, a luxury seemingly granted to the rest of Boughton Under Blean.

Dear Engineers,

I would like to register my objection to the proposed double yellow lines on The Street / Canterbury Road in Boughton-Under-Blean for the following reasons:

Restriction of Parking for Residents

The residents of this area of the village, including those in the Woodmans Hall would face a detrimental impact due to this restriction. Residents and visitors would have to park further into the village where it is already congested, some of these visitors are elderly and are unable to walk great distances. It appears that the residents that live on the widest part of the road, where cars can easily pass stopped buses and park cars, are being restricted for no good reason other than a minimal number of complaints to the council from residents of the village that do not live in the local vicinity. It is hypocritical that Dunkirk are proposing these restrictions yet their village has no such restrictions on the same width road, opposite or around junctions and bus stops, and are allowed to park their cars where they please.

Safety

If we exclude the temporary use of this area by the builders of The Orchard development to park due to acts of vandalism that has been committed to their cars and vans, the (1) cars that park in this area on an overnight basis acts as a speed calming measure for cars that insist on racing up and down the hill.

In my opinion there is no increased danger to other road users, or pedestrians that use this area than there is at any other point in the village. In fact, from a risk assessment perspective there is less risk in this area;

- 1) As the road is wider and has less cars parked.
- 2) As cars have a clear view both up and down the hill.
- 3) Cars exiting from Staplestreet have to pull out slowly as the turn is sharp and naturally force you out into the opposite side of the road.
- 4) There have been no accidents due to these cars parked there in the 2 years that they have.
- 5) Crossing points have been designed so that pedestrians have to cross Horseless Road, and then The Street. These crossing points are never obstructed and are always clearly visible.

PCSO

The wasted visits from the PCSO that you mention in your letter was due to the constant badgering by a parish councillor who should be focusing on better things. The PCSO met with us to talk about the issue, but was satisfied that no rules were being broken, and that the cars are parked perfectly within their rights. The PCSO did however inform the parish council of their findings and made a request not to be contacted again.

I feel that the parish council are now trying to alter the rules to impose their will onto the residents that they are supposed to represent. I would have to question the objectivity of the council in regard to this matter.

Thank you for registering my objection. I would like to request a copy of the final report mentioned in your letter.

Further to the communication I have received about the above I am glad to see that the need for double yellow lines in this area is finally being considered and I **support** this proposal.

I wrote to KCC Highways asking them to consider these back in October 2012 when the parking (on the areas now shown requiring double yellow lines) became problematic as a result of the Woodmans Hall development. Residents and visitors of this then new development had to start using these roads to park as there was insufficient parking allowed at the development.

The response to my request (Enquiry 49344) is shown in the email below. This response horrified and saddened me greatly – to think that injuries would have to be sustained before anything could be done – I would rather have seen any injuries prevented with the introduction of yellow lines than any potential injuries sustained (or fatalities) – hence my communication to KCC Highways in 2012.

I definitely agree with the parking restrictions shown and would actually like to see the double lines extended. It's near on impossible to see oncoming traffic to the left when I have to exit the track just before No.7 Horselees Road due to cars parking outside number 7 Horselees Road - half on this narrow road, half on the pavement - and with pedestrians advancing on the same side (only pavement on that part of the road).

**Planning permission for which was clearly passed with inadequate parking included.*

Dear

Thank you for your recent enquiry, requesting double yellow lines in Horselees Road. Kent County Council (KCC) receives many such requests every year. Due to substantial Government cut backs in funding, KCC cannot meet this demand from the available budget, and so has to carefully prioritise which improvements we can deliver and those we just cannot afford.

We will only progress new restrictions in a situation where there have been injury-related crashes within the last three years, of the type we would be addressing by implementing the works requested. We have no record of personal injury crashes in the vicinity that could have been prevented by the presence of parking restrictions, and therefore at this moment in time, we will not be able to meet your request. I am sorry that this is not the answer you were hoping for. As I am sure you can appreciate, KCC has to be fair and consistent in its approach to these issues across the County.

I would like to make you aware of the possibility of applying for a white access highlight marking. You can find out more via this link:

www.kent.gov.uk/roads_and_transport/highway_improvements/parking/nuisance_parking.aspx

Page not found - 404 - kent.gov.uk

www.kent.gov.uk

Sorry, the page you are looking for has not been found.

Yours sincerely

Traffic Engineer (Ashford & Swale)

KCC Highways and Transportation

Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD

Tel: 08458 247800

www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent letter outlining proposals for possible double yellow lines at the foot of Boughton Hill and in the region of its junctions with Staplestreet Road and Horselees Road.

We are the house owners of

Our house is | _ _ _ _ _ in the midst of the area under discussion.

We wish it to be put on record that we oppose the introduction of yellow lines in this area for the following reasons:

a. The so called 'problem' raised by local councillors has been **excessively overstated**.

- due to a large building development in Staplestreet (and the lack of enforcement by Swale Planning Dept) a number of builders and contractors parked in the affected area across a number of weeks during the bulk of the building work. At that time councillors quite rightly expressed concerns. However, during the past 3 weeks, there have been very few (at most 2/3 of these builders) vehicles parked. As the building development is now nearing completion it would seem both logical and likely to assume that even this parking will soon cease.

- there is one additional vehicle which is frequently parked on this stretch of road, though it is usually only there at off-peak (out of work) hours - it belongs to a resident of the Woodmans Hall development. There is insufficient parking available on the Woodmans Hall site (as flagged up to Swale planning at the time of the original development proposals) and the person in question has explored most of the local parking options to try and find a solution. In fact it was this person who involved the local PCSO to ask their advice about safe parking. They subsequently met with myself and local councillors to try and identify a possible solution to no avail. At this point in time, we are considering a possible arrangement between ourselves and this resident to supply him with an off road parking solution.

- my own, informal, observations of the parking in this area suggests that the problem (which was there) has diminished and continues to reduce.

- other areas of this village have considerably greater traffic/parking issues but seem not to draw the attention of elected representatives.

- there is no long term parking problem/issue here which necessitates the need or cost of the works being suggested.

b. Yellow lines around this area will be to the **detriment of the rural nature of this part of the village.**

c. Many parents/carers provide brief set-down or collection of their children or family members using the local bus service and use the post box. This contributes to the total level of community facilities for all villagers and local people hereabouts. **The addition of yellow lines here will contribute to the degradation and reduced usage of these local facilities (bus service/post box).** Furthermore, parents still wishing to drop or collect family members nearby are more likely to do so in more hazardous spots with lower visibility thus creating **greater danger/risk** to themselves and others. Overall, it will have **a negative impact on the community,**

In summary we object to this proposal for yellow lines and strongly advise that it be rejected.

We would appreciate an acknowledgement of this communication and trust that it will be taken into account within your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

Proposed Double Yellow Lines The Street/ Canterbury Road , Boughton

Further to the comments raised by [redacted] to Mike Knowles from the Engineering Department last week in respect of the inaccuracies depicted in the actual picture of the affected area, I would raise the following observations;

Where are cars supposed to park AS planning permission is granted for the erection of homes in this area when the only allocated parking is for 0.7 (planning guidelines) cars are not of Lego sized proportions..especially in family homes and it is a proven fact that the majority of homes have 2+ cars?

This seems a bit like taking action after the horse has bolted.... Instead of trying to impose restrictions retrospectively AFTER developments have been built how about giving due consideration to the possible problems BEFORE planning permission is granted?

WHERE would you like cars to park when there are more than 1 per household or when people are visiting the homes in this area Surely this proposal is shifting the problem rather than dealing with it?

Swale council have agreed to a development of 5 flats and 4 houses opposite Woodmans Hall.... This realistically could generate 18 more cars...Wouldn't it be much more realistic to have 4 houses and a car parking area to accommodate Woodmans Hall and this new development..... Wouldn't that be a lot more sensible... Or is that too much like common sense???

I agree that the proposal for Horselees Road makes sense from a safety aspect... But I don't see how making it double yellow lines down both sides of the Canterbury Road from the proposed diagram is realistic or viable... Where do the cars over the 1 car allowance from the flats and houses fronting Canterbury Road at Woodmans Hall, park?

I have never noticed the arrangements currently in place being abused?..... And would also add, tongue in cheek, that actually having a couple of cars parked opposite the Bus stop outside of Woodmans Hall prevents the road from being used as a racing track.. Which it surely would be with boy racers if there was a clear run!

I have no objections to reasonable houses being built in any suitable area however now the concrete tubes have been placed incorrectly, too high and not joined together, to enclose the natural culvert (in the site opposite Woodmans Hall) there is a small pond forming at the bottom of the plot (I take it when the proposed development is built - unless planning is

revoked- that pilling will be needed, with big machinery as witnessed over the road in the Staple street development, being required ?)

I would also add that at present the dustman cannot safely get a truck down the drive, double yellow lines may assist with this as it will be a necessity when the other properties are completed.

I have suggested to Mike that representatives come out here to see the actual issues rather than guess and send incorrectly addressed information to current home owners. I am willing to show you round to see the problems if you have the time?

I can also see, if the double yellow lines are implemented, that it may cause a build up of vehicles where people do not want to walk too far causing obstructions for emergency vehicles - however I am sure you have all thought about this and measured road widths on the adjoining roads. (I would be interested to see this data and a guarantee in writing from you that this, in the unfortunate event where lives are in danger, assurances can be given that earliest attendance would not be compromised).

Food for thought and I look forward to meeting you, please feel free to contact me at any time I have given Mike my contact details. However before a realistic decision can be made accurate information should be provided.



ANNEX B.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines & Bus Stand Wildish Road, Faversham

A request has been received from the Stagecoach Bus Company for a small section of double yellow lining to be installed in Wildish Road, Faversham, opposite the bus stop near Ivory Close, as shown on the plan overleaf.

The proposed restrictions are to tackle problems with vehicles parking opposite the bus stop, resulting in the road becoming obstructed when buses are present at the stop, regularly for periods of several minutes. As well as the installation of double yellow lines, the proposals include the marking of a Bus Stand at the location of the bus stop.

I would be most grateful to receive your views as to whether you would support or object to the proposals, so that this feedback can be reported back to the Joint Transportation Board for further consideration. Please note that direct, individual responses will not be sent out in response to each questionnaire. At the end of the consultation a report on feedback will be compiled and this will be available on request.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to Swale Borough Council Engineering Services, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT before **Friday 5th February 2016**. Alternatively you can e-mail your comments to us at engineers@swale.gov.uk

A space has also been provided to allow you to add any further comments you may have.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines & Bus Stand – Wildish Road, Faversham

Please tick one of the following boxes

I Support the proposal to install double yellow lines and a Bus Stand

I Object to the proposal

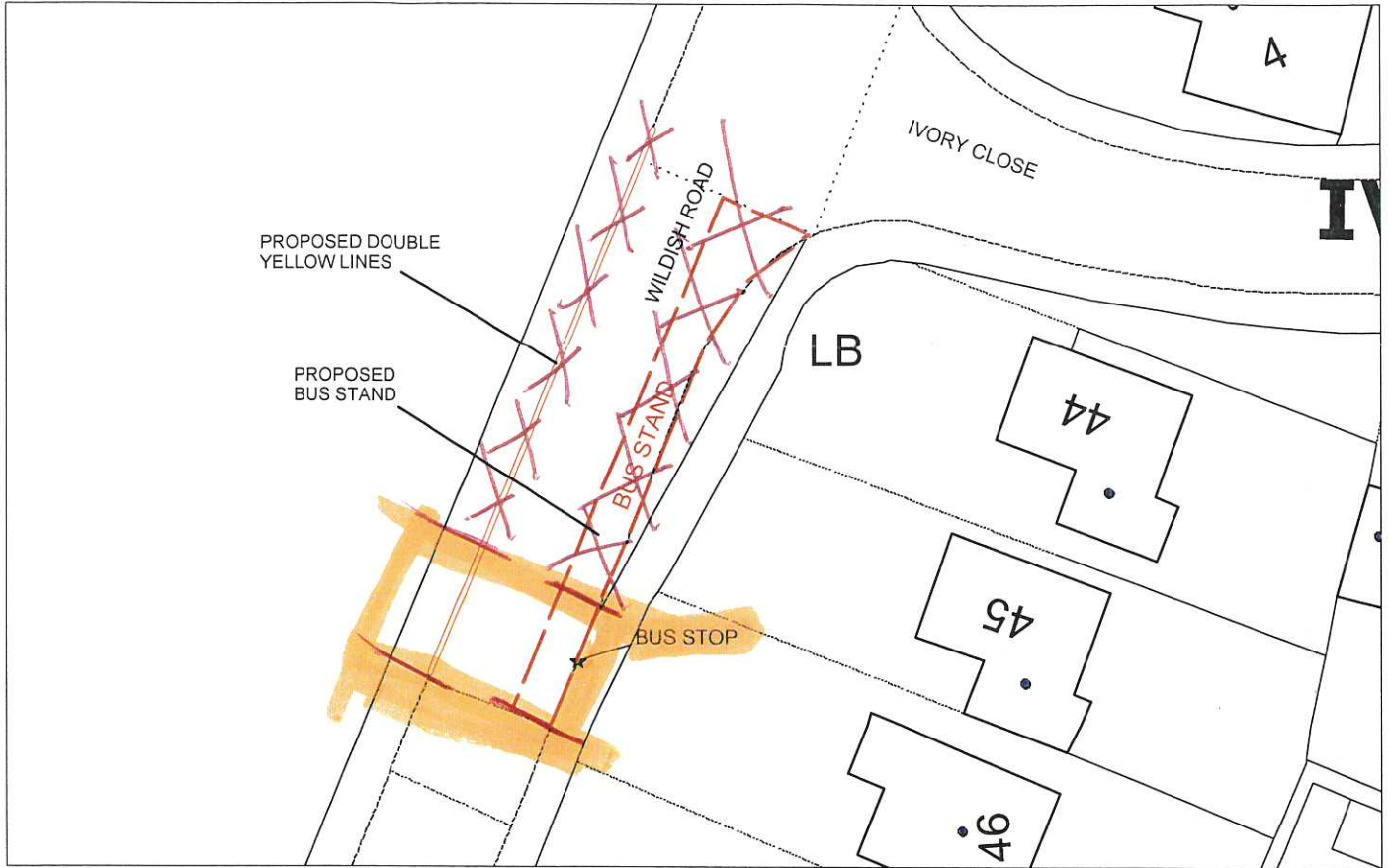
Name & Address	Comments
	WE OBJECT FULLY TO THE BUS STAND AT WILDISH ROAD, AS THIS WILL IMPACT ON OUR PROPERTY

The information supplied will only be used in conjunction with this proposal, and used for geographical analysis purposes only

PROPERTY

5

Plan of Proposed Double Yellow Lines and Bus Stand



Swale Borough Council
Engineering Services
Swale House
East Street
Sittingbourne
Kent
ME10 3HT

31st January 2016

Re: Proposed Bus Stand at Wildish Road, Faversham

We as residence of the immediate surrounding area object to the above, as the proposed restrictions do not tackle the real problems occurring and only distort them.

The fact is that this small local road is being used on a daily basis by the Stagecoach Bus Company to park up to three Buses for several minutes each – causing obstructions and view restrictions for cars using Ivory Close and Wildish Road.

Photographic evidence enclosed

My understanding of the term Bus Stop is for One Bus to stop, load and off load passengers and move on.

To have several Buses sitting empty and stationary with engines running daily from 7.08am outside our houses, is not only a public noise nuisance but also an environmental health issue.

These issues have been reported to the Stagecoach Bus Company and related Bus drivers on numerous occasions.

I therefore completely reject their request and your proposed diagram indicating an expansion from existing Bus Stop for single bus, to proposed Bus Stand exceeding the length of 3 Detached Houses.







Proposed Double Yellow Lines & Bus Stand Wildish Road, Faversham

A request has been received from the Stagecoach Bus Company for a small section of double yellow lining to be installed in Wildish Road, Faversham, opposite the bus stop near Ivory Close, as shown on the plan overleaf.

The proposed restrictions are to tackle problems with vehicles parking opposite the bus stop, resulting in the road becoming obstructed when buses are present at the stop, regularly for periods of several minutes. As well as the installation of double yellow lines, the proposals include the marking of a Bus Stand at the location of the bus stop.

I would be most grateful to receive your views as to whether you would support or object to the proposals, so that this feedback can be reported back to the Joint Transportation Board for further consideration. Please note that direct, individual responses will not be sent out in response to each questionnaire. At the end of the consultation a report on feedback will be compiled and this will be available on request.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to Swale Borough Council Engineering Services, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT before **Friday 5th February 2016**. Alternatively you can e-mail your comments to us at engineers@swale.gov.uk

A space has also been provided to allow you to add any further comments you may have.

Proposed Double Yellow Lines & Bus Stand – Wildish Road, Faversham

Please tick one of the following boxes

I Support the proposal to install double yellow lines and a Bus Stand



I Object to the proposal

Name & Address	Comments
	COMMENTS IN EMAIL.

The information supplied will only be used in conjunction with this proposal, and used for geographical analysis purposes only

10

Friday 5th February 2016

Good Morning

I just wish to raise an Formal objection to the "Proposed Double Yellow Lines and Bus Stand Wildish Road Faversham" the area in question has been blighted by inconsiderate people parking who are patrons of the West Faversham Community Centre and this has occurred on numerous occasions since the opening of new community centre with insufficient car parking requirements or space allocated for the patrons to park whilst using the centre, the Local Sainsbury's opposite have agreed for the centre to use their car park but the patrons choose to park in wildish road and restrict access to the road and the residents as well during those times can't park outside their own houses.

I would suggest that the Community centre itself engages in a better regime of ensuring that their patrons do park in Sainsbury's when the community centre car park is full.

Having double yellow lines placed opposite the bus stand will affect ordinary people who use the local park and pay area for their children and would cause them to park elsewhere and the risk to children in this case would increase and could result in a fatality occurring as a result of Double Yellow lines installed at this location. Another reason for objection of Double Yellow Lines would be the policing of them as the council did confirm that their service don't come out this far from the town, so people would still part there.

A Bus stand with a box would be good idea in that area on that LHS of the road which would be good to identify the area for the buses and could be the same in size to the previous bus stop in Bysingwood Road opposite Sainsbury's itself but not Double Yellow Lines

We even have patrons that use the centre actually park their cars part on the Path even thou Sainsbury car park in nearly empty (picture 444 shows this and was taken this week you can see vehicle parked by the Bus stop on the left and the car in the picture parked on the path, there are worst cases which I have other pictures) and this relentlessly restricts Disabled persons in wheel chairs being unable to get past offending parked vehicles on the path and also affected Mums with push chairs/Prams and young children who have to negotiate the road itself to get past those inconsiderate vehicle parkers whom can't be bothered to park elsewhere such as Sainsbury's. This has been reported on many occasion to the centre by the resident and me included but they don't seem to be worried and has been also reported to the police but they only attend when they have time and when they can spare officers.

The best option is for the Community Centre to expand the car park to a sufficient level so that there is enough room for the Patrons/Users of the centre to park correctly and in accordance with the use of the building and without obstructing Wildish Road and those many council tax paying residents of the Ivory Close estate (numbers 1-47) and off course the local Bus operators.

The council in the opinion of the majority of the ivory Close residents has always appeared to be on the side of the West Faversham Community Centre, members of the centre are also involved in SBC business and Faversham Town Council and its running of and this in terms of working relationships between the centre and the council could be construed as being viewed as a conflict of interest pertaining to issues not being addressed in a correct and efficient manner.

