

Joint Transportation Board – 7 March 2011

*The Kent County Council (East Malling Parking Plan – In the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling
(Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking)
(Amendment No 4) Order 2011*

The East Malling Parking Plan

Table of Representations

Date Notices Erected on site: 19 January 2011
Notice Published in Kent on Sunday 23 January 2011
End of Public Consultation Period 14 February 2011

General Responses from Statutory Consultees	
Kent Police	Kent Police have no objections or specific observation to make
Kent Fire & Rescue	No Response
KCC Public Transport reps	No Response
KCC	
County Councillors	No Response
Borough Councillors	No Response
Kent Ambulance Service	No Response
Freight Transport Association/ Road Haulage Association	No Response
AA	No Response
RAC	No Response
Other Consultees	
The Mallings School	No Response
Woodlands Childrens Centre	Objection
St James Primary School	No response
Mrs B's Day Nursery	Objection
Arriva	No response
Nu-Venture	No response
Southeastern Trains	No response
Objections	9 - of which 3 relate to the proposed operation of the car park
Comments	4
Letters of Support	3

Abbreviations:

DYL = double yellow lines (waiting prohibited at any time)

SYL = single yellow lines (various day time waiting restrictions)

Location	Objections	Comments	Letters of Support	Recommendation
Church Walk		1) Request to confirm there is adequate protection of pinch points at either end of Church Walk		Advised that previous comments on this matter had been taken on board Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised
Lavender Road		1) Insufficient information on Street Notice to understand what is happening		Advised to check documents on deposit or web site and contact again if any queries Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised
Mill Street	1) Concern that the Parking Plan Proposals were not revealed in property search last December when buying property 2) Whilst residents enjoy parking o/s property near j/w Middle Mill Road, Need to remove parking in this area as it creates a danger for drivers travelling west and have caused countless accidents	1) Would like to see parking removed from first section of Mill Street westwards to No 21 2) Would like to see 1 st 6 permit parking spaces moved to northern side of Mill Street to improve visibility 3) Would like to see introduction of more DYL on raised table top at junction with Cottenham Close		Objector advised that East Malling Parking Plan proposals were not subject to declaration when householder conducted the search in December 2010. They are not yet at a stage of “approved but not yet implemented”. There are no recorded crashes for Middle Mill Road junction on the Kent Police/KCC data base for the 3 years preceding September 2010 Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised and monitor operation of proposed parking bays or transferred parking in unprotected areas.

<p>The Rocks Road</p>	<p>1) Objects to introduction of restrictions on and around the junction with Gilletts Lane where residents park their cars. Extended SYL will cause drivers to transfer and park in the narrow section of the road and cause obstruction</p>	<p>1)There are on-street parking areas in Rocks Close and Rocks Road which should be left unrestricted for commuters to park</p>	<p>Advised that drivers should not be parking cars on or around the junction with Gilletts Lane The proposed restrictions in these areas are in response to local concerns about all day parking by commuters</p> <p>It is difficult to determine how many commuters will choose to transfer parking further up the hill and into the narrow section of The Rocks Road. We will monitor the level of transfer and if necessary, take appropriate action to deal with persistent obstruction</p> <p>Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised and monitor this site for transferred parking</p>
<p>Chapman Way</p>	<p>1)Childrens Centre Manager - Objects as concerned that restrictions will compromise the operation of the various services and facilities offered to children and families. Consider the proposals will create a danger to under 5s using the driveway to the school and centre and would like the council to build them a car park for clients</p>		<p>Advised that parking is only to be restricted where vehicles present a danger to other road users including around the access points to Primary School and Childrens Centre</p> <p>The lack of off road parking at the Childrens centre is not sufficient justification to allow dangerous parking to continue, on bus stops, access points or around junctions and bends.</p> <p>All day parking generated by staff at the Centre and Nursery can be encouraged in the nearby free public car park in Twisden Road which is a short walk away leaving roadside space for clients</p>

	<p>2) Nursery Proprietor - not been consulted nor mentioned at meetings with other users of St James Centre Will affect 80% of parents dropping off at day care centre Detrimental to children and staff as will make it impossible to operate a viable business</p> <p>3) Maidstone & Malling Twins Club - do not want the proposals approved as their members will have no place to park and they will have to close, will no longer be able to offer support to parents of twins Reconsider proposals until such time as alternate parking can be provided for parents</p>			<p>and visitors until such time as the on site parking arrangements can be improved</p> <p>Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised</p>
<p>Rocks Close</p>			<p>1)Support the proposals to control commuter parking and protect junctions and sight lines 2)Approve proposals for</p>	<p>Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised</p>

			parking	
High Street		1)Query: - times of SYL extent of existing restrictions where the residents will be able to park	1)Support removal of parking on bend	
Stickens Lane	1)Proposals do not go far enough to deal with potential transfer of parking from Mill St and Pub			There is no evidence that this is happening at the moment that can justify the need to introduce additional restrictions in this area. Parking Plans are re assessed after they have been in place for 18 months. This site would need to be monitored so It a persistent problem occurred, adjustments could be made to ensure the Plan remained as effective as possible Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised and monitor this site for transferred parking
Middle Mill Road	1) Amendments to existing DYL needed to cover o/s 18/20 and junction to deal with potential transfer of parking from surrounding area			Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised and monitor this site for transferred parking
Cottenham Close			Support the extension of the DYL – existing need repainting and enforcing	Recommendation – Proceed with proposals as advertised and monitor this site

<p>General/Misc</p>	<p>1) Duplicitous to advertise Highway Order and Car Park Order separately</p>	<p>1)Can existing DYL be renewed and where possible be in keeping with conservation status 2)Concerns about the lack of enforcement for any new proposals</p>		<p>Objector advised the highway TRO needs to be in place first to protect vulnerable roadside parking opportunities prior to displacement of vehicles when controls are introduced in the car park.</p> <p>Wherever possible conservation grade new restrictions will be installed</p> <p>Enforcement patrols will be in place for different times and on different days</p>
<p>Car Park</p>	<p>1) Objects to plans for car park as it disadvantages commuters. Notice does not mention car park The only free car park on this main line. The car park does not cope with demand; Residents have been particularly obstructive and park badly. Useful to park in when trains do not run and commuters can park and car share to Swanley. Not maintained properly Needs CCTV and extra spaces with cycle parking. Displaced commuters will cause more congestion</p>	<p>1) Why no CCTV in car park Can permit scheme apply to a private access road</p> <p>2) Support the principles but consider the season ticket allocation will be oversubscribed. Can preferential allocation of season tickets be given to residents of East Malling who need to drive to the station</p>		<p>Advised - objections to proposed management of the car park does not cover the proposal details in the Order so cannot be considered at this stage. Can be re submitted when the Car Park Order is formally advertised.</p> <p>Charging and permit legislation applies to private roads at the discretion of the Street Manager</p> <p>East Malling Parish Council asked to consider policy on permit allocation to be included in the Order for the Car Park</p>

	<p>on roads near Barming and Kings Hill 6 – 8 additional spaces can be made in car park and another 4 for small cars Season ticket provision is not enough Do not believe the figures presented for overnight parking are correct should be 4 – 6 instead of 8 - 12</p> <p>2) Objects to having to pay to park in the car park – charges will force many out of employment in London</p> <p>3) Plans will have no effect on congestion Will drive people away and reduce house prices Objects to proposals to pay to use car park Never problem in car park Surrounding roads and verges will become congested if pushed out of car park</p> <p>4) Car park is crucial to some commuters who</p>			
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	cannot afford the fees of West Malling car parks and will close the station down and dissuade visitors to East Malling			
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A Petition dated 11 February was received on 17 February.

The petition contains 107 signatures and is organised by the KCC Network Manager for the Malling Childrens' Centre.

The petition is entitled **"We the undersigned are concerned citizens who urge out leaders to act now and to revise the parking restrictions to continue to allow access to Woodlands Childrens Centre, St James the Great Community Centre, Mrs B's Nursery and St James the Great Family Centre. The proposed restrictions will severely hinder our access to the essential services provided by these organisations"**

The Petition has been acknowledged