TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

28 September 2015

Report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision Recommendation to Borough Cabinet – Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 PARKING ACTION PLAN

Summary

This report updates Members on the phased approach to on-street parking management with a focus on the work in progress in relation to Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Borough Council has adopted a phased approach to the introduction and modification of parking management within the Borough. Areas within the Borough that have been highlighted by residents, Parish Councils, businesses and local Members as having parking issues are added throughout the year to a parking action plan which allows a systematic and measured approach to the investigation and delivery of any parking restrictions.
- 1.1.2 In considering the review of parking restrictions careful consideration is given to highway legislation, statutory requirements for consultation and the views of residents. The process follows a standardised approach which has served us well in recent years:-
 - initial proposals circulated to local Members
 - informal consultation with residents
 - report to Joint Transportation Board on responses
 - formal consultation
 - report to Joint Transportation Board on unresolved issues
- 1.1.3 The Parking Team has recently undergone significant reorganisation following the retirement of the Parking Manager and Chief Engineer. The Parking Team is now located in Technical Services working within the Leisure, Street Scene and Technical Services directorate.
- 1.1.4 Andy Bracey has joined us as the new Parking Manager reporting to Andy Edwards the Head of Technical Services.

1.1.5 In addition the Parking Team has been moved from Tonbridge Castle to the offices at Kings Hill. This has allowed us to more flexibly manage the deployment of staff used to carry out effective enforcement.

1.2 Introduction

- 1.2.1 The Borough Council's approach to on-street parking management has been divided into phases so economies of scale can be applied and work is delivered in a timely manner.
- 1.2.2 In some locations where the parking issues are more complex, we will need to adopt a more in-depth and focussed review of parking. Experience shows that these areas do take longer to progress than those sites with the more straight forward issues.
- 1.2.3 In the Parking Action Plan report to the March 2015 meeting of this Board a number of locations were identified for inclusion within Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan. Some of these areas were identified as being better suited for a more in-depth review of the parking.
- 1.2.4 Since that report we have had the opportunity to look at the issues arising at each of the locations previously identified and where appropriate we have drawn up initial proposals to take forward for informal consultation.
- 1.2.5 From an initial list of over 90 locations, the following list of 72 locations were considered appropriate to progress and take forward proposals;

Ref	Town	Ward	Location
1	Addington	Downs & Mereworth	Mill House Lane
2	Aylesford	Aylesford North & Walderslade	Rochester Road (o/s No.29)
3	Aylesford	Aylesford South	Hall Road and The Avenue
4	Aylesford		The Hawthorns and The Avenue
5	Aylesford (Blue Bell Hill)	Aylesford North & Walderslade	Maidstone Road
6	Aylesford (Blue Bell Hill)		Old Chatham Road (access to industrial estate)
7	Aylesford (Blue Bell Hill)		Robin Hood Lane
8	Aylesford) Walderslade)		Tunbury Avenue
9	Borough Green	Borough Green & Long Mill	A227 Western Road
10	Borough Green		Fairfield Road
11	Borough Green		Fairfield Road 2
12	Borough Green		Griggs Way
13	Borough Green		High Street
14	Borough Green		Quarry Hill Road

Ref	Town	Ward	Location
15	Borough Green		Quarry Hill Road and Rock Road
16	Borough Green		Station Road
17	Borough Green		The Close
18	Borough Green		Borough Green Road
19	East Malling	East Malling	Twisden Road
20	East Peckham	Hadlow & East Peckham	Chidley Cross Road, Pound Lane and
			Church Lane
21	Larkfield	Larkfield North	Lunsford Lane (south of Leybourne Way)
22	Larkfield	Larkfield South	Briar Close
23	Larkfield		Kingfisher Road and Heron Road
24	Larkfield		Kingfisher Road, Swallow Road and Woodpecker Road
39	Larkfield		Lunsford Lane (verge)
25	Larkfield		Martin Square
26	Larkfield		Willow Road and Lunsford Lane
27	Leybourne	West Malling & Leybourne	Baywell
28	Mereworth	Downs & Mereworth	Butcher's Lane (Herne Pound)
29	Platt	Borough Green & Long Mill	A25 Maidstone Road and Grange Road
30	Platt		Grange Road and Long Mill Lane
31	Platt		Wrotham Heath
32	Ryarsh	Downs & Mereworth	A20 London Road South side
33	Snodland	Snodland East & Ham Hill	Cantium Place
34	Snodland		High Street and May Street
35	Snodland	Snodland West &	Birling Road (between Roberts Road
		Holborough Lakes	and Recreation Avenue)
\vdash	Snodland		Charles Close
37	Tonbridge	Cage Green	Howard Drive and Norwich Avenue
	Tonbridge Tonbridge	Castle	Salisbury Close and Salisbury Road Ashburnham Road
		Castle	
40	Tonbridge Tonbridge		Chiltern Way & Yardley Park Road The Haydens & Haydens Mews
42	Tonbridge		Welland Road
	Tonbridge	Higham	Hunt Road
43	Tonbridge	i iigiiaiii	Martin Hardie Way
45	Tonbridge	Judd	Area D permit re-zoning
46	Tonbridge	Judu	Avebury Avenue (western end)
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47 48	Tonbridge Tonbridge		Avebury Avenue and River Lawn Road Barden Park Road and Nelson Avenue
49	Tonbridge		Barden Road - near Norfolk Road
50	Tonbridge		Barden Road - near Northcote Road
51	Tonbridge		Cromer Street
52	Tonbridge		Holford Street and Danvers Road
	Tonbridge		Lower Hayesden Lane (Country Park entrance)
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Ref	Town	Ward	Location
55	Tonbridge	Medway	Angel Lane
56	Tonbridge		Church Street
57	Tonbridge		East Street
58	Tonbridge		Lodge Oak Lane
59	Tonbridge		Medway Wharf Road
60	Tonbridge		Mill Lane and Mill Crescent
61	Tonbridge		Mitre Court
62	Tonbridge		Royal Avenue
63	Tonbridge		Vale Rise
64	Tonbridge		Whitefriars Wharf
65	Tonbridge	Trench	Medina Road
66	Tonbridge	Vauxhall	Deakin Leas
67	Tonbridge		Hilltop and Treetops
68	Tonbridge		The Drive
69	West Malling	West Malling & Leybourne	Offham Road (Parking Review area)
70	Wrotham	Wrotham, Ightham &	High Street
71	Wrotham	Stansted	Kemsing Road and Randall Hill Road
72	Wrotham		St Marys Road

1.2.6. Proposals for each of the areas, along with a summary which includes the origin of the request and the issues involved are attached in Annex 1.

1.3 Areas and locations not included

1.3.1 During the analysis of the areas, there were several locations where we have recommended that no further action is taken, or where the proposals should be delayed or form part of a separate review. A summary of those locations follows;

Town	Location	Action
East Malling	Reeves Court and Garner Drive	No further action as no problem observed and no further reports.
Hadlow	Twyford Road	No action, as new restrictions would make the parking situation worse and the resident was advised they could consider creating their own off-street facility.
Hildenborough	B245 Parking opposite café and relocation of bus stop	
Hildenborough	Church Lane / Riding Lane junction	
Hildenborough	Church Road	
Hildenborough	Lower Street	Undertake to a separate review of

Hildenborough	Lower Street and Rings Hill	
Hildenborough	Mount Pleasant / Riding Lane junction	
Hildenborough	Noble Tree Road	
Hildenborough	Philpots Lane	
Hildenborough	Woodview Crescent / Brookmead	
Kings Hill	Discovery Drive (School Keep Clear)	Undertake to a separate review of Kings
Kings Hill	Francis Lane	Hill
Kings Hill	Hazen Road & Woodford Grove	
Tonbridge	Turner Road	Disabled bay removal was requested, but is still required.
Tonbridge	College Avenue	Already progressed in Phase 7
Tonbridge	Scott Road	No longer required due to redevelopment
Tonbridge	Botany	Deferred, pending outcome of Tonbridge High Street scheme
Tonbridge	Priory Road (disabled bay)	Disabled bay removal was requested, but is still required.
West Malling	Norman Road (Parking Review area)	Informal consultation on proposals already undertaken

- 1.3.2 It was apparent that the parking issues in Hildenborough and Kings Hill would be better managed as part of discrete parking reviews which would follow a separate timescale. These areas are discussed later in this report.
- 1.3.3 For one location, The Botany, Tonbridge the proposal is to delay a review of the site until the High Street works are complete. This area is going to be subject to significant changes and the issues raised may well be covered or resolved by the improvements.

2 INFORMAL CONSULTATION

- 2.1.1 Subject to Member comment at the Board it is proposed that the 72 sites and associated proposals should now be taken forward to informal consultation. This will involve local residents in discussions about the proposals so we are able to shape the design to reflect their comments prior to a statutory consultation process later this year.
- 2.1.2 These proposals will join the parking proposals for West Malling that have already been agreed after informal consultation through the West Malling Parking Review Steering Group.
- 2.1.3 Royal Avenue (Vauxhall Ward, Tonbridge) has already been through informal consultation as part of Phase 7 but due to complications it will be re-included as part of Phase 8.
- 2.1.4 The responses to the informal consultation will be reported to the November 2015 meeting of this Board, prior to formal consultation.

3 AREAS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SEPARATE PARKING REVIEWS

3.1 Hildenborough

- 3.1.1 Along with the locations that had been suggested for investigation in Hildenborough, the Parish Council has received a petition from residents (see letter from Parish Council at Annex 2), requesting a permit parking scheme be considered for the Mount Pleasant and Half Moon Lane area.
- 3.1.2 The petition was signed by 36 members of the public, representing 23 separate properties across the following roads;
 - 18 properties in Mount Pleasant
 - 2 properties in Half Moon Lane
 - 1 property in Riding Lane
 - 1 property in Church Road
 - 1 property in Greenview Crescent
- 3.1.3 Following the receipt of the petition, an initial assessment of the requested area was carried out, and it was evident that a permit parking scheme may not have the desired effect as it was likely to restrict parking further than that already available. The Borough Council's response is included at Annex 3.
- 3.1.4 Taking into account the petition and the requests for other interventions at other locations, it is felt appropriate to take parking in Hildenborough forward as a separate parking review.

3.2 Kings Hill

- 3.2.1 The parking issues to be investigated in Kings Hill are tied-in with the continued development of the Kings Hill estate, and the associated adoption of the roads by Kent County Council.
- 3.2.2 Some of the parking issues relate to the principles of the design, and introducing restrictions to some areas may have knock-on effects to other areas that may remain private, or may be offered for adoption in the future.
- 3.2.3 We have had a number of cases where Kent County Council has adopted roads that have significant parking issues. When this happens the responsibility for resolving the issues falls generally to the Borough Council.
- 3.2.4 With these issues in mind the Borough Council is in liaison with Kent County Council and Liberty Property Trust (who manage the un-adopted roads on the estate) regarding the development of appropriate protocols for existing adopted roads, roads that are to be offered for adoption, roads that remain private and roads that have yet to be constructed.

3.2.5 Once the protocols have been developed we can then consider a review of the parking issues on the adopted roads in Kings Hill, and an ongoing process for considering new road designs and areas offered for adoption.

3.3 Hadlow

- 3.3.1 We are continuing to monitor the parking in Hadlow High Street with a view to developing some options to facilitate the turnover of the short-stay parking.
- 3.3.2 We will be meeting with local Members and the Parish Council early in the 2016 to agree the extent of the review and to explore the options available for the areas of concerns that are identified.

4 FUTURE ITERATIONS OF THE PARKING ACTION PLAN

- 4.1.1 The Parking Action Plan has developed over time as part of an iterative process, and will be continuing into Phase 9.
- 4.1.2 A list of locations for Phase 9 has not yet been compiled, but will be presented to the Board at a later date, where the future scope of the Parking Action Plan will also be discussed.

5 OTHER ISSUES

5.1 Legal Implications

5.1.1 The on-street parking service is undertaken by the Borough Council on behalf of Kent County Council under the terms of a formal legal agreement.

5.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

5.2.1 Funding to implement works associated with the parking action plan is provided within existing approved Borough Council Budgets.

5.3 Risk Assessment

- 5.3.1 The assessment and consultation process applied to parking management should provide the assurance that the Borough Council has the will and ability to adapt the Parking Plans, in the light of comment and circumstances and to ensure that it achieves a best balance of local parking needs. A regular review of the schemes is crucial to ensure that we can correctly and effectively manage on-street parking in these areas as the proposals are either introduced for safety reasons or to provide a more appropriate balance of parking needs.
- 5.3.2 A major risk is that scheme proposals encounter significant lack of local support. This risk is mitigated by the considerable effort devoted to ensuring there is widespread consultation on proposals through two stages of informal consultation before any formal stage of consultation is reached. There is also care given to ensuring that schemes are adjusted and adapted in the light of comments and

observations received from the local community, without compromising safety or the Council's commitment to deal appropriately with identified safety concerns.

5.4 Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.4.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.
- 5.4.2 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1.1 It is RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that:-
 - the way forward outlined in the report with regard to Phase 8 of the Parking Action Plan be agreed
 - ii) separate parking reviews for Hildenborough and Kings Hill be progressed

Background papers:

contact: Andy Bracey
Parking Manager

Annex 1 - Summary sheets and plans (for each location for consultation)
Annex 2 - Hildenborough petition
Annex 3 - Response to petition

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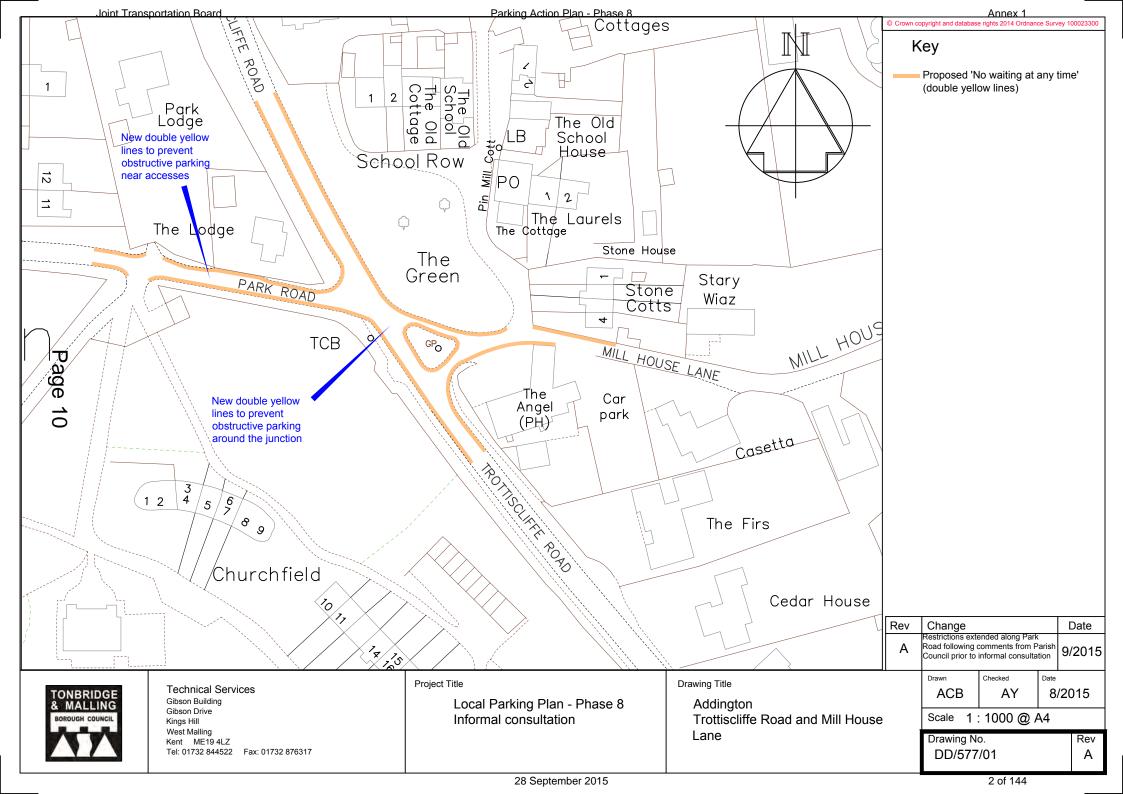
Location reference	Phase 8 - 1
Town	Addington
Ward	Downs & Mereworth
Road / Area	Mill House Lane
File Ref	OSP-06
Requested by	Addington Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/1/A

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction and near accesses.

Issue

Obstructive parking around the junction causes traffic conflict, and residents of Park Road have reported problems with parking near accesses.



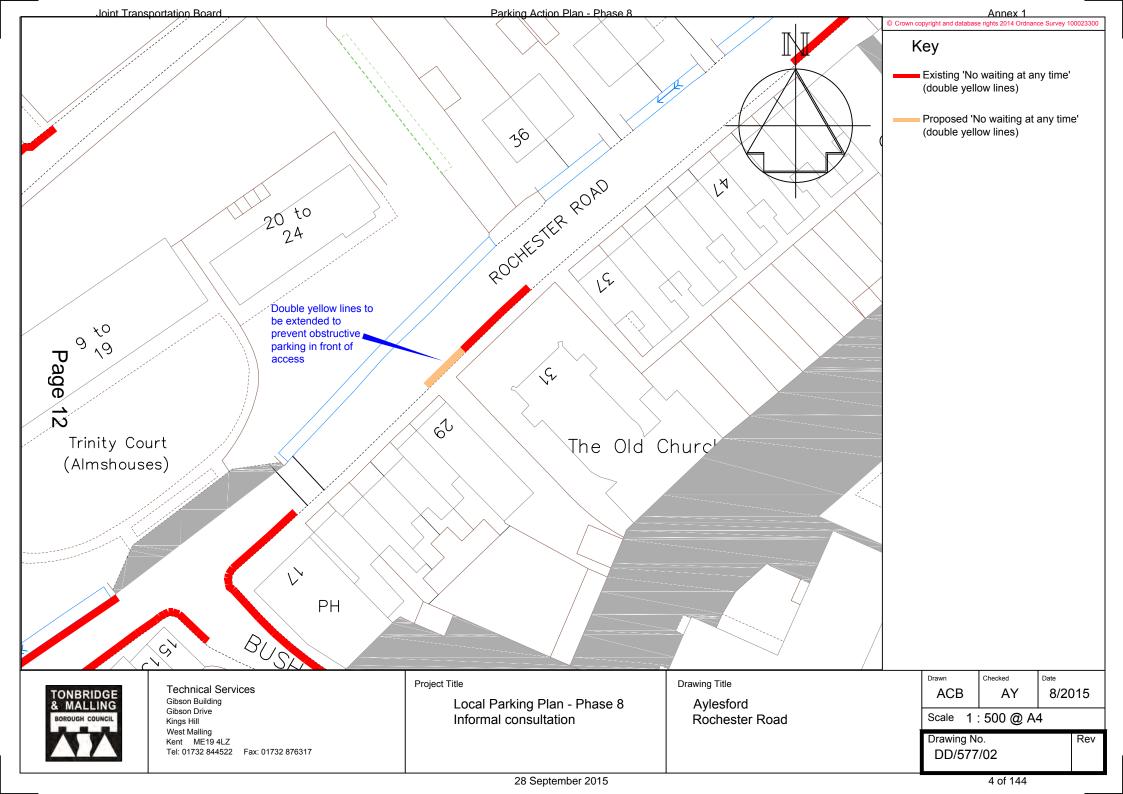
Location reference	Phase 8 - 2
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Rochester Road (o/s No.29)
File Ref	OSP-07
Requested by	Local resident & Cllr Balcombe
Plan reference:	DD/577/2

Summary

New double yellow lines in front of access.

Issue

Obstructive parking around the access to No.29 causes problems for the residents.



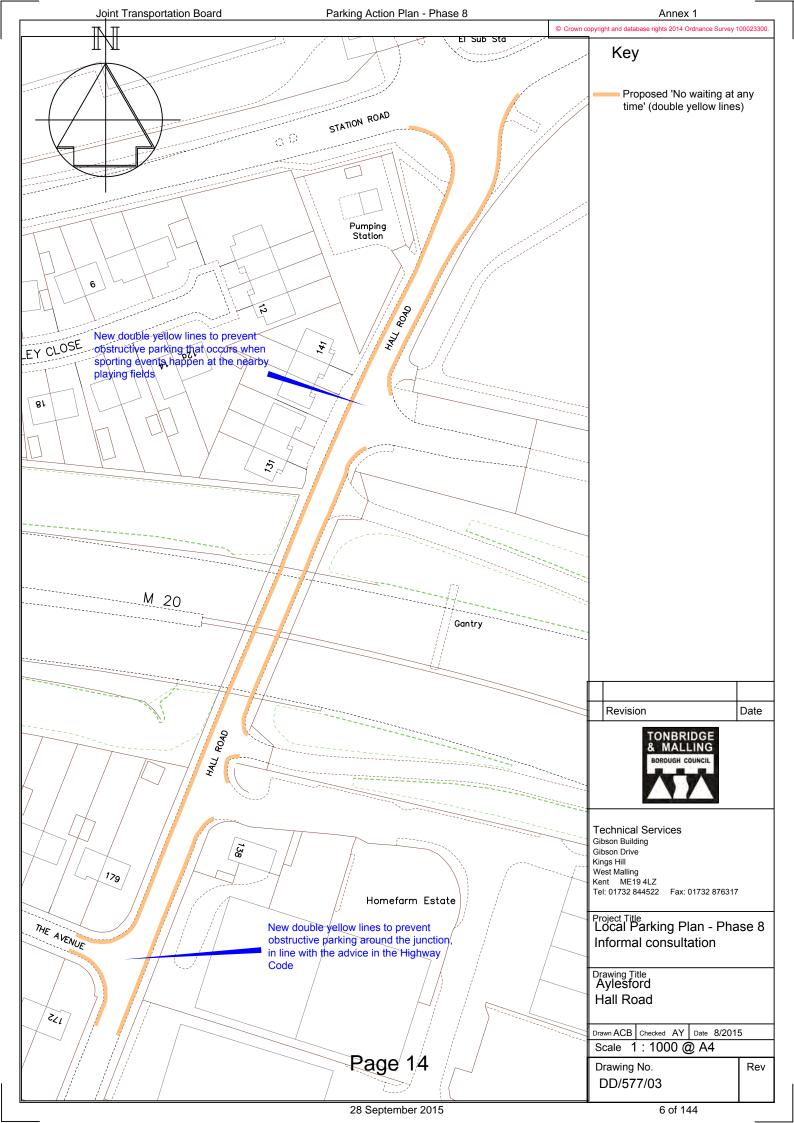
Location reference	Phase 8 - 3
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford South
Road / Area	Hall Road and The Avenue
File Ref	OSP-07
Requested by	Cllr Smith
Plan reference:	DD/577/3

Summary

New double yellow lines around junctions.

Issue

Obstructive parking around the junctions and parking associated with nearby sporting events.



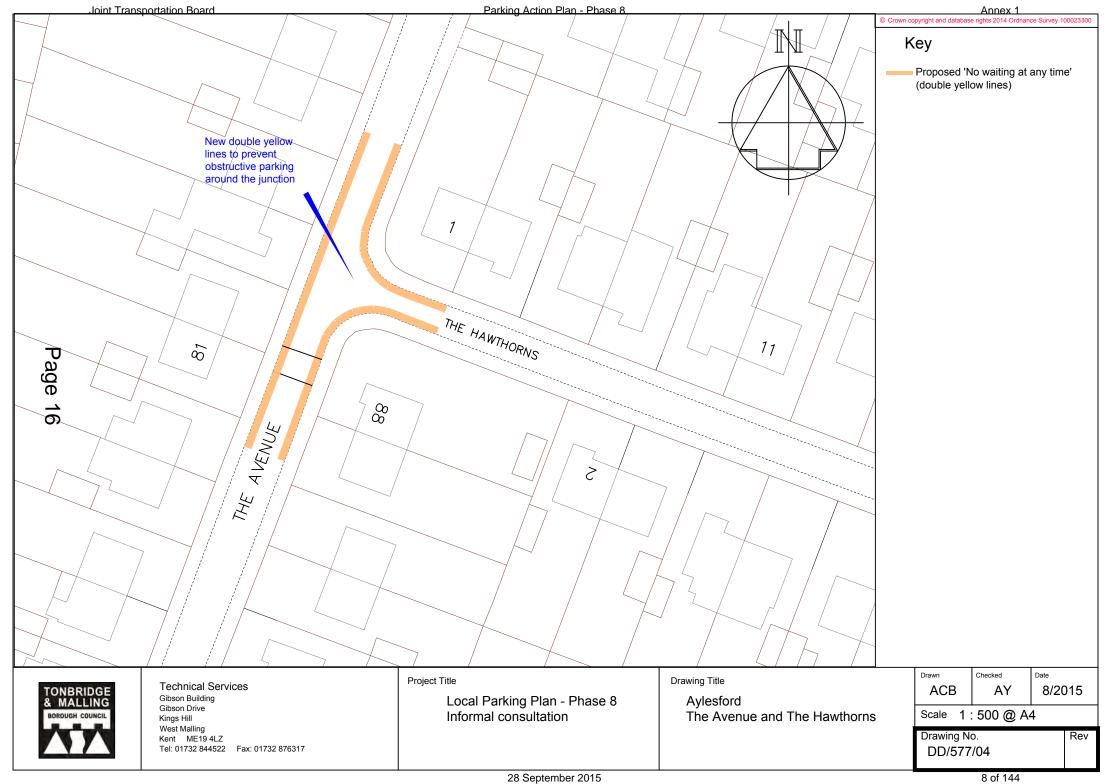
Location reference	Phase 8 - 4
Town	Aylesford
Ward	Aylesford South
Road / Area	The Hawthorns and The Avenue
File Ref	OSP-07
Requested by	Cllr Smith
Plan reference:	DD/577/4

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

Obstructive parking around the junction causes traffic conflict.



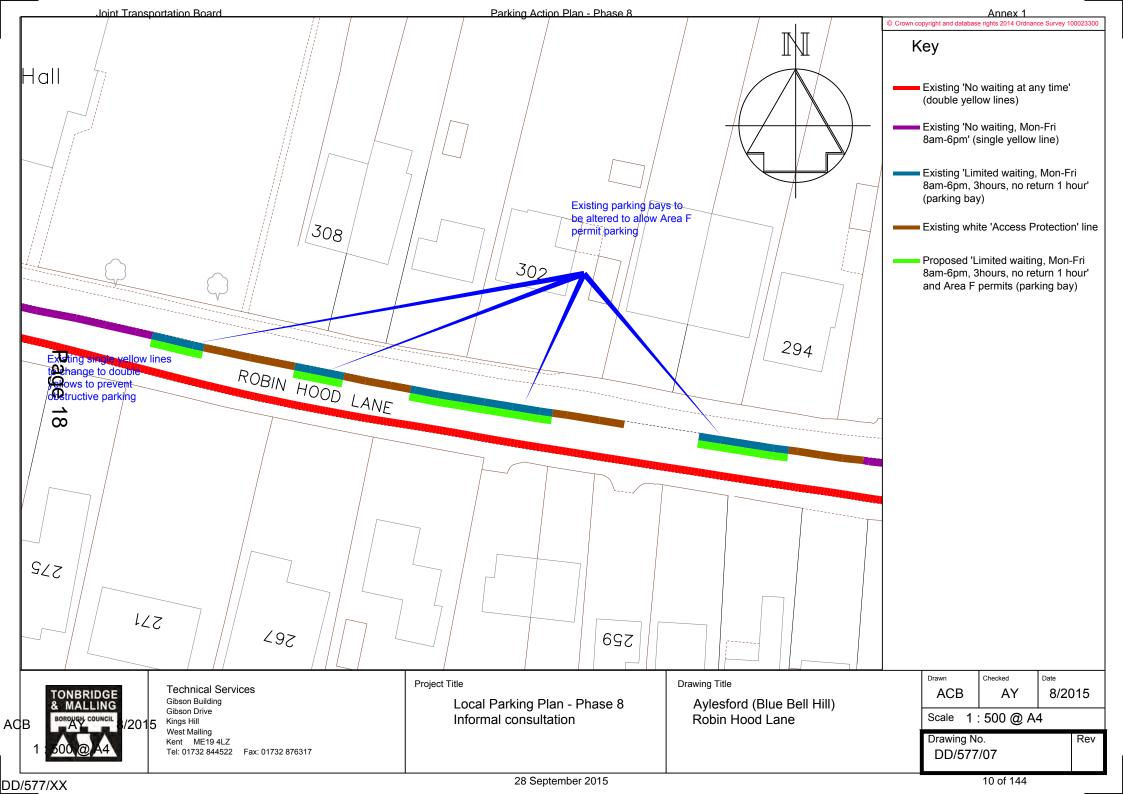
Location reference	Phase 8 - 5
Town	Aylesford (Blue Bell Hill)
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Maidstone Road (adjustment to parking bays for new access)
File Ref	OSP-09
Requested by	Developer
Plan reference:	DD/577/5

Summary

Changes to parking bays and double yellow lines.

Issue

New property accesses require the adjustment of existing parking bays



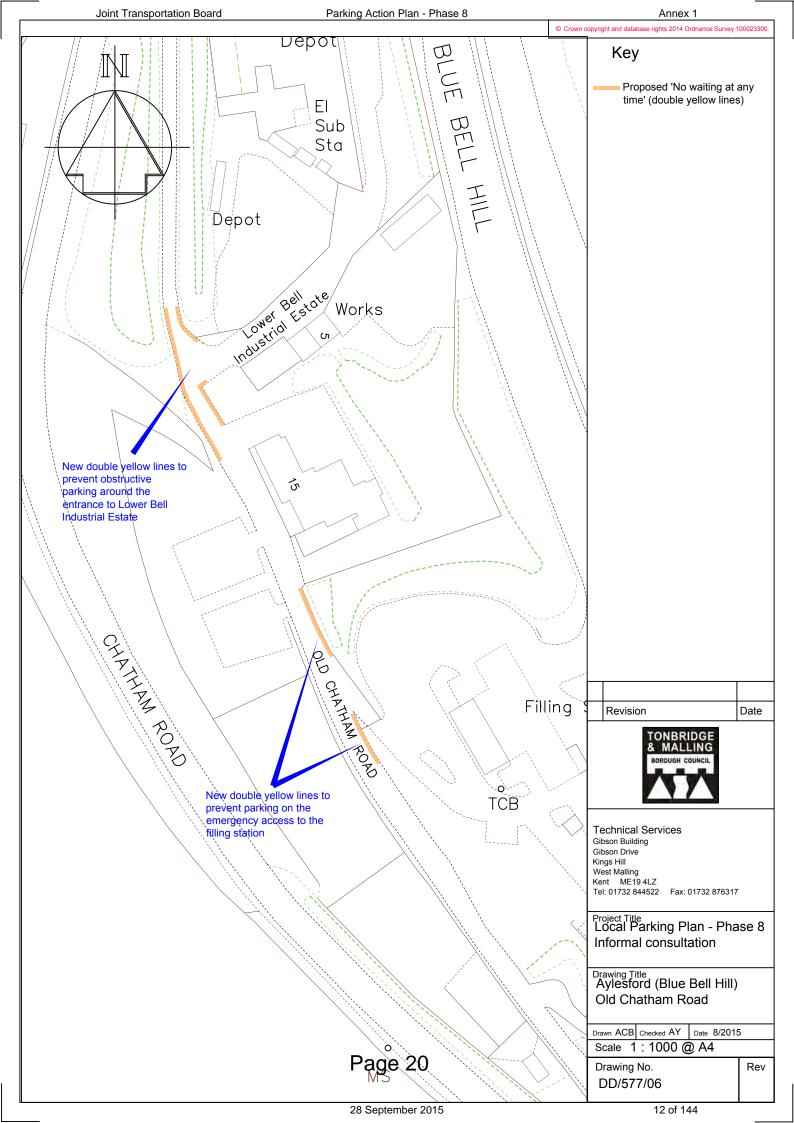
Location reference	Phase 8 - 6
Town	Aylesford (Blue Bell Hill)
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Old Chatham Road (access to industrial estate)
File Ref	OSP-09
Requested by	Local landowner (Mr Sandford)
Plan reference:	DD/577/6

Summary

New double yellow lines around junctions.

Issue

Obstructive parking is preventing access to the commercial premises on the industrial estate and also blocks emergency access / egress at the rear of the filling station.



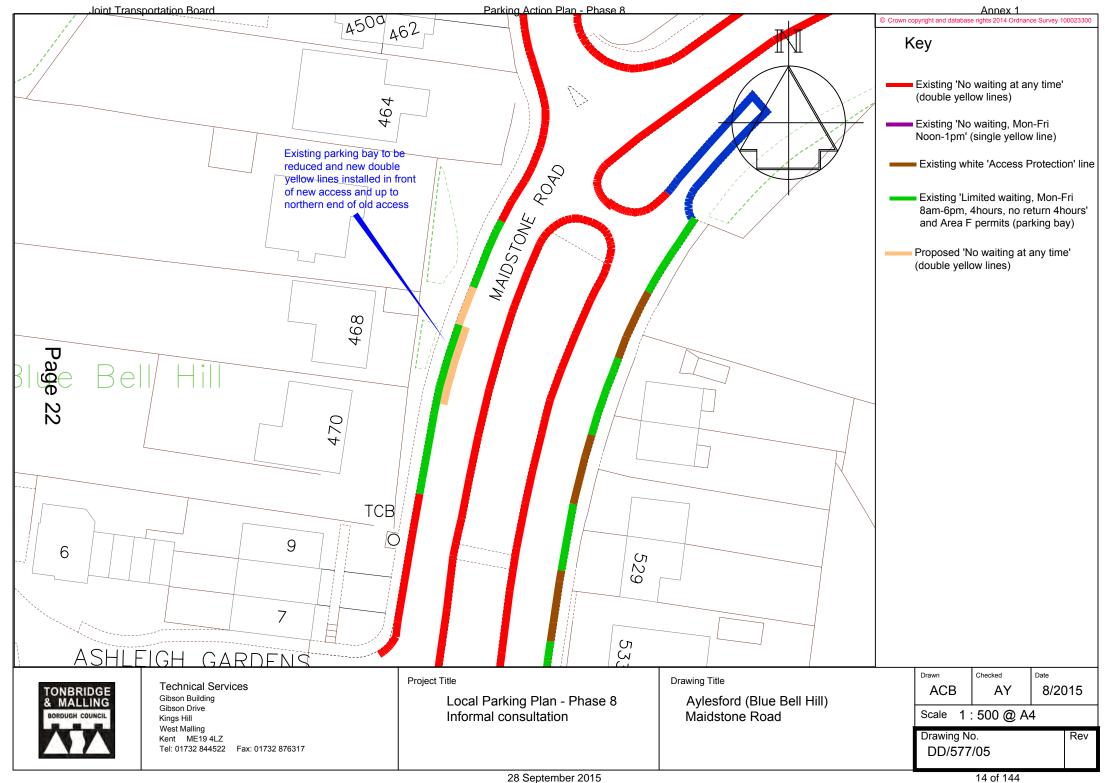
Location reference	Phase 8 - 7
Town	Aylesford (Blue Bell Hill)
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Robin Hood Lane - request from Cllr Sullivan to consider RPP local to
	308
File Ref	OSP-09
Requested by	Cllr Sullivan
Plan reference:	DD/577/7

Summary

Changes to parking bays to allow all-day permit parking.

Issue

Local residents have asked for the facility to park all day on the road, using parking permits.



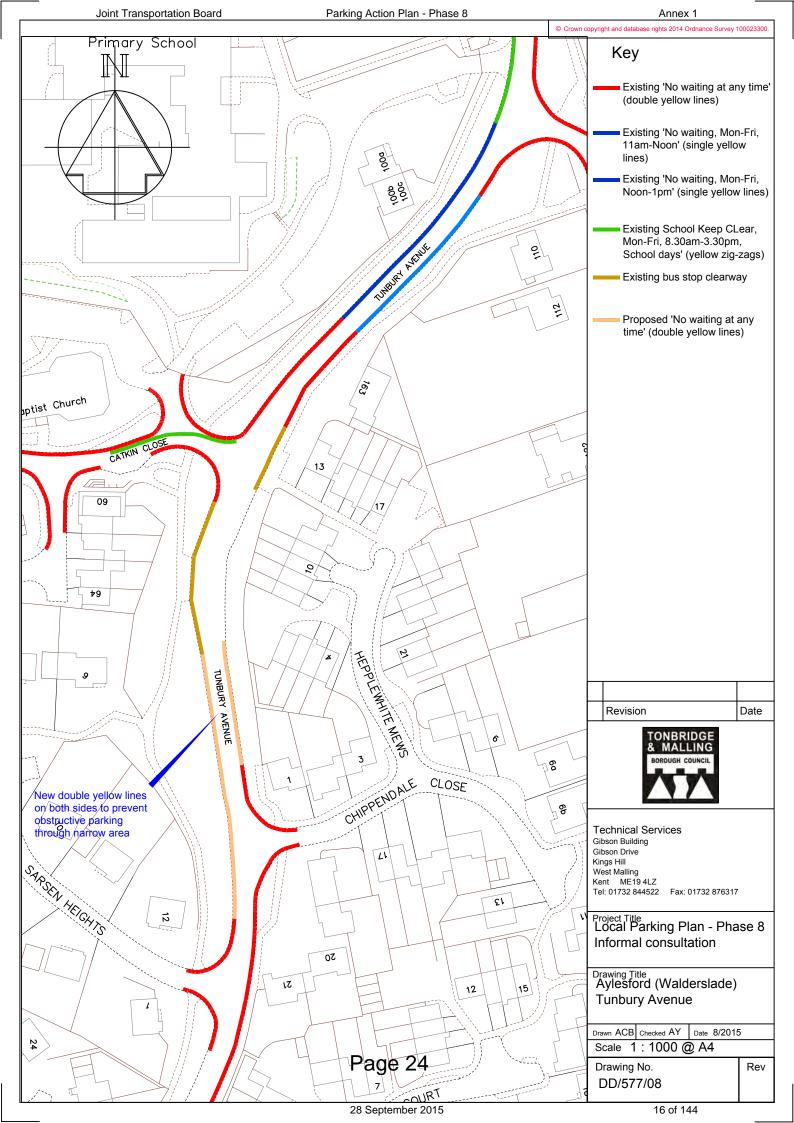
Location reference	Phase 8 - 8
Town	Aylesford (Walderslade)
Ward	Aylesford North & Walderslade
Road / Area	Tunbury Avenue (parent parking and obstruction issues)
File Ref	OSP-09
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/8

Summary

New double yellow lines to prevent bus route obstruction.

Issue

Local residents have reported problems with obstructive parking on Tunbury Avenue associated with school traffic that affects the bus route.



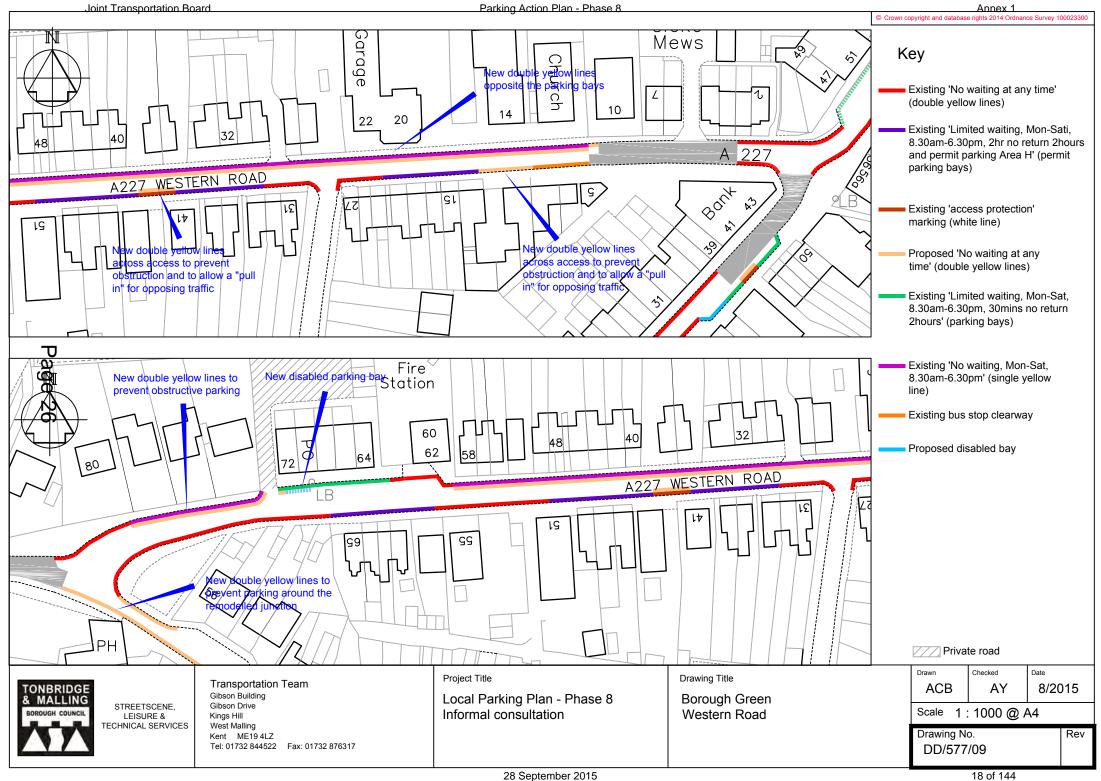
Location reference	Phase 8 - 9
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	A227 Western Road
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Cllr Taylor
Plan reference:	DD/577/9

Summary

Update of restrictions to prevent obstruction and new disabled bay.

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There has been a request for a new disabled bay near the shops and the update of restrictions to prevent obstruction and ease traffic flow.



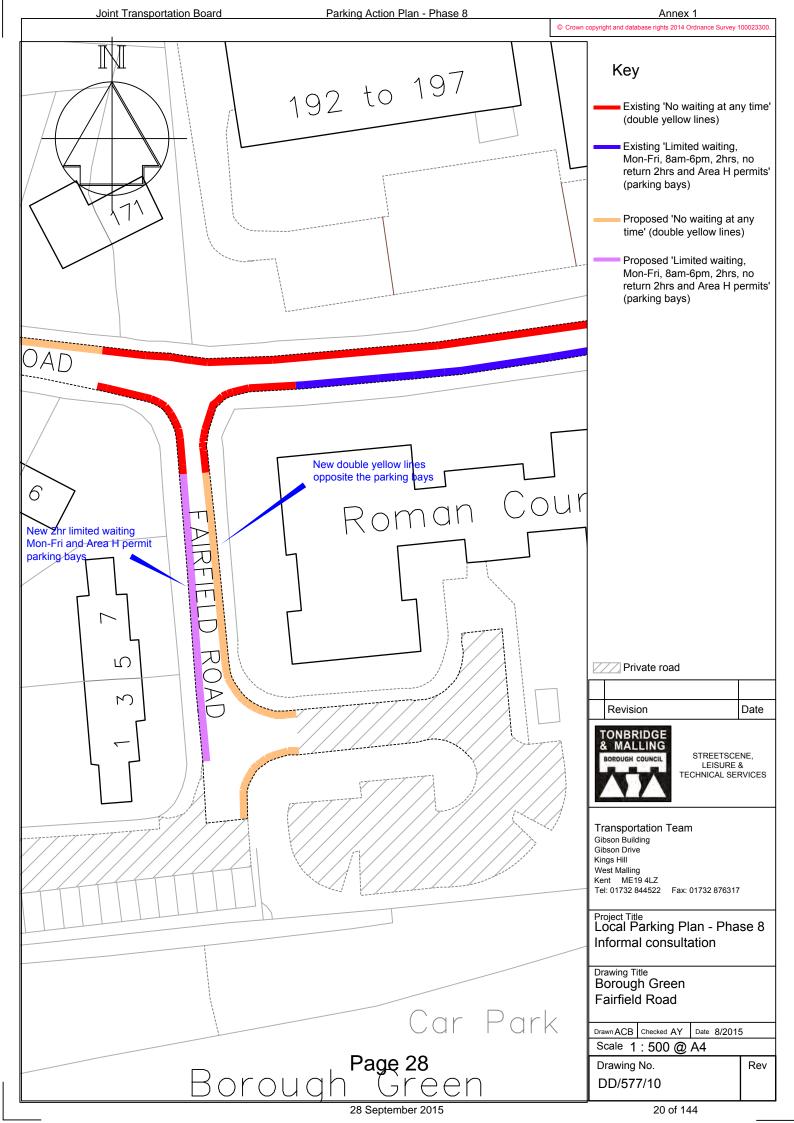
Location reference	Phase 8 - 10
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Fairfield Road
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/10

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction and new permit parking bays.

Issue

Obstructive parking is causing problems.



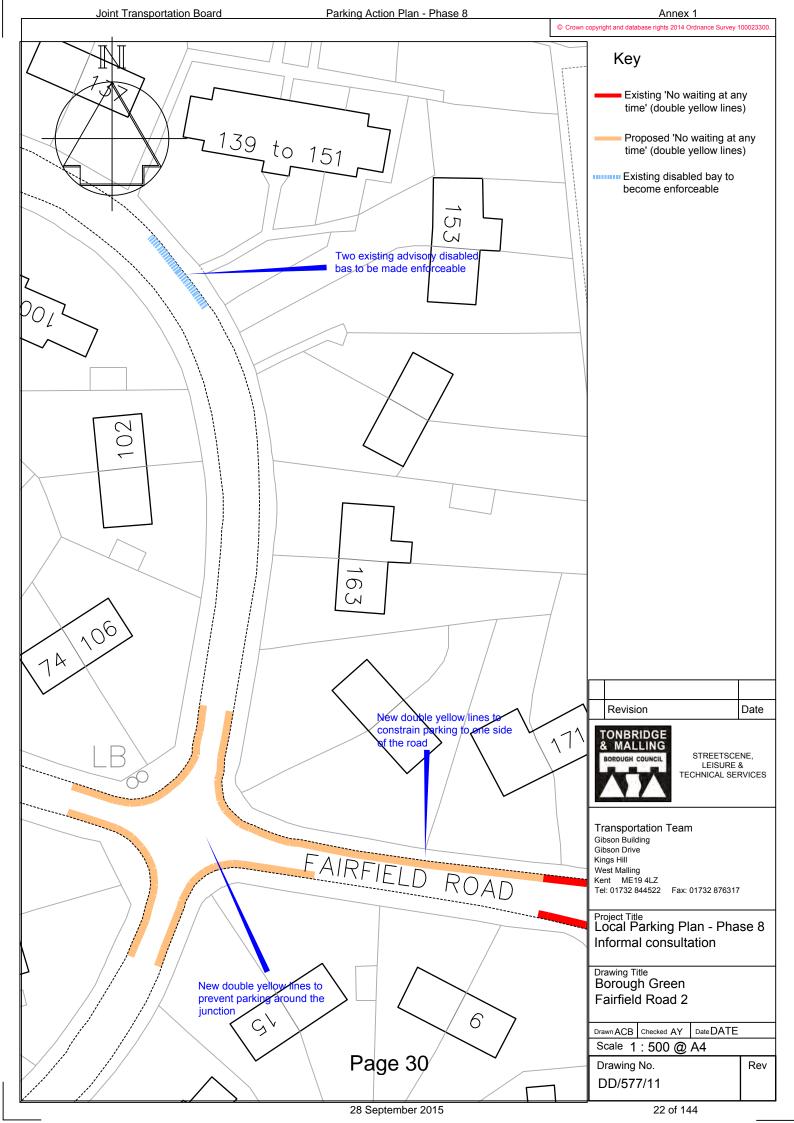
Location reference	Phase 8 - 11
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Fairfield Road 2
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/11

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction and making existing disabled parking bays enforceable.

Issue

Obstructive parking is causing problems, and residents would like the existing advisory disabled bays made enforceable.



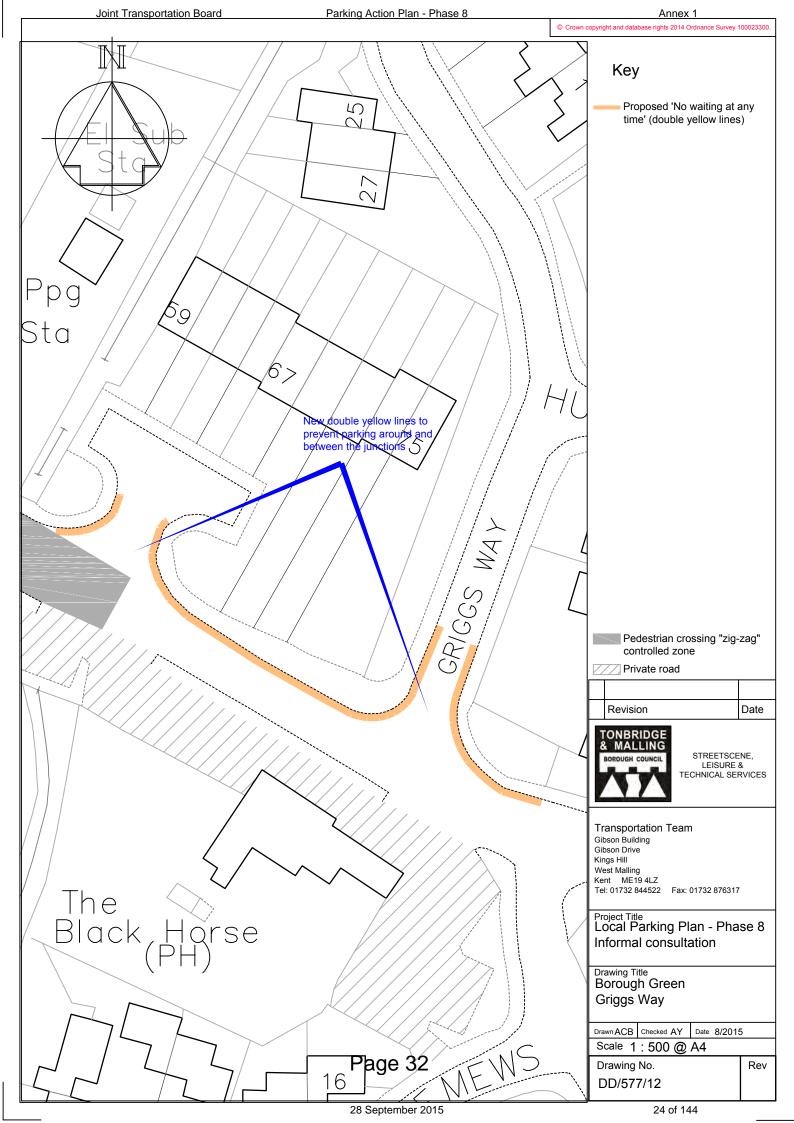
Location reference	Phase 8 - 12
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Griggs Way
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Cllr Taylor
Plan reference:	DD/577/12

Summary

New double yellow lines around junctions.

Issue

There have been reports of obstructive parking around the junctions.



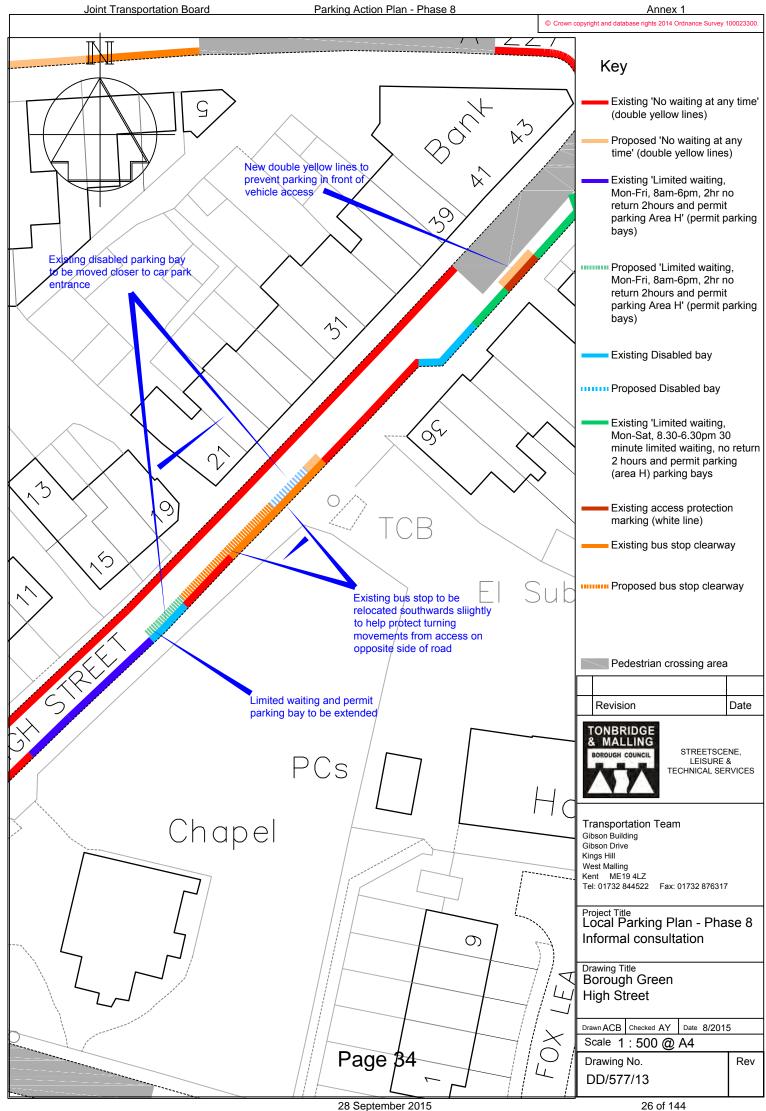
Location reference	Phase 8 - 13
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	High Street
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/13

Summary

Re-arrangement of existing disabled parking and bus stop to prevent obstruction.

Issue

There have been reports of problems exiting nearby properties, and buses have had problems accessing the bus stop, hence a re-arrangement of existing parking restrictions to prevent obstructive parking.



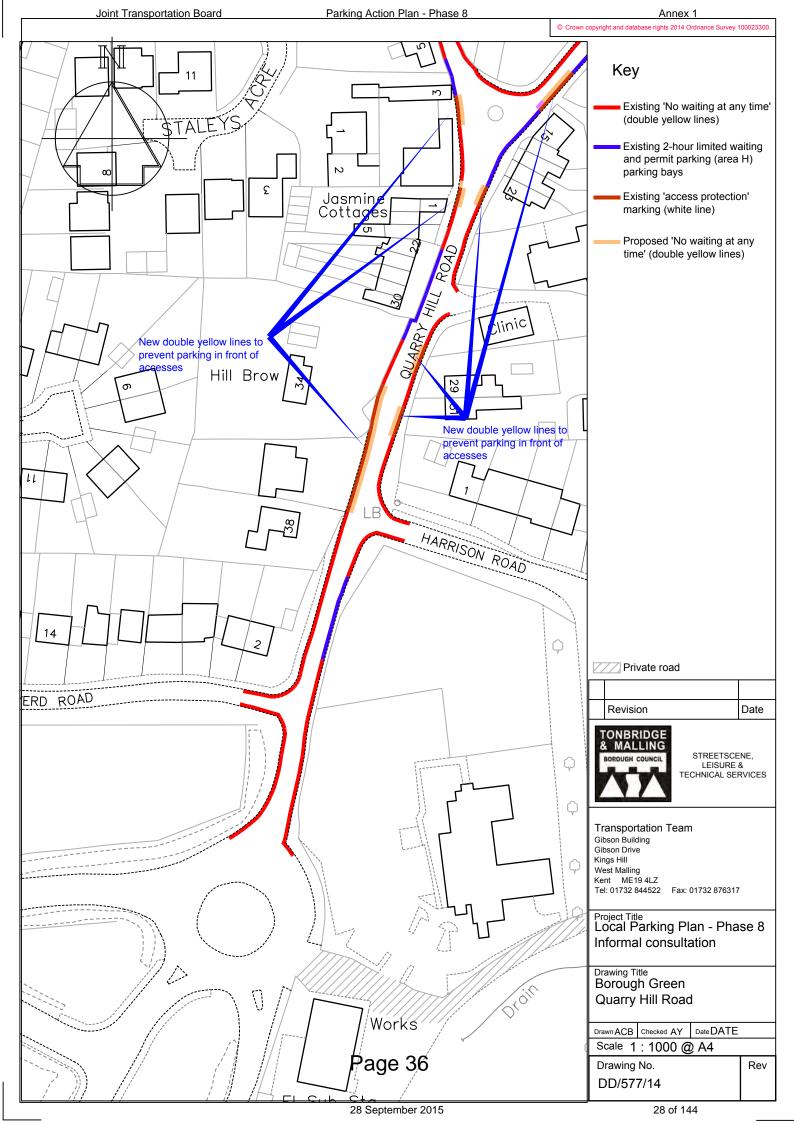
Location reference	Phase 8 - 14
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Quarry Hill Road
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/14

Summary

New double yellow lines in front of access.

Issue

Update of parking restrictions to to allow the Borough Council to enforce against obstructive parking.



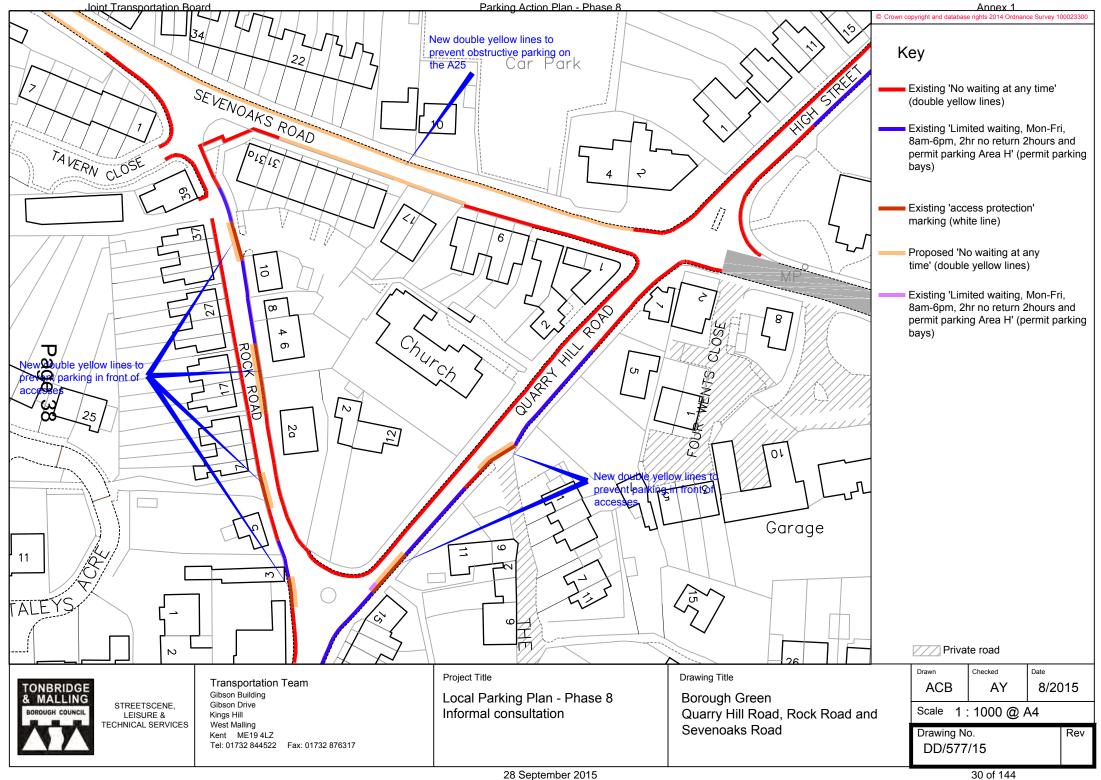
Location reference	Phase 8 - 15
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Quarry Hill Road and Rock Road
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/15

Summary

New double yellow lines in front of access.

Issue

Update of parking restrictions to to allow the Borough Council to enforce against obstructive parking.



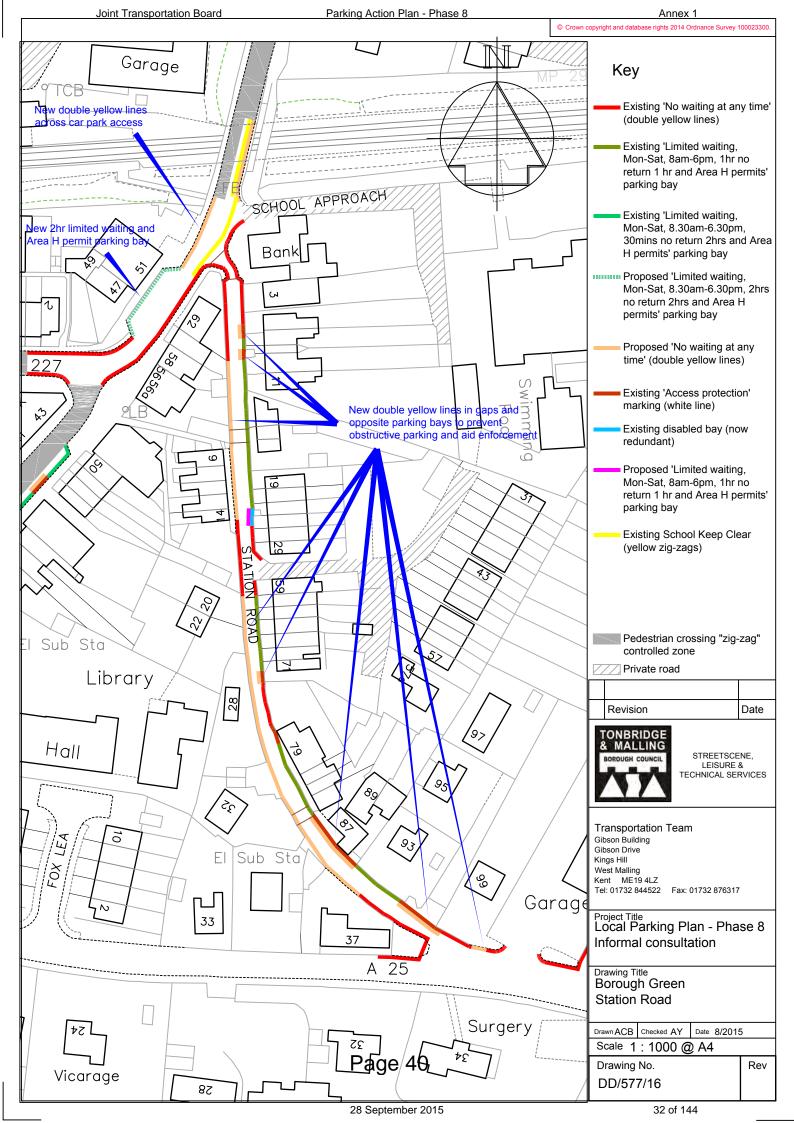
Location reference	Phase 8 - 16
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Station Road
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/16

Summary

Update of restrictions to prevent obstruction and new disabled bay.

Issue

Residents at the top of Station Road have asked for new permit parking and limited waiting bays near to the Wrotham Road junction, and there is an existing disabled bay that is now redundant that could be removed.



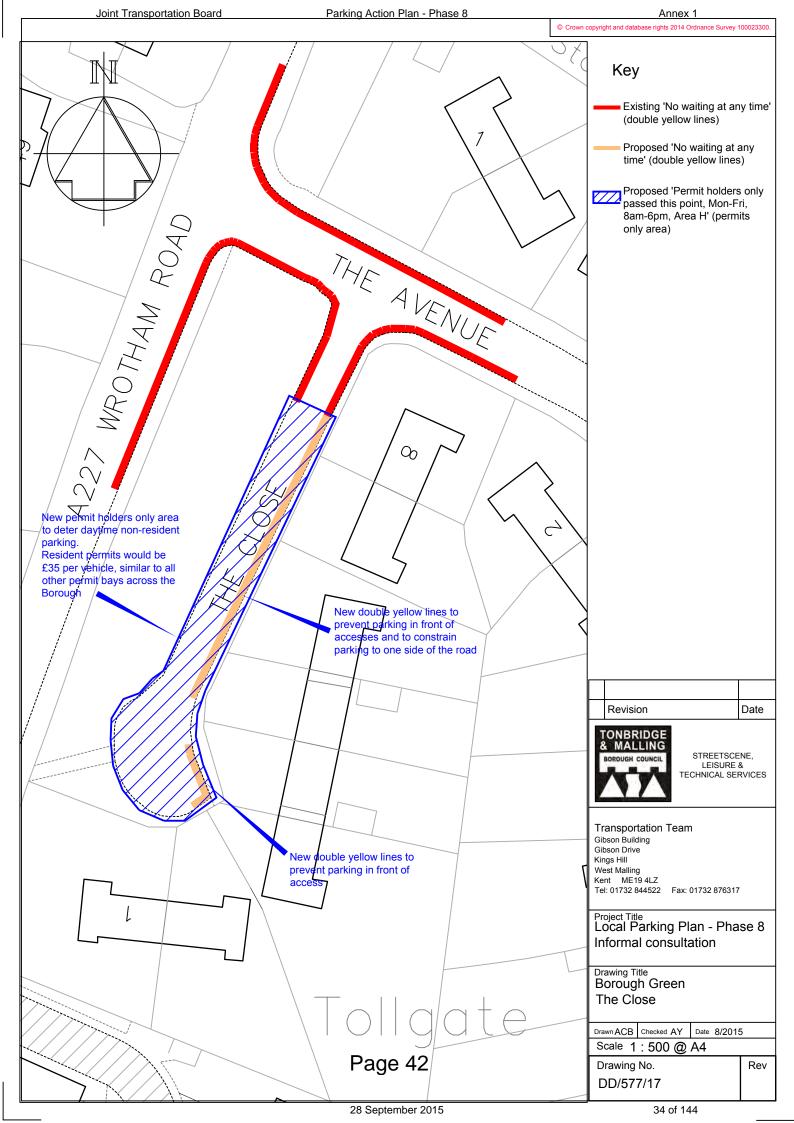
Location reference	Phase 8 - 17
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	The Close
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/17

Summary

New double yellow lines to prevent obstruction of accesses and residents permit parking.

Issue

Problems with non-resident parking causing an obstruction.



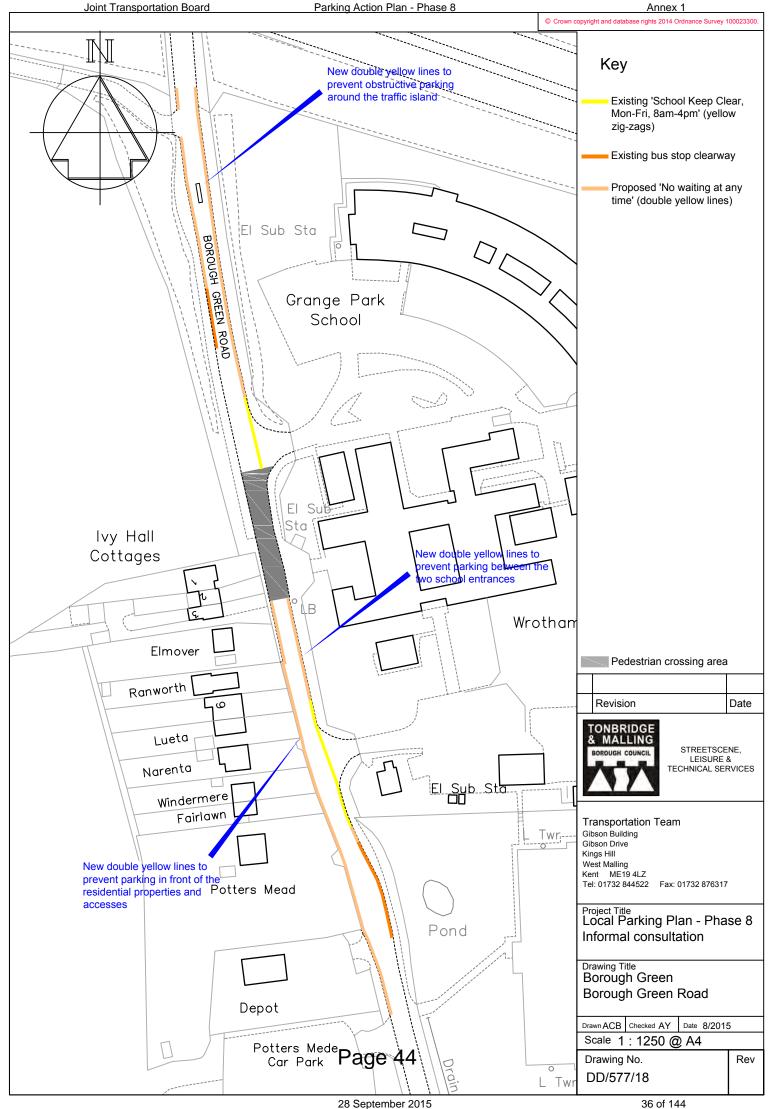
Location reference	Phase 8 - 18
Town	Borough Green
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Borough Green Road
File Ref	OSP-11
Requested by	Cllr Murray
Plan reference:	DD/577/18

Summary

New double yellow lines to prevent school access problems.

Issue

There have been reports of schoolparent parking problems that cause obstruction and safety concerns outside the school.



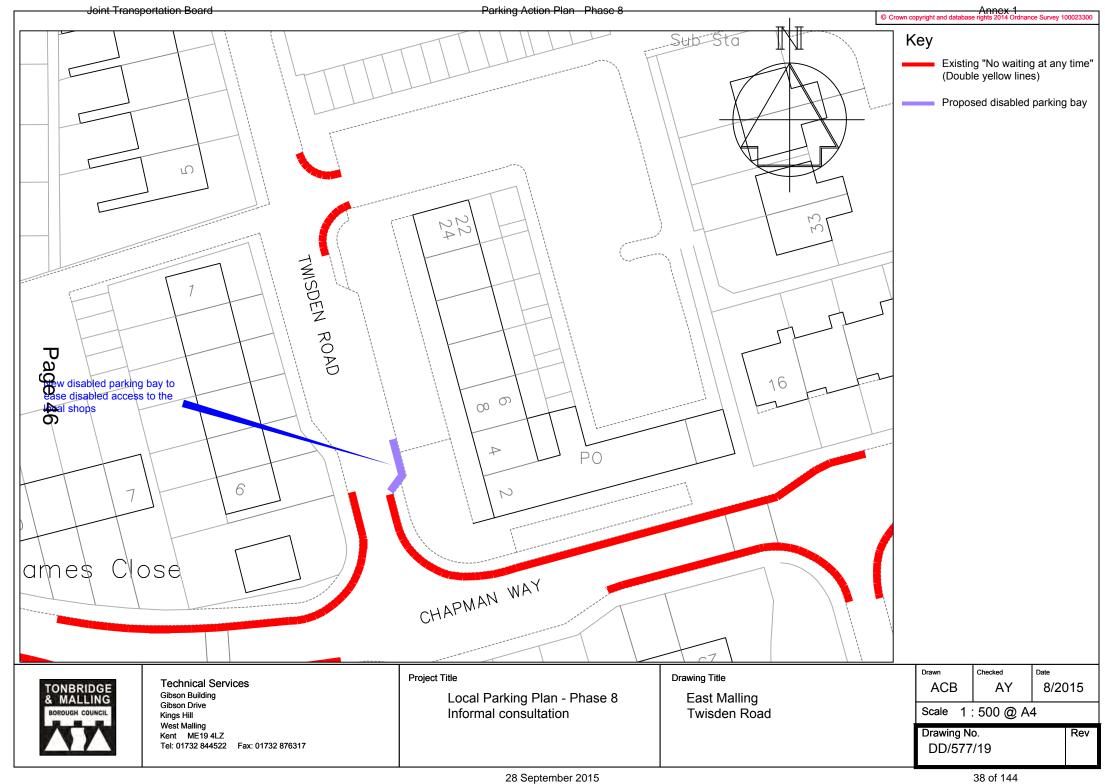
Location reference	Phase 8 - 19
Town	East Malling
Ward	East Malling
Road / Area	Twisden Road (disabled bay)
File Ref	OSP-14
Requested by	Parish Council and local businesses
Plan reference:	DD/577/19

Summary

New disabled parking bay.

Issue

There has been a request for a disabled parking bay near the shops to improving disabled access to local facilities.



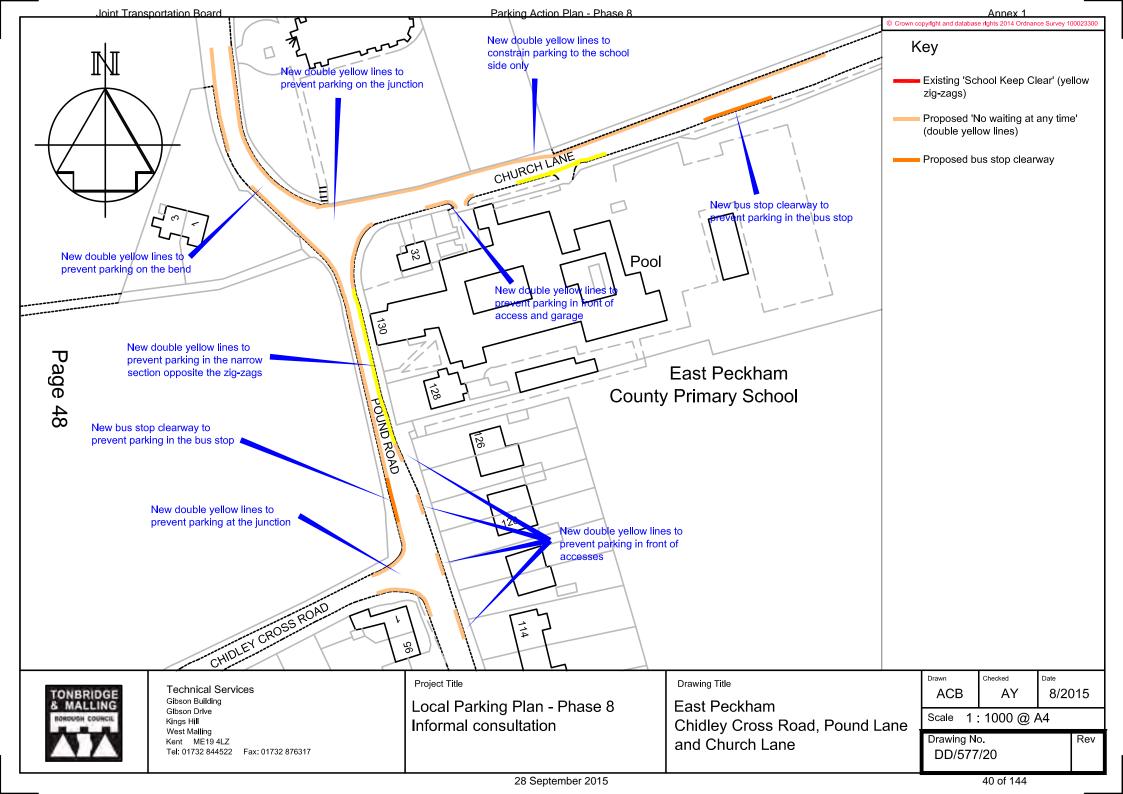
Location reference	Phase 8 - 20
Town	East Peckham
Ward	Hadlow & East Peckham
Road / Area	Chidley Cross Road, Pound Lane and Church Lane
File Ref	OSP-15
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/20

Summary

New double yellow lines and bus stop markings to prevent school access problems.

Issue

There have been reports of parent parking problems at school times that cause obstruction near the school, on the bend and at the junctions.



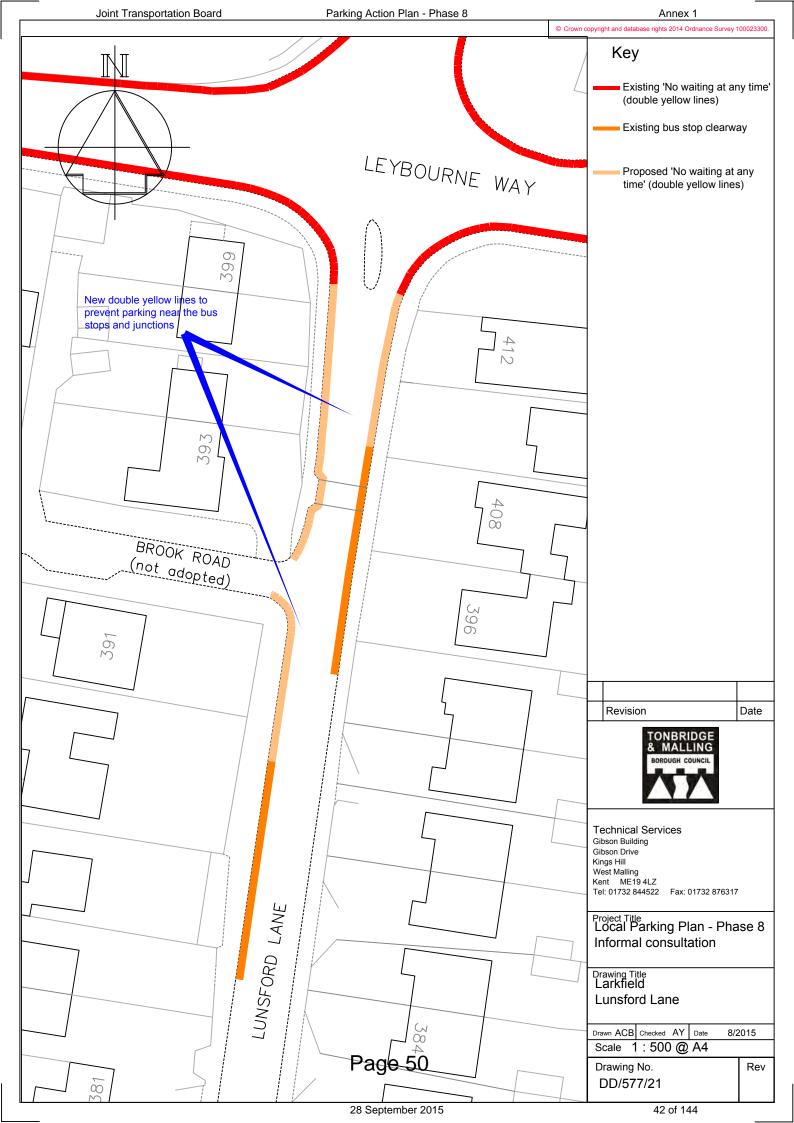
Location reference	Phase 8 - 21
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield North
Road / Area	Lunsford Lane (south of Leybourne Way)
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/21

Summary

New double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking near the bus stops.

Issue

A local resident has asked for restrictions to prevent parking by coach commuters near to the bus stops.



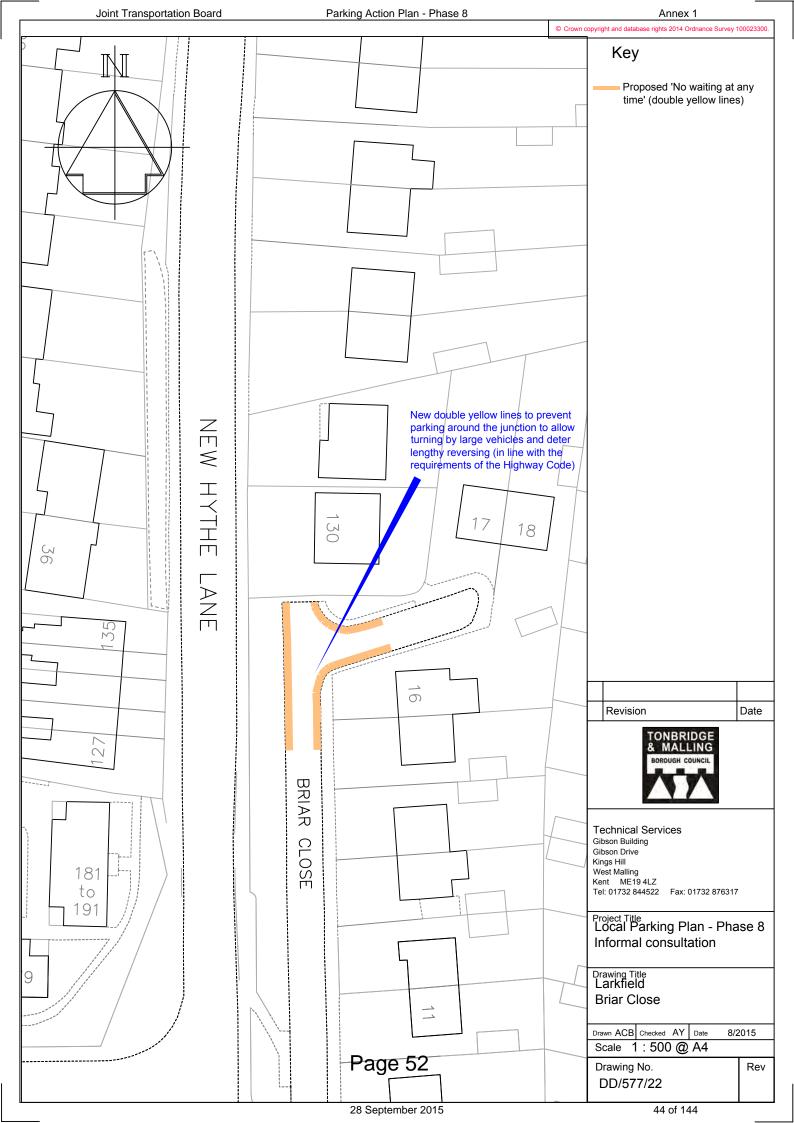
Location reference	Phase 8 - 22
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield South
Road / Area	Briar Close - DYL in turning area at northern end
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	Councillor Oakley
Plan reference:	DD/577/22

Summary

New double yellow lines to protect turning area for large vehicles.

Issue

There have been reports that large vehicles are unable to turn at the end of the road due to parked cars and have to reverse out towards Laburnum Drive.



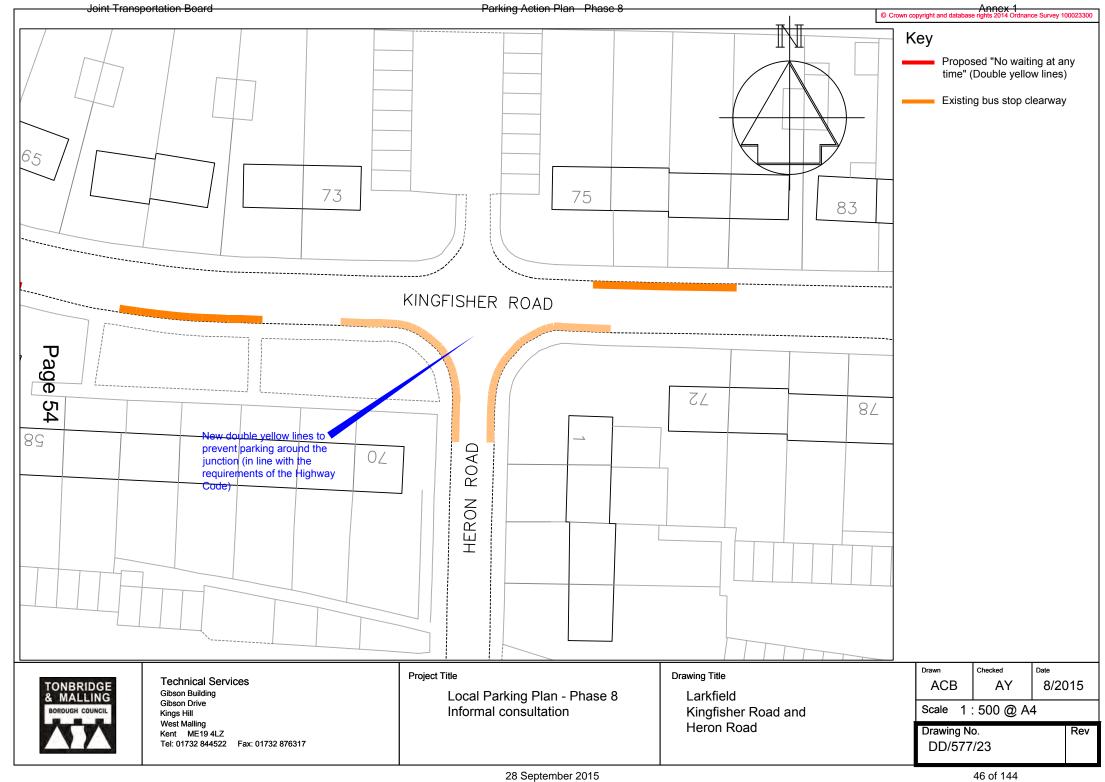
Location reference	Phase 8 - 23
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield South
Road / Area	Kingfisher Road and Heron Road
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/23

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

The Parish Council have requested restrictions around the junctions along Kingfisher Road to prevent parking around the junctions.



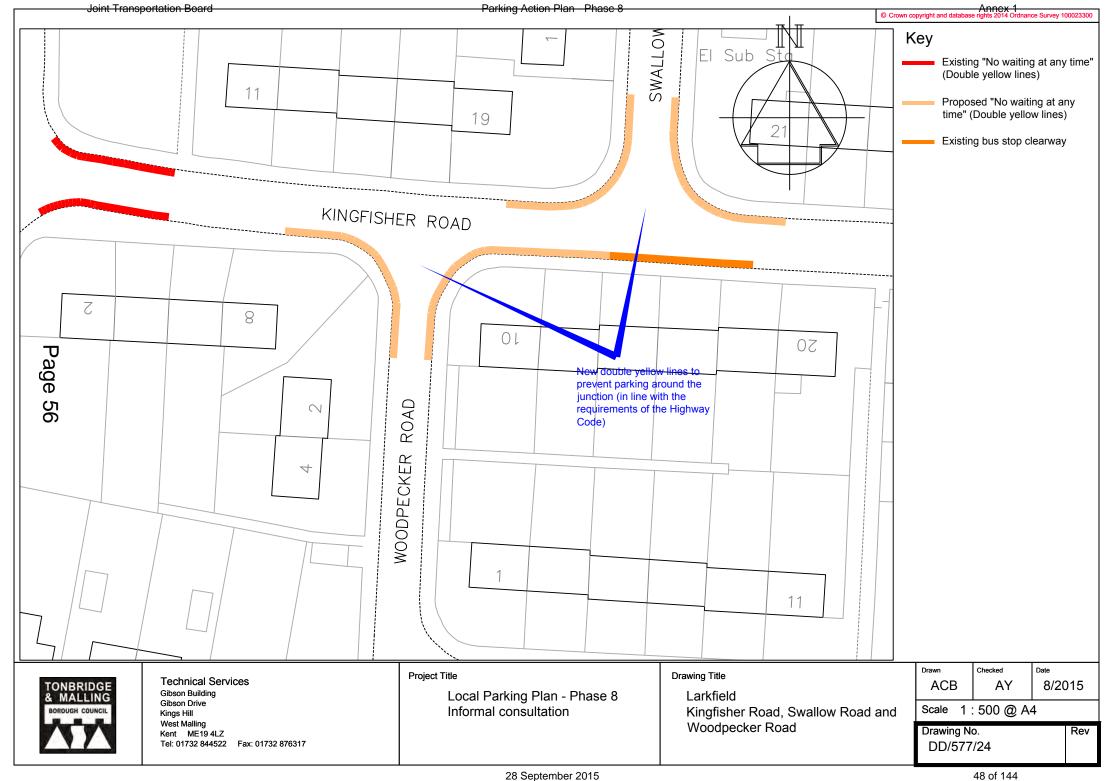
Location reference	Phase 8 - 24
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield South
Road / Area	Kingfisher Road, Swallow Road and Woodpecker Road
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	Parish Council, local residents and Councillor Oakley
Plan reference:	DD/577/24

Summary

New double yellow lines around junctions.

Issue

The Parish Council have requested restrictions around the junctions along Kingfisher Road to prevent parking around the junctions, and local residents have asked for restrictions in Woodpecker Road to ease traffic movements around the junction.



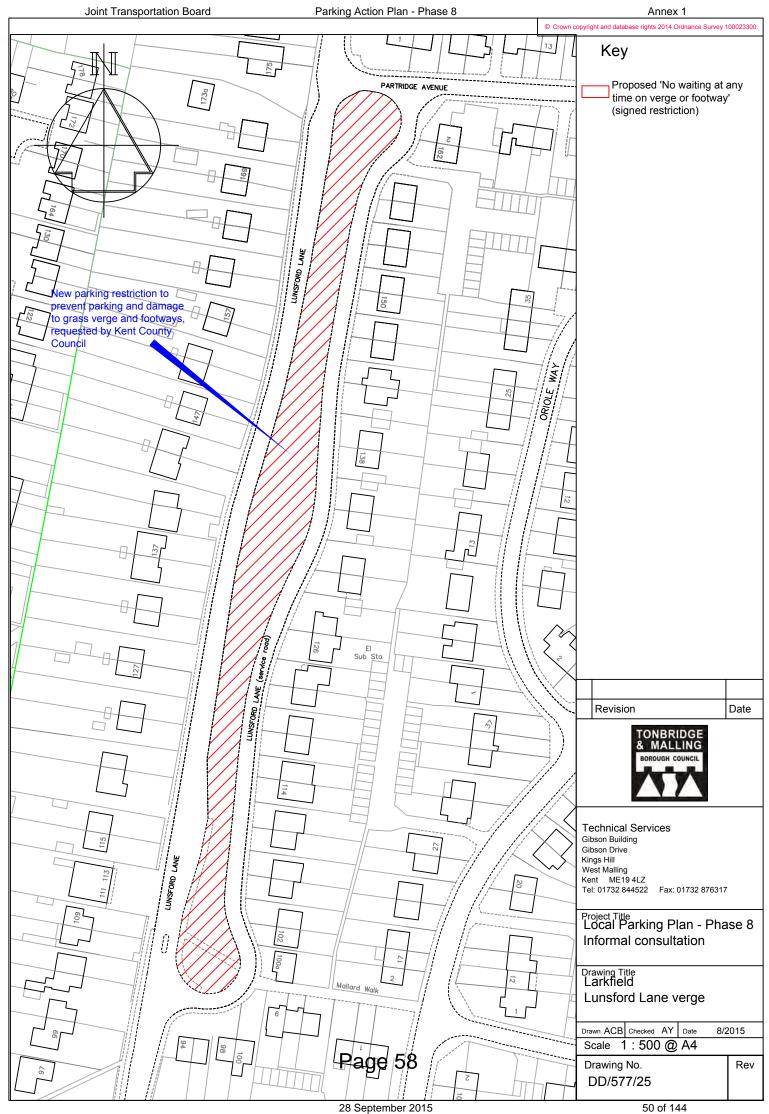
Location reference	Phase 8 - 25
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield South
Road / Area	Lunsford Lane (verge)
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	County Councillor Dean
Plan reference:	DD/577/25

Summary

New verge and footway parking restriction.

Issue

There have been reported problems of damage to the KCC grass verge, and KCC would like to prevent parking on the verge and footway.



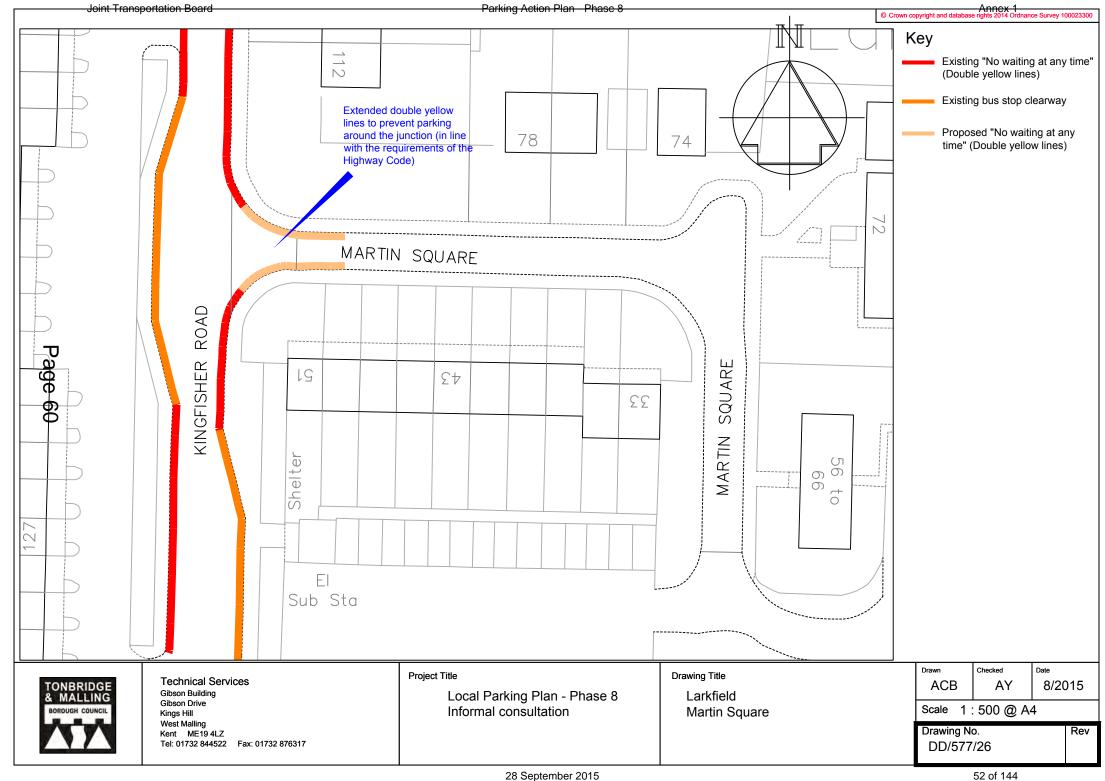
Location reference	Phase 8 - 26
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield South
Road / Area	Martin Square
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/26

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

The Parish Council have requested restrictions around the junction of Kingfisher Road and Martin Square to prevent parking around the junction.



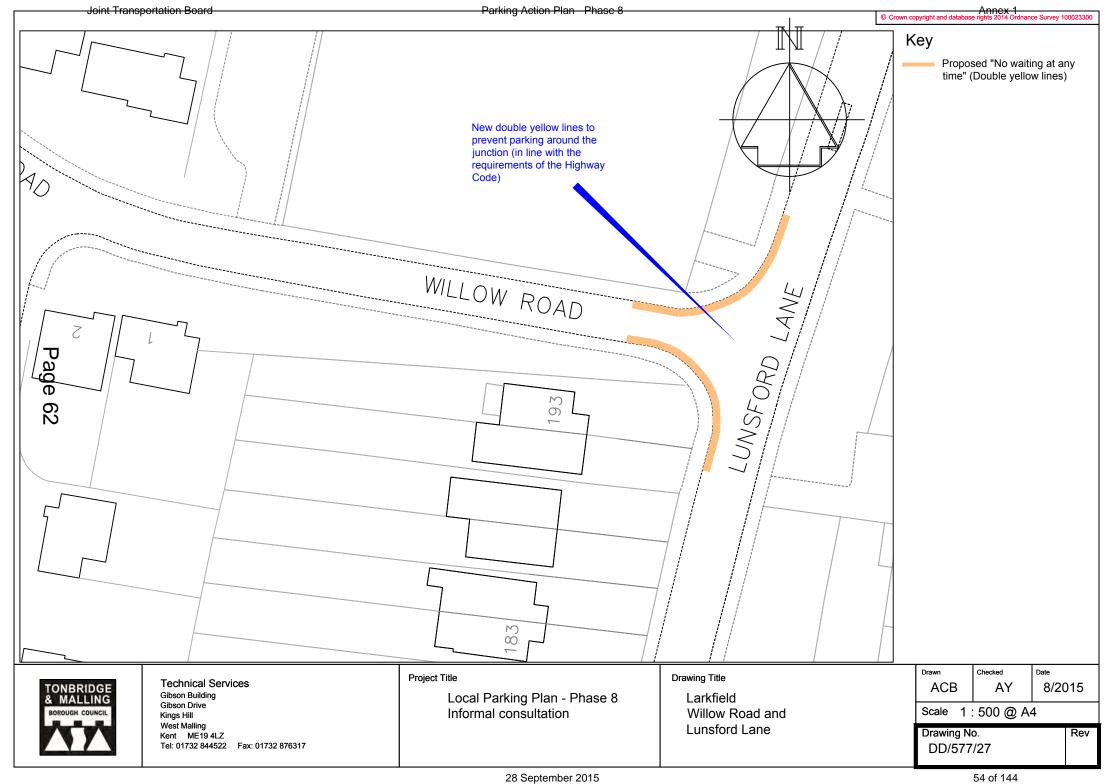
Location reference	Phase 8 - 27
Town	Larkfield
Ward	Larkfield South
Road / Area	Willow Road and Lunsford Lane
File Ref	OSP-20
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/27

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

The Parish Council have requested restrictions around the junction of Lunsford Lane and Willow Road.



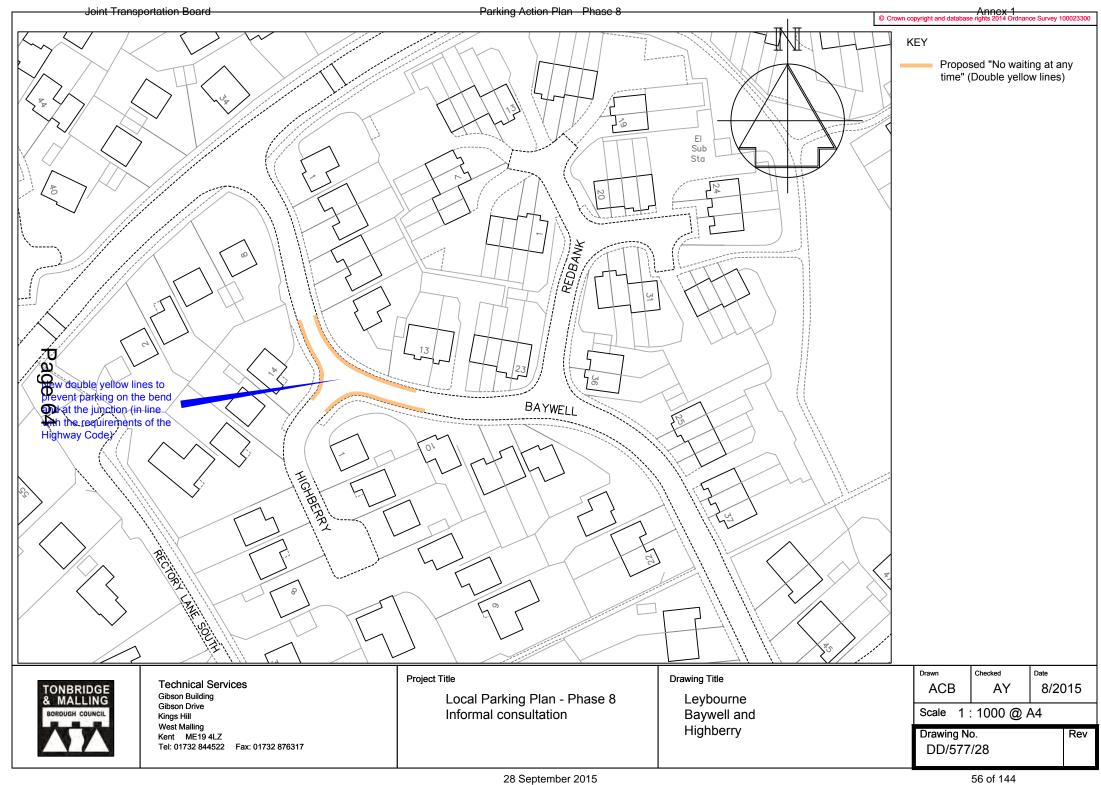
Location reference	Phase 8 - 28
Town	Leybourne
Ward	West Malling & Leybourne
Road / Area	Baywell
File Ref	OSP-21
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/28

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction and bend.

Issue

There has been a request via the Parish Council for restrictions on Baywell to prevent parking on the bend and junction around Highberry.



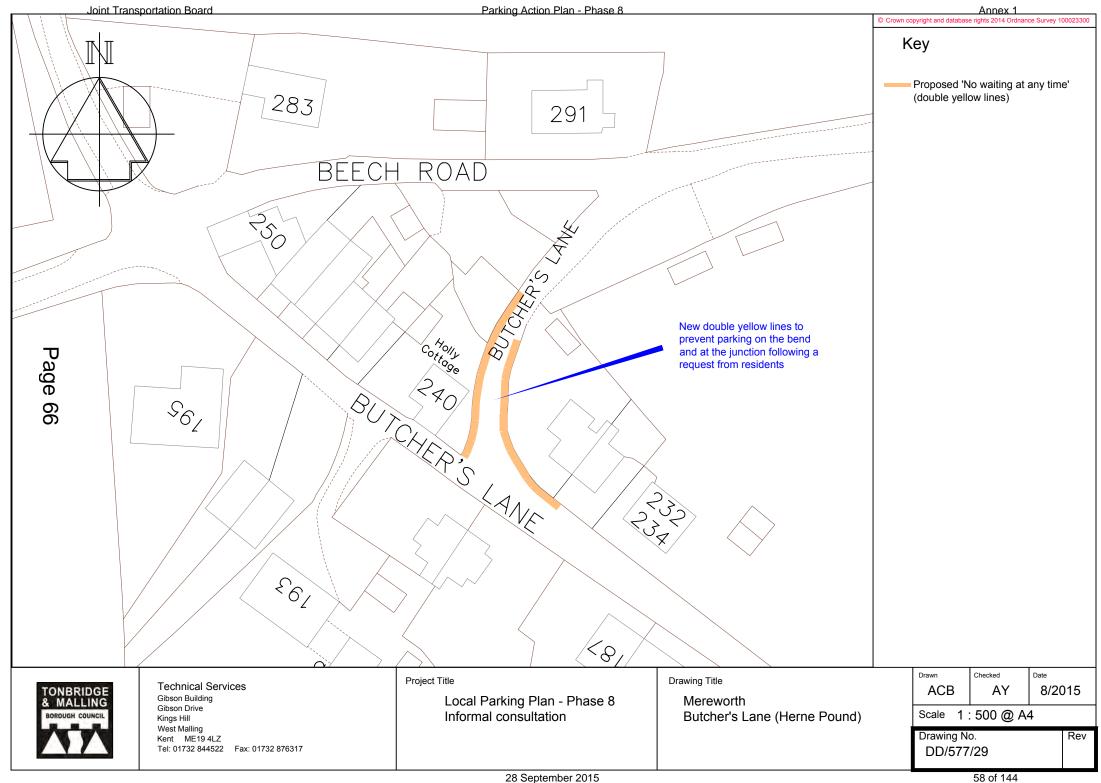
Location reference	Phase 8 - 29
Town	Mereworth
Ward	Downs & Mereworth
Road / Area	Butcher's Lane (Herne Pound)
File Ref	OSP-22
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/29

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

Resdients have asked for restrictions to prevent parking on the junction by Holly Cottage



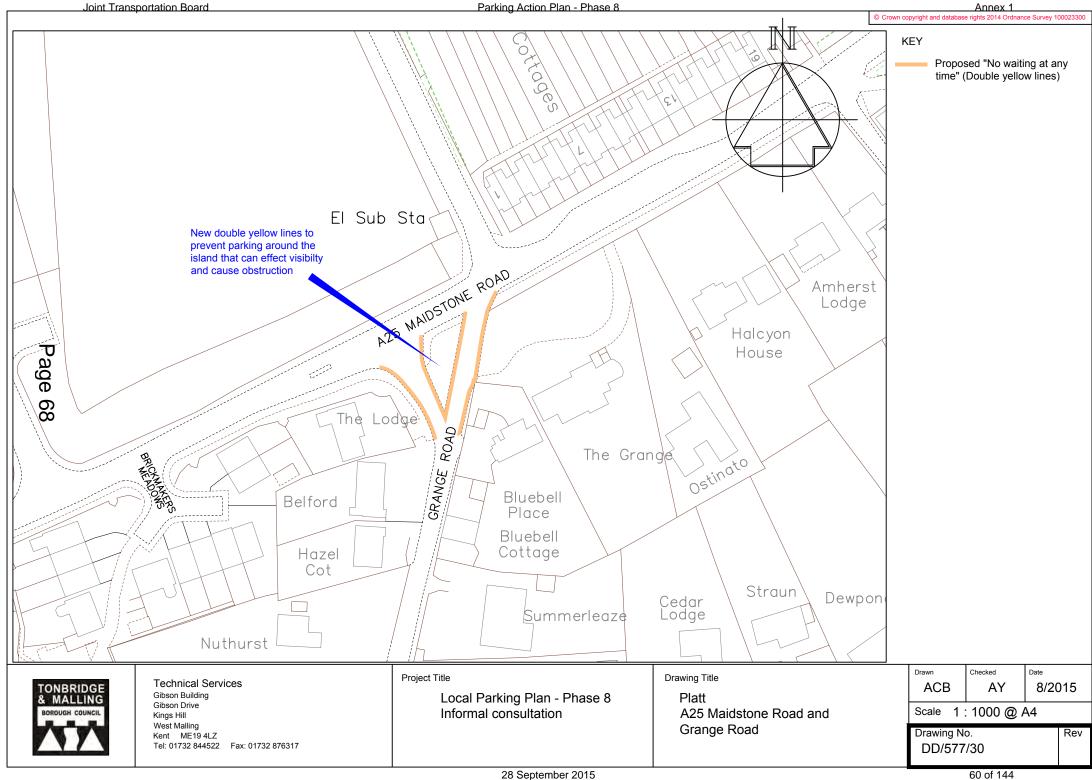
Location reference	Phase 8 - 30
Town	Platt
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	A25 Maidstone Road and Grange Road
File Ref	OSP-24
Requested by	Cllr Murray
Plan reference:	DD/577/30

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

There have been reports of obstructive parking around the junction.



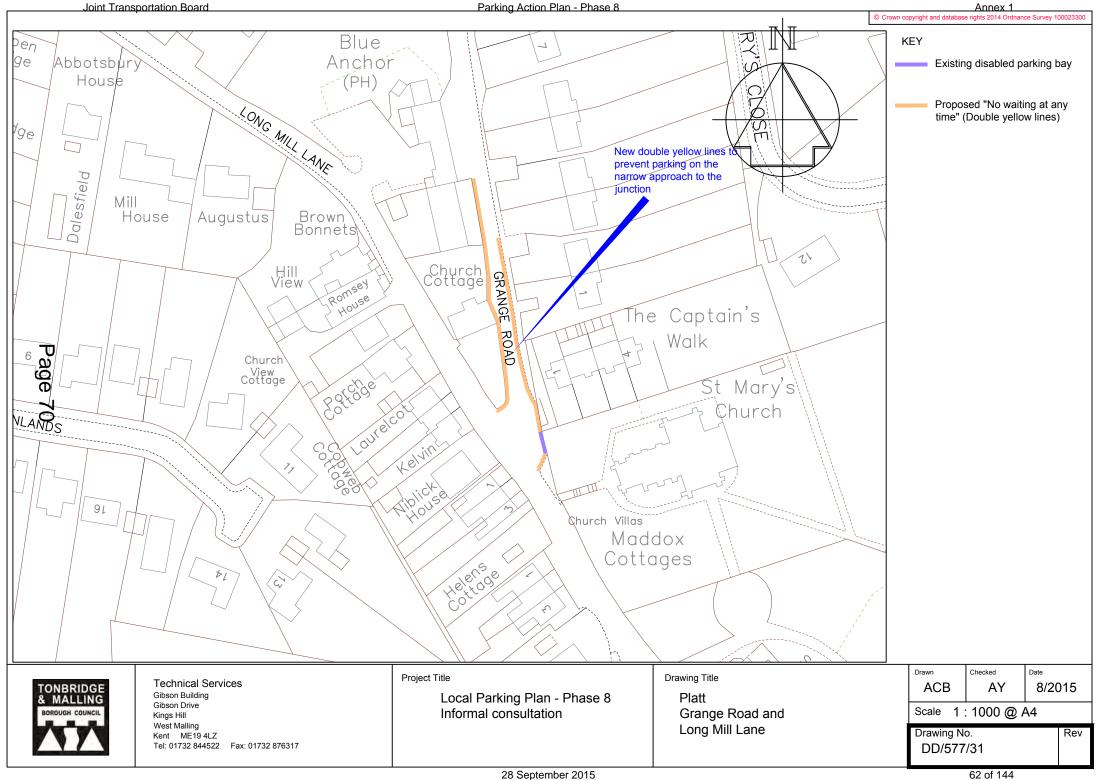
Location reference	Phase 8 - 31
Town	Platt
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Grange Road and Long Mill Lane
File Ref	OSP-24
Requested by	Local resident and Cllr Murray
Plan reference:	DD/577/31

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

Residents have reported problems with parking close to the narrow section of road, where pedestrians are forced in to the vegetation.



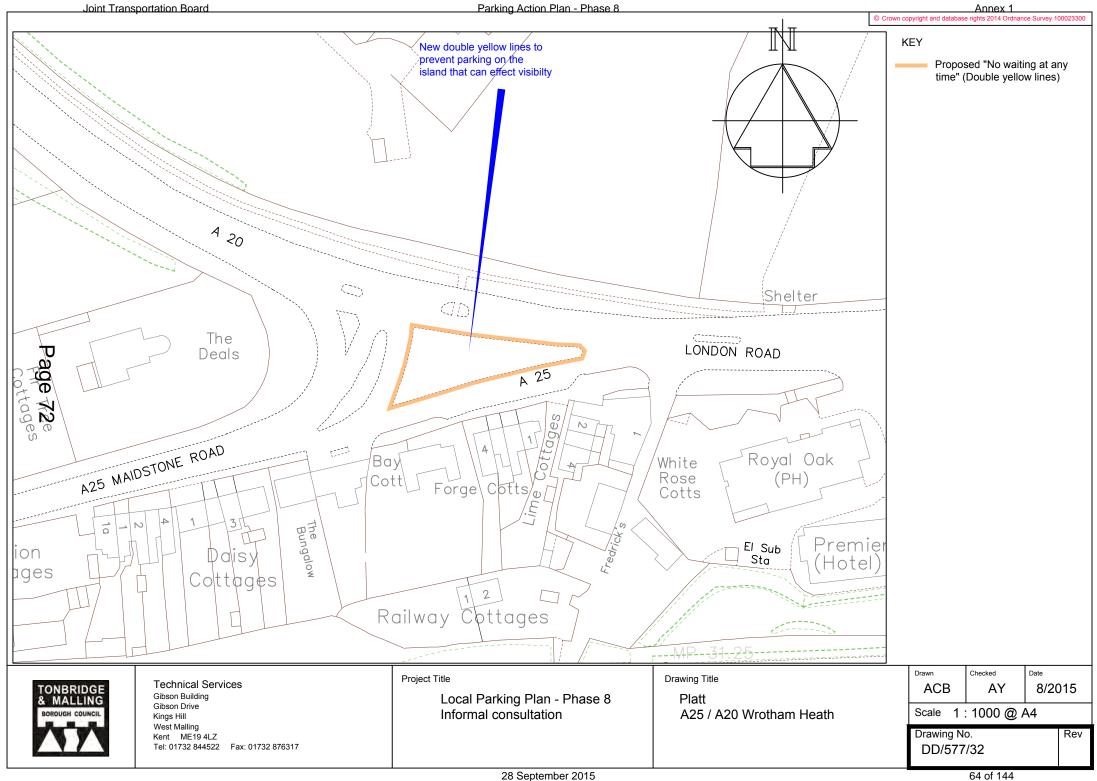
Location reference	Phase 8 - 32
Town	Platt
Ward	Borough Green & Long Mill
Road / Area	Wrotham Heath
File Ref	OSP-24
Requested by	Cllr Murray
Plan reference:	DD/577/32

Summary

New double yellow lines around island at junction.

Issue

Parking on the large island between carriageways affects visibilty for traffic at the junction.



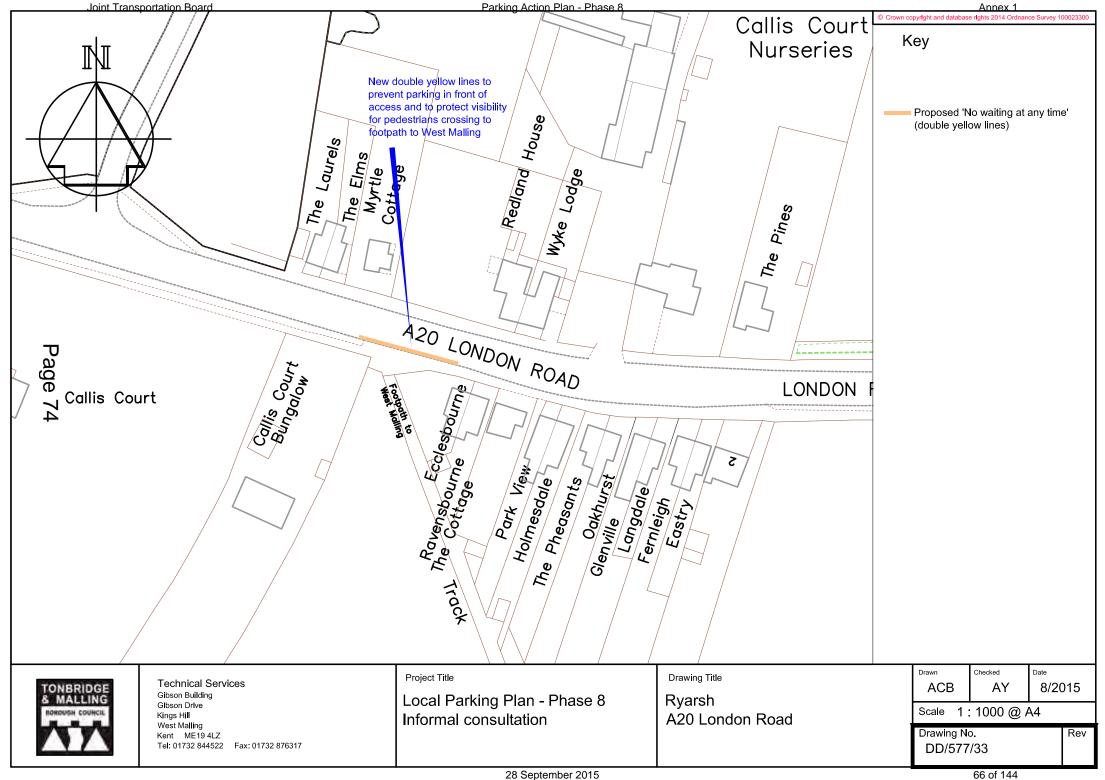
Location reference	Phase 8 - 33
Town	Ryarsh
Ward	Downs & Mereworth
Road / Area	A20 London Road South side
File Ref	OSP-26
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/33

Summary

New double yellow lines around top of footpath.

Issue

Parking near to the footpath causes visibilty issues.



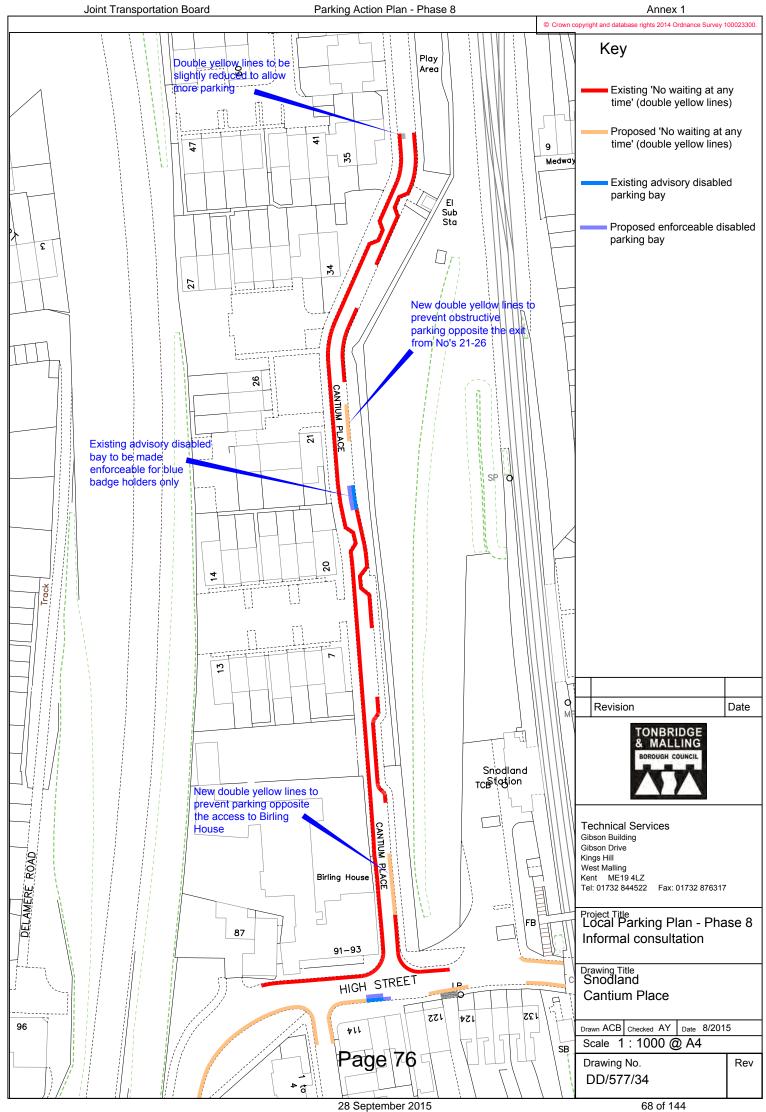
Location reference	Phase 8 - 34
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland East & Ham Hill
Road / Area	Cantium Place
File Ref	OSP-28
Requested by	Local resident and care home
Plan reference:	DD/577/34

Summary

Adjustments and new double yellow lines around accesses.

Issue

Residents have asked that the current parking restrictions be adjusted, and The Mortimer Society have asked for additional restrictions opposie their vehicle access.



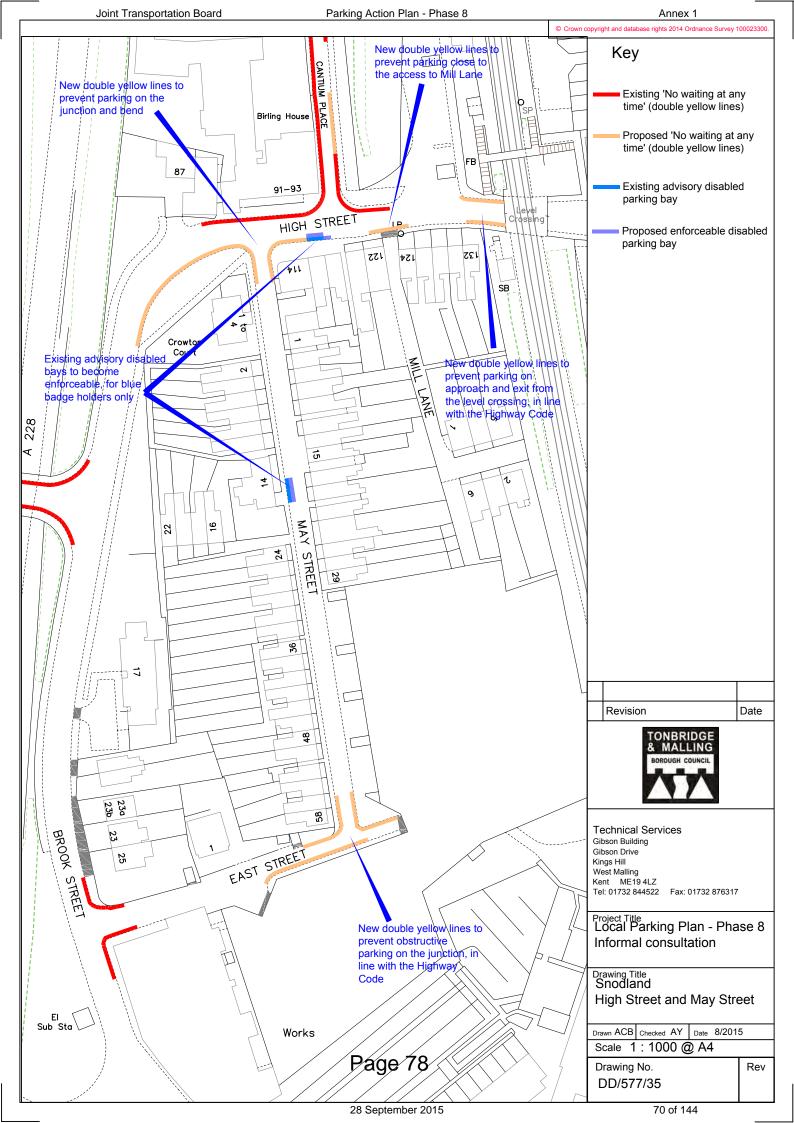
Location reference	Phase 8 - 35
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland East & Ham Hill
Road / Area	High Street and May Street, Disabled bay (o/s No.14) and junctions
File Ref	OSP-28
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/35

Summary

Making an existing disabled parking bay enforceable and new double yellow lines around junctions.

Issue

Residents have aske that the disabled bay on May Street be made enforceable, and there are problems in the area with vehicles parking on junctions and close to the level crossing.



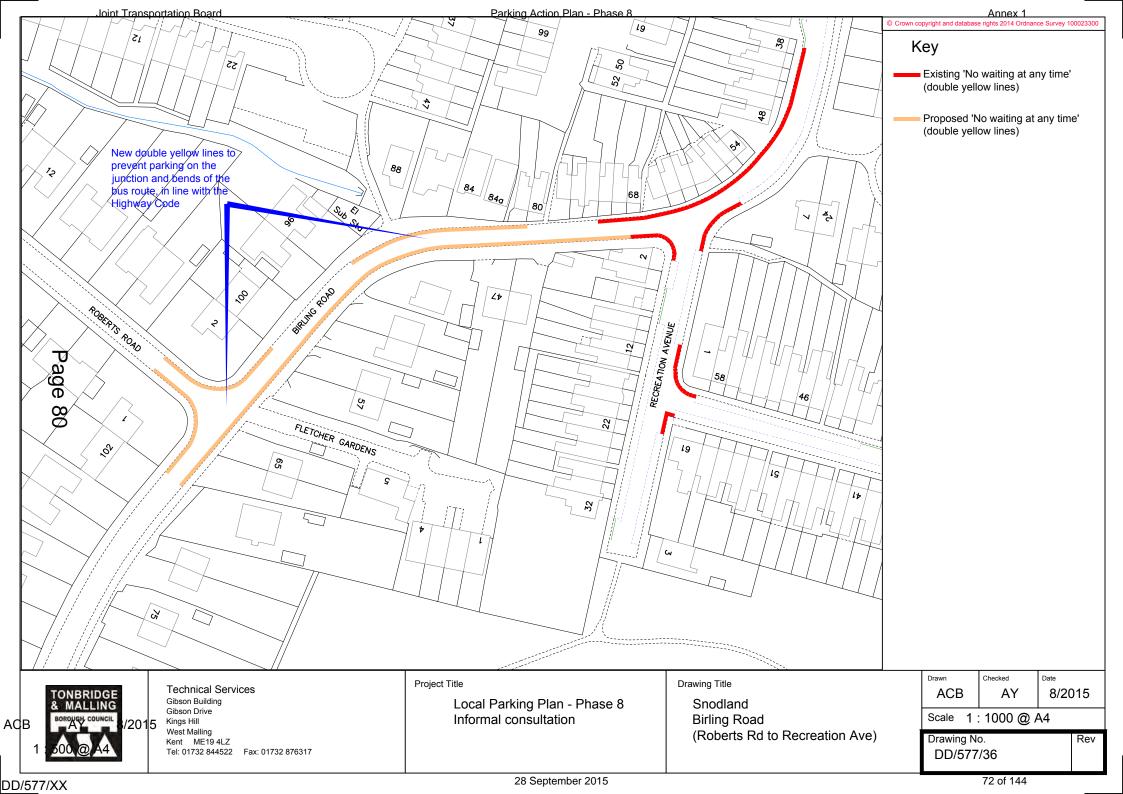
Location reference	Phase 8 - 36
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland West & Holborough Lakes
Road / Area	Birling Road (between Roberts Road and Recreation Avenue)
File Ref	OSP-28
Requested by	Local residents, Cllr Balfour and Cllr Moloney
Plan reference:	DD/577/36

Summary

New double yellow lines around junctions and bend on bus route.

Issue

Obstructive parking on the junctions and bends of the bus route between Roberts Road and Recreation Avenue.



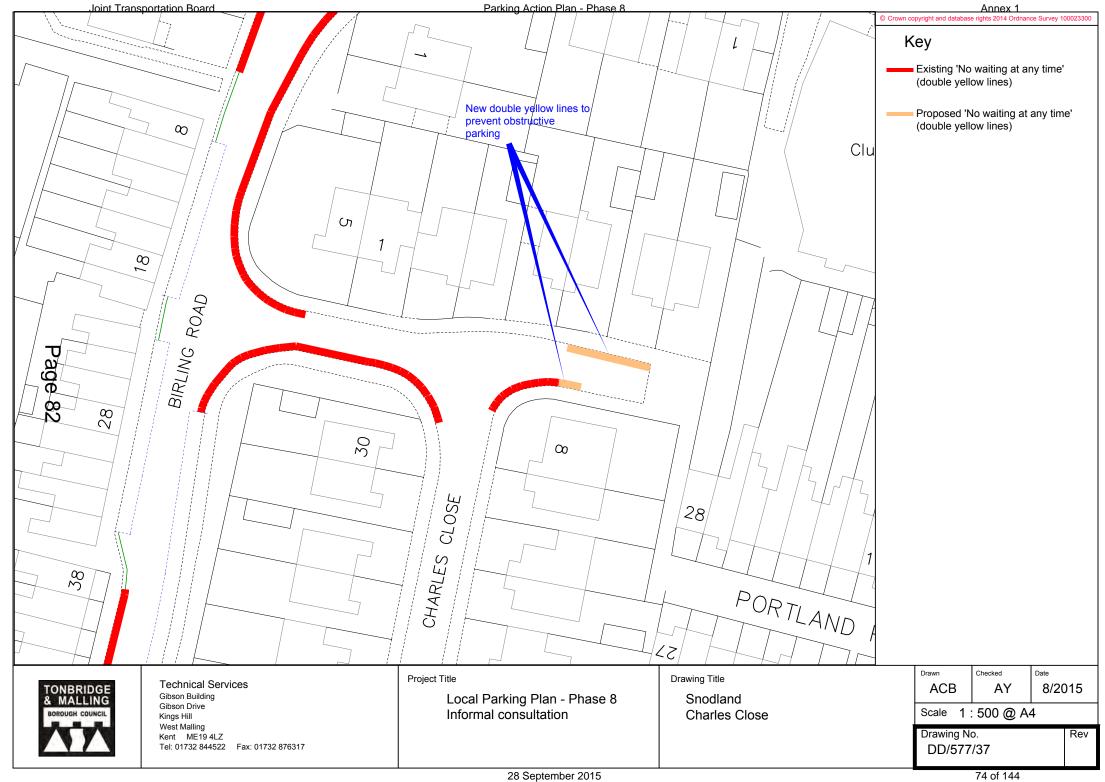
Location reference	Phase 8 - 37
Town	Snodland
Ward	Snodland West & Holborough Lakes
Road / Area	Charles Close
File Ref	OSP-28
Requested by	Local resident (Mr Rogers)
Plan reference:	DD/577/37

Summary

New double yellow lines in front of access.

Issue

Residents have reported problems with obstructive parking.



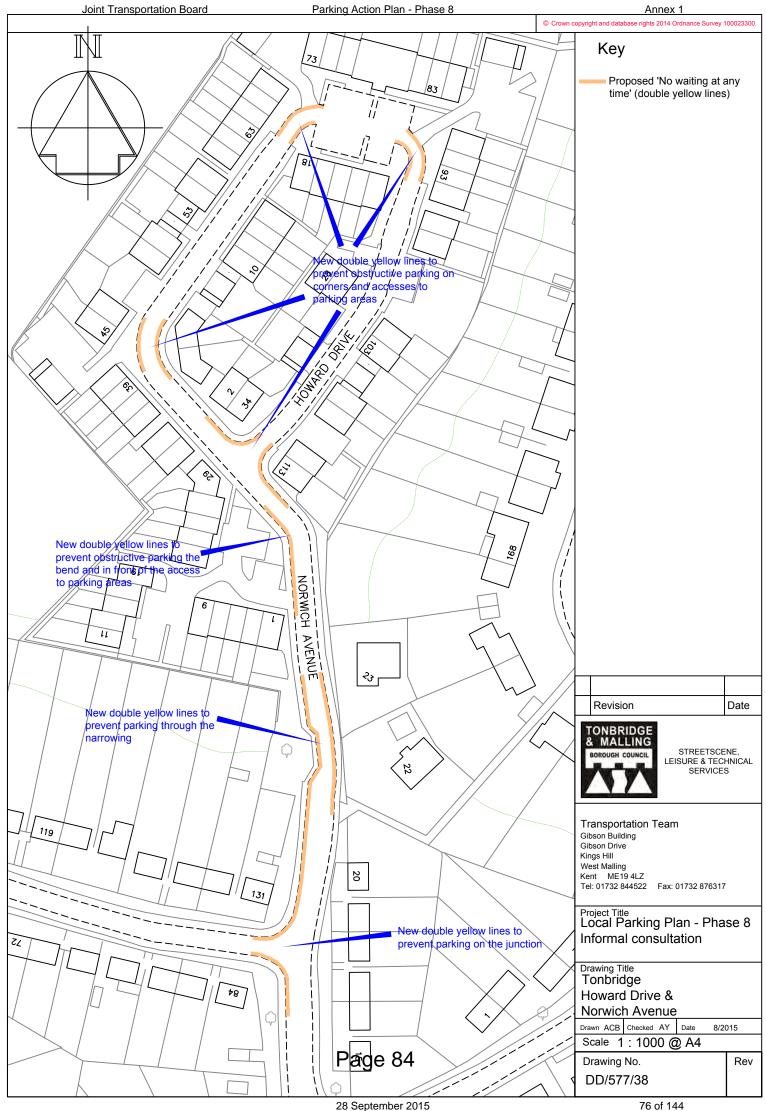
Location reference	Phase 8 - 38
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Cage Green
Road / Area	Howard Drive and Norwich Avenue
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Kelly Webb - Community Safety
Plan reference:	DD/577/38

Summary

New double yellow lines on junctions, corners and narrowings.

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There have been reports of problems with pavement parking and obstruction of accesses, junctions and the narrowing.



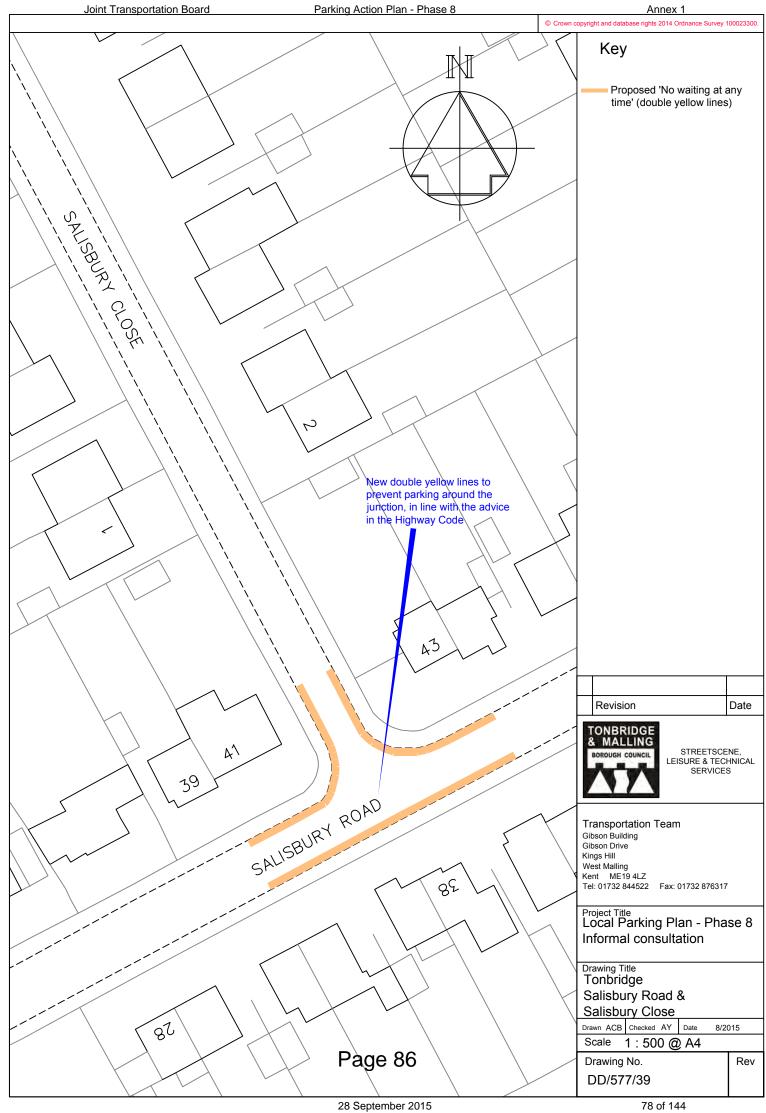
Location reference	Phase 8 - 39
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Cage Green
Road / Area	Salisbury Close and Salisbury Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/39

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

Residents have reported obstructive parking around the junction causes traffic conflict.



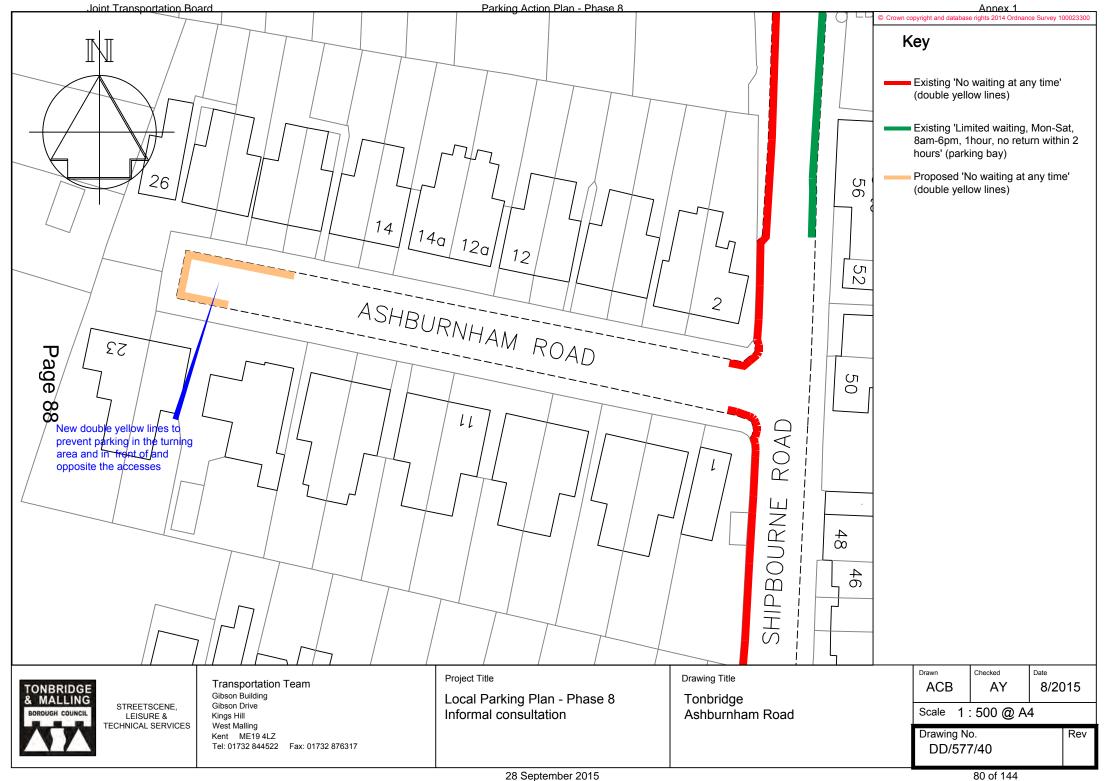
Location reference	Phase 8 - 40
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Castle
Road / Area	Ashburnham Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Cllr Branson
Plan reference:	DD/577/40

Summary

New double yellow lines to protect turning area.

Issue

There are problems turning at the end of the road and residents have problems with parking in front of and opposite accesses.



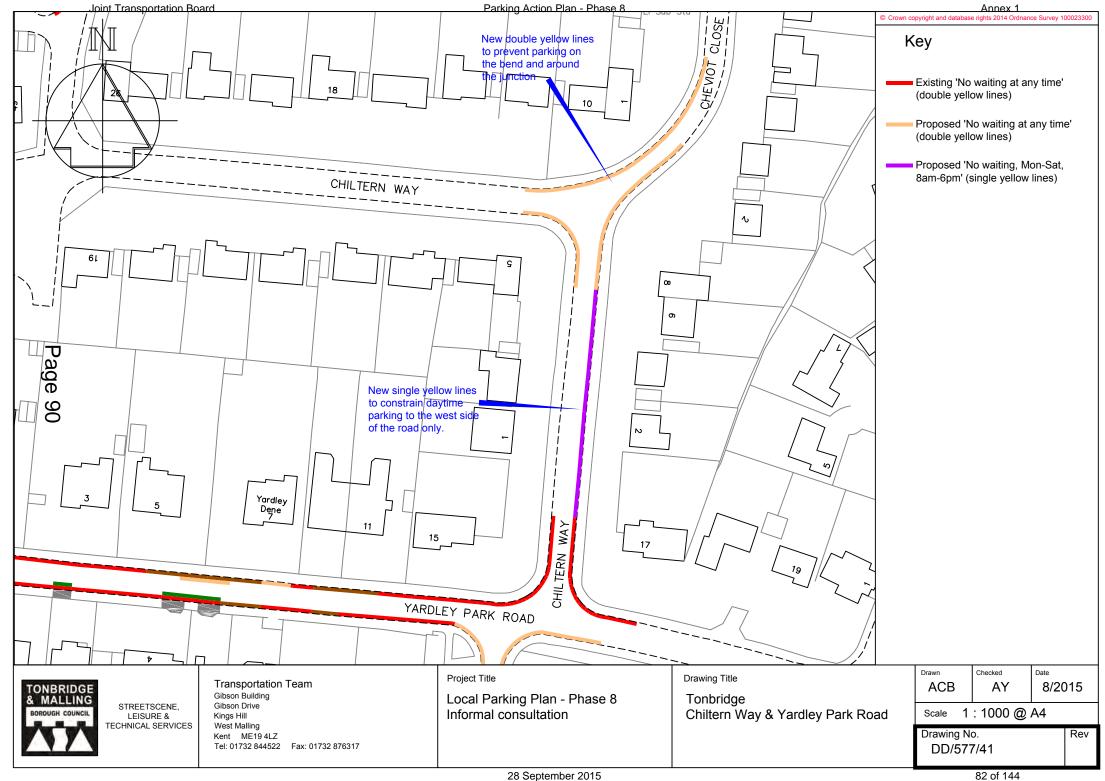
Location reference	Phase 8 - 41
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Castle
Road / Area	Chiltern Way & Yardley Park Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/41

Summary

Changes to parking bays, new double yellow lines around junctions and bends.

Issue

Residents have requested changes to parking bays to accommodate new accesses and there have been reports of obstructive parking at junctions and bends.



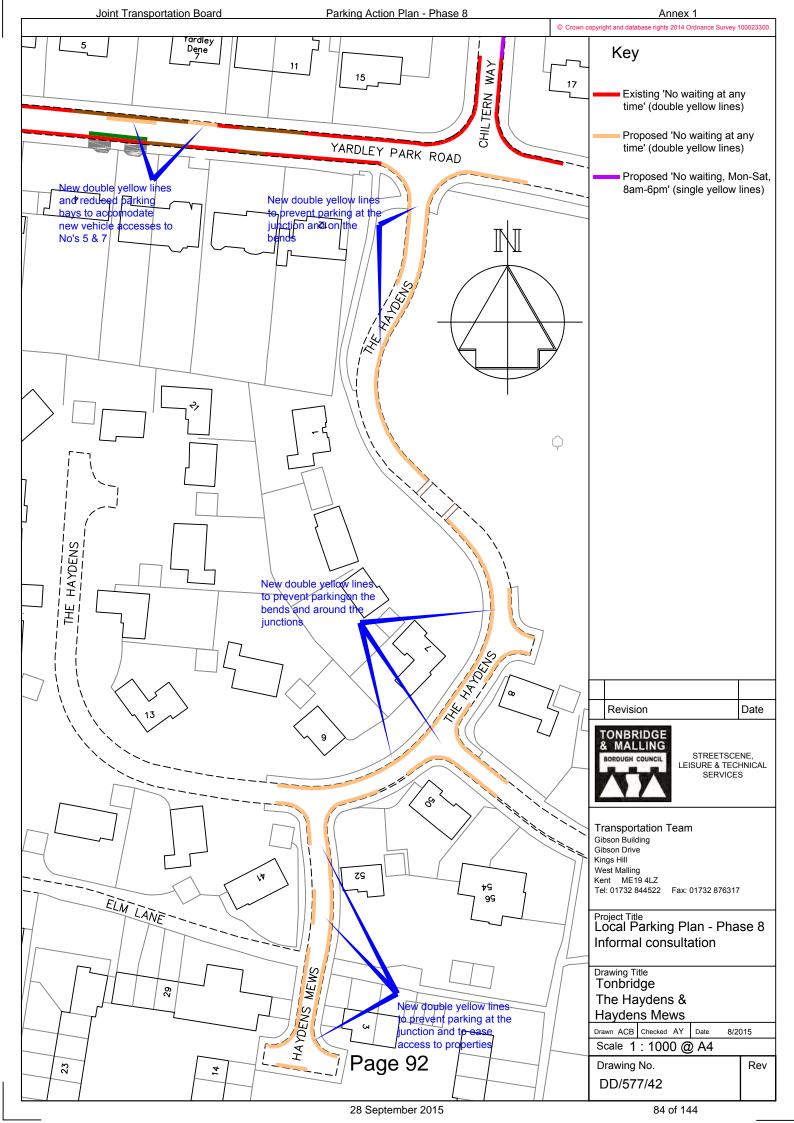
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Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Castle
Road / Area	The Haydens & Haydens Mews
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/42

Summary

New double yellow lines around accesses, junctions and bends.

Iccup

There have been reports of obstructive parking in front of and opposite accesses and on the bends and junctions.



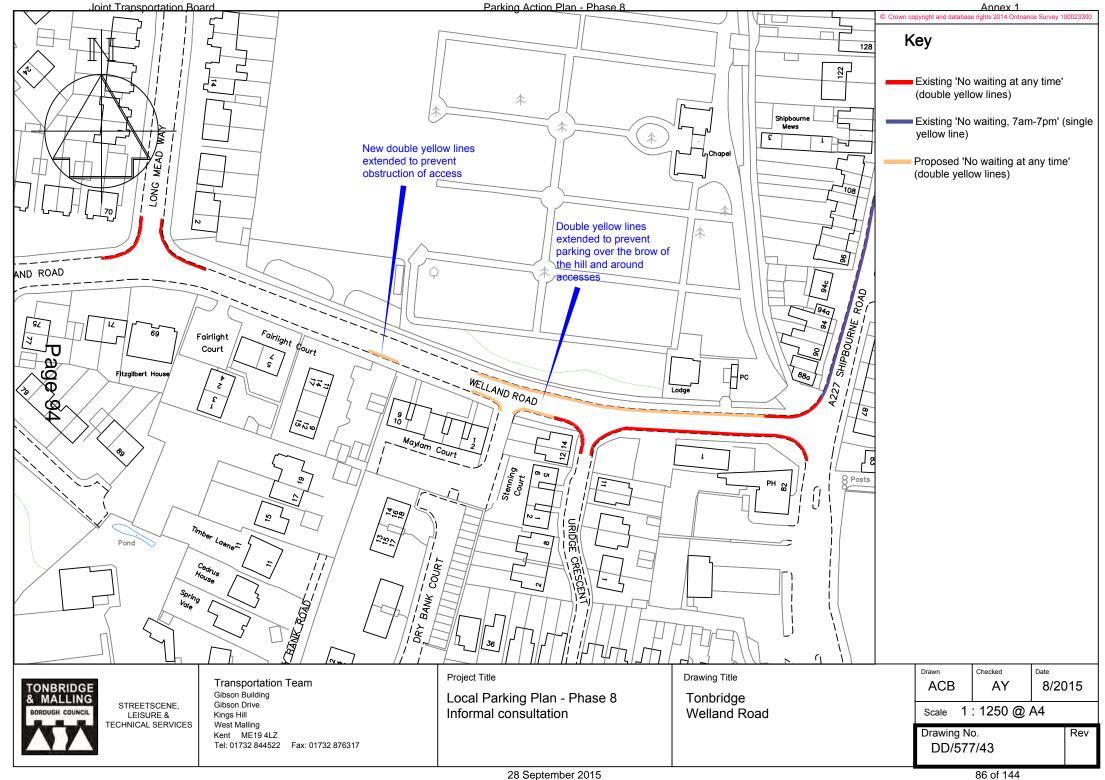
Location reference	Phase 8 - 43
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Castle
Road / Area	Welland Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/43

Summary

New double yellow lines around accesses, junctions and brow of hill.

Iccup

There have been reports that parking on the brow of the hill and on both sides at the same time causes traffic problems.



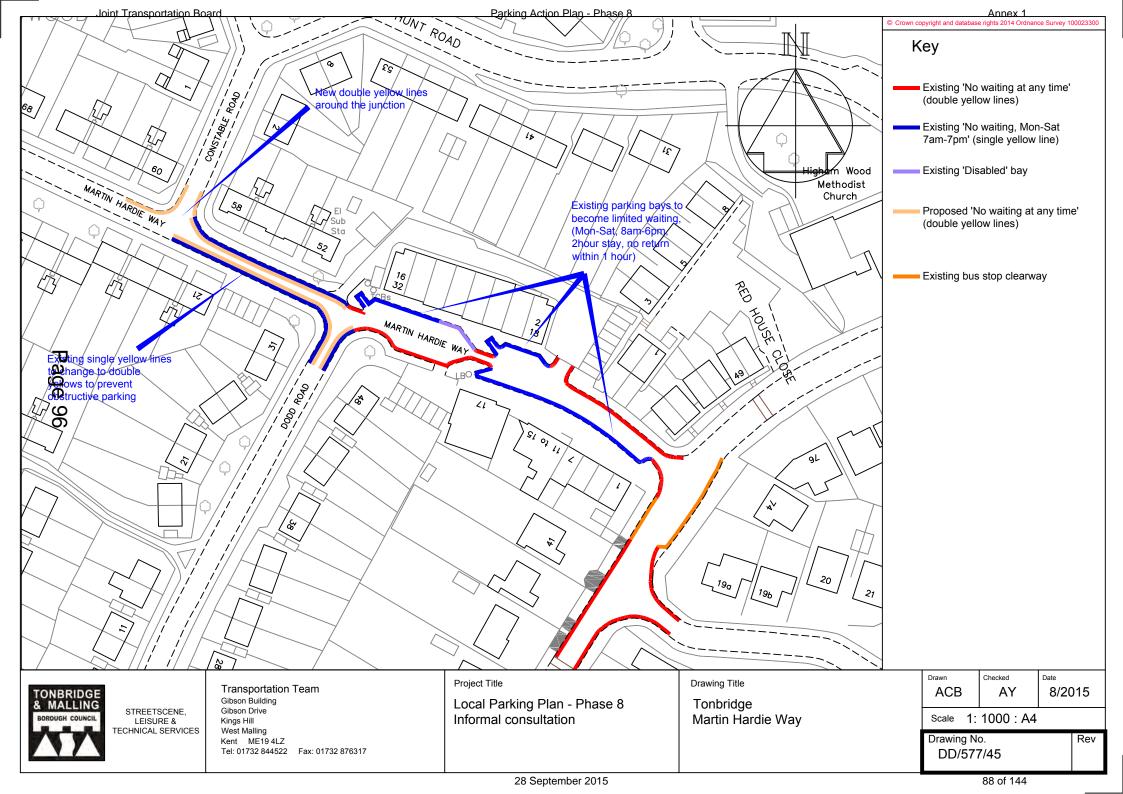
Location reference	Phase 8 - 44
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Higham
Road / Area	Hunt Road (disabled bay alterations)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/44

Summary

Removal of a disabled bay.

Issue

Removal of redundant disabled bay.



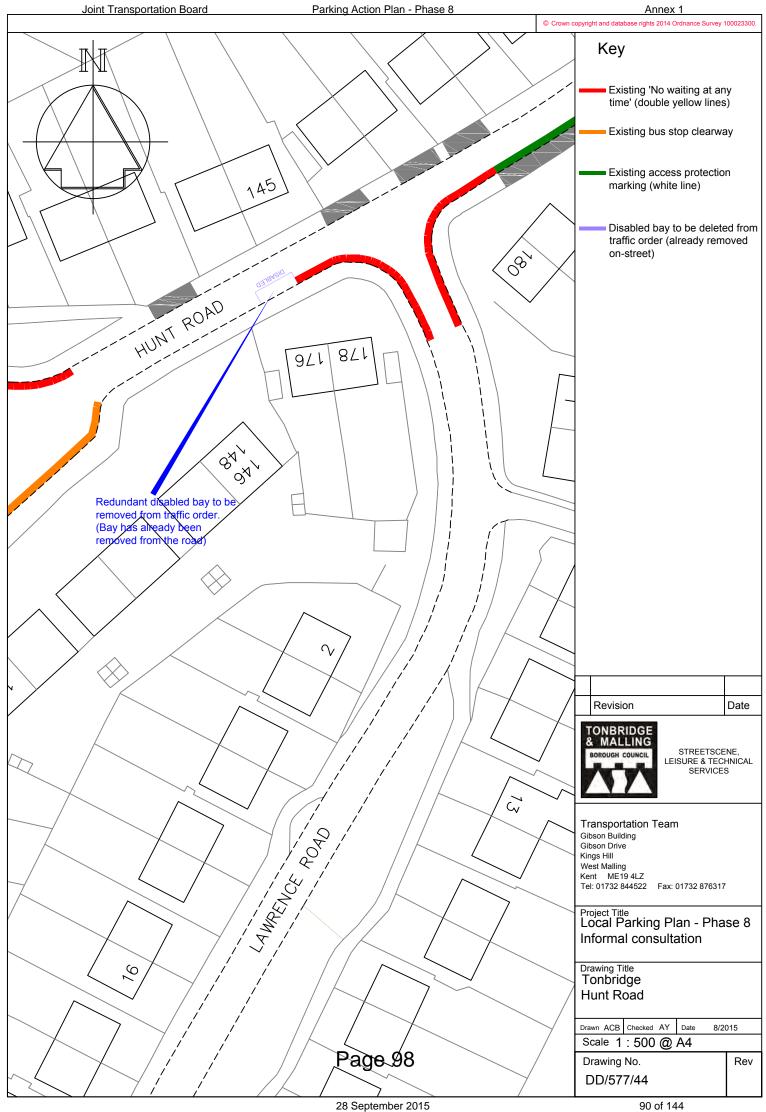
Location reference	Phase 8 - 45
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Higham
Road / Area	Martin Hardie Way
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident and Cllr Edmonston-Lowe
Plan reference:	DD/577/45

Summary

Updating single yellow lines to double yellow lines and new time restricitons at shopping parade.

Issue

Residents have reported that parking on the single yellow lines causes obstruction and time limits on parking would assist parking turn-over for the local shops.



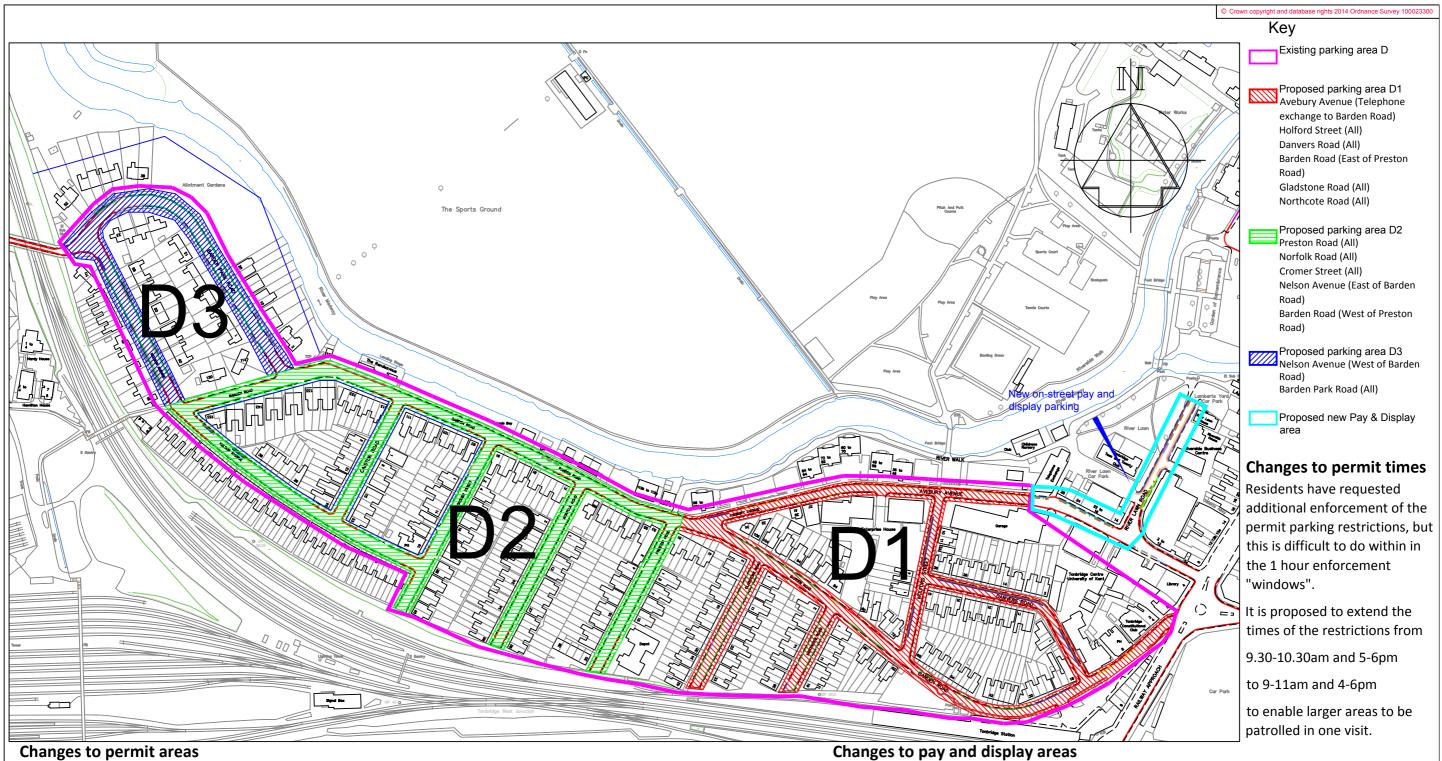
Location reference	Phase 8 - 46
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Area D permit re-zoning and changes to Pay & Display parking
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/46

Summary

Subdivision of permit area D, extension of enforcement times and relocation of Pay & Display bays.

Issue

Local residents have reported increasing parking pressures at the eastern end of the current Area D.



The existing parking permit area D is affected by its proximity to the town centre and the station. There is far more parking pressure at the station end of the area than at the western end, mainly associated with visitors to the area, but also the age and style of properties and the lack of off-street parking.

There are also issues with permit holders from the western end of the area parking close to the station as convenient parking when shopping or commuting.

The proposal is to subdivide the existing Area D permit area in to 3 separate permit areas (D1, D2 & D3).

Resident permit holders within D1 could park within D1, D2 and D3
Resident permit holders within D2 could park within D2 and D3, but not D1
Resident permit holders within D3 could park within D3, but not within D1 or D2.

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Area D - Changes to parking area codes and Pay & Display areas

The existing pay and display parking in Holford Street and Danvers Road is underused and there is a strong demand from residents for these areas to be resident parking only.

There is also a strong demand for more managed short-stay parking close to the High Street, so we are proposing to relocate the pay and display parking machine from Holford Street and Danvers Road to the existing and new parking places River Lawn Road and the area outside the shops and restaurants on Avebury Avenue.

The existing pay and display parking on Avebury Avenue (to the west of the Telephone Exchange) will be retained.

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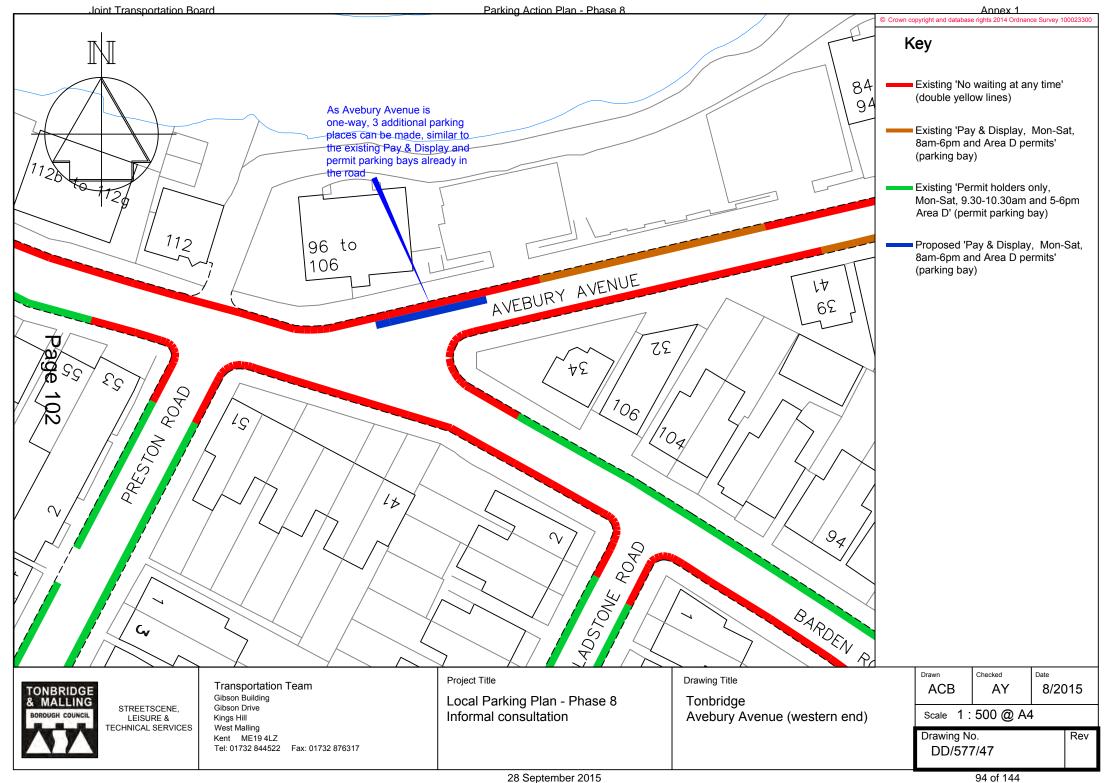
Location reference	Phase 8 - 47
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Avebury Avenue (western end)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/47

Summary

Changing existing double yellow lines to new parking places.

Issue

Due to the one-way nature of Avebury Avenue, some additional parking can be created, and residents have reported an increase in parking demand.



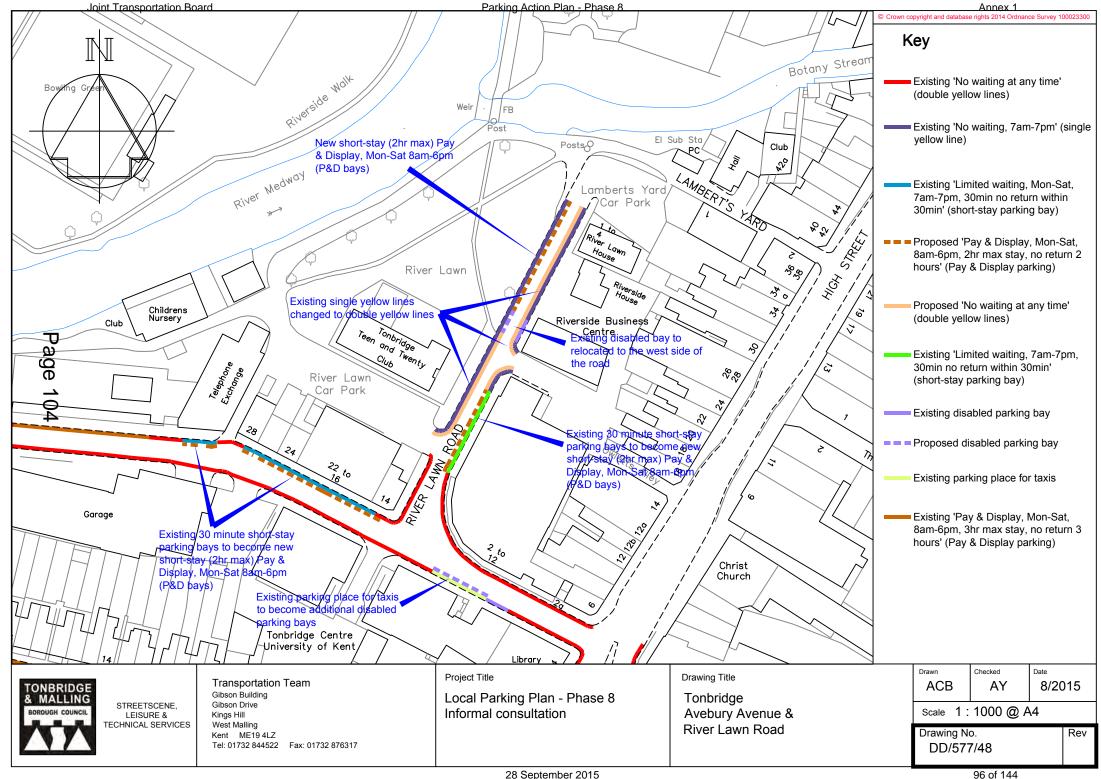
Location reference	Phase 8 - 48
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Avebury Avenue and River Lawn Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Parking Team
Plan reference:	DD/577/48

Summary

Creation of new Pay & Display spaces and changing existing short-stay parking to Pay & Display.

Issue

The existing short-stay parking is abused. Introducing P&D parking would assist enforcement. We have also identified some additional parking that would assist relieve parking pressure in the area.



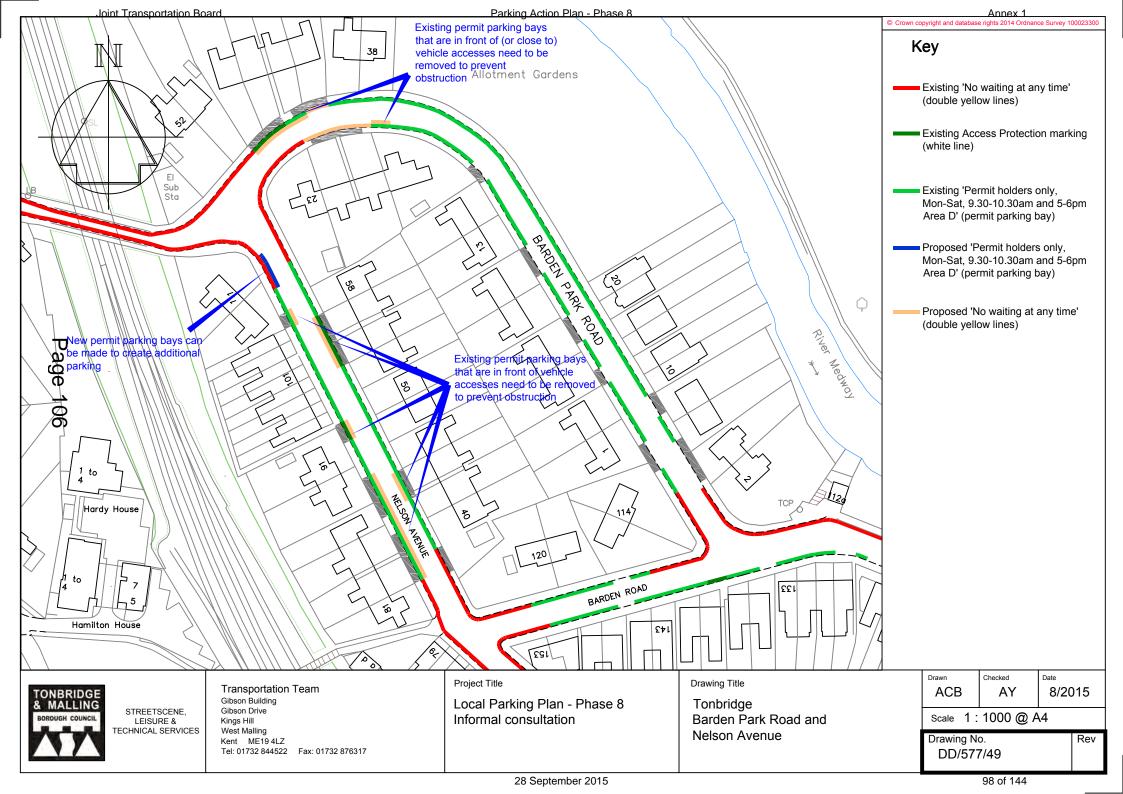
Location reference	Phase 8 - 49
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Barden Park Road and Nelson Avenue
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/49

Summary

Changes to parking bays and new double yellow lines.

Issue

Existing parking bays require adjustments as a number are in front of vehicle accesses. We have also indentified an area where additional parking can be created.



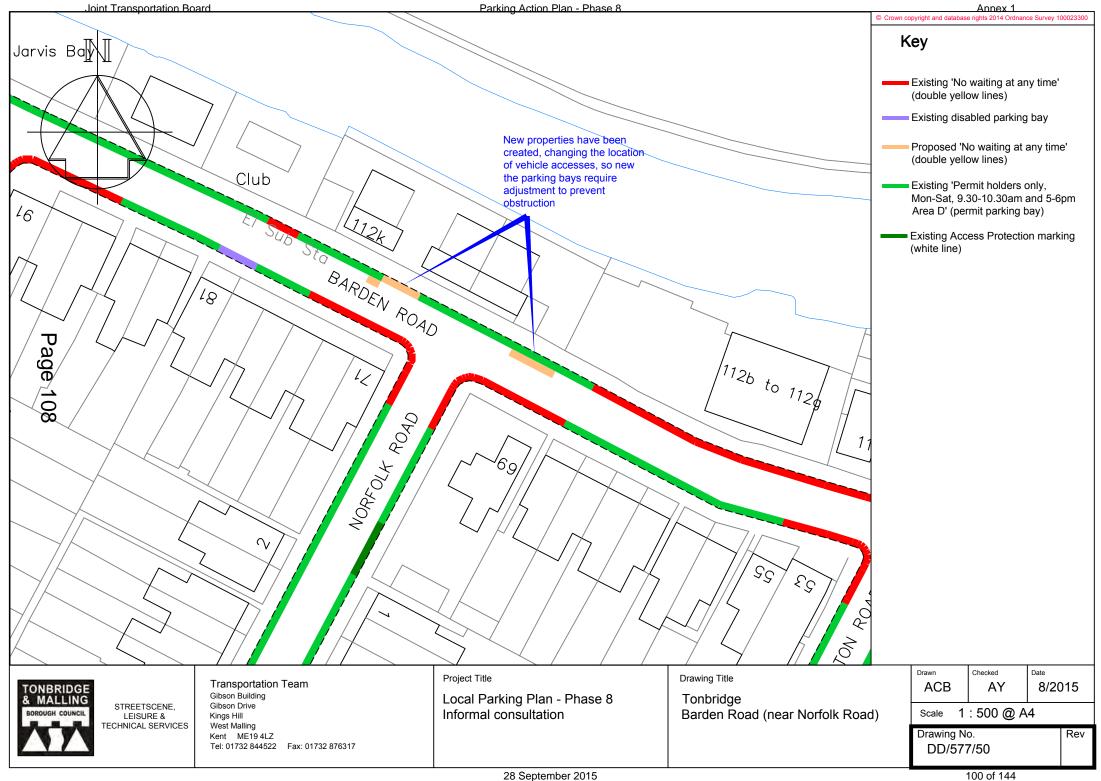
Location reference	Phase 8 - 50
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Barden Road - near Norfolk Road (changes due to redevelopment)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Developer
Plan reference:	DD/577/50

Summary

Changes to parking bays and double yellow lines.

Issue

Nearby property redevelopment and the associated vehicle accesses has meant changes to the existing parking bay arrangements.



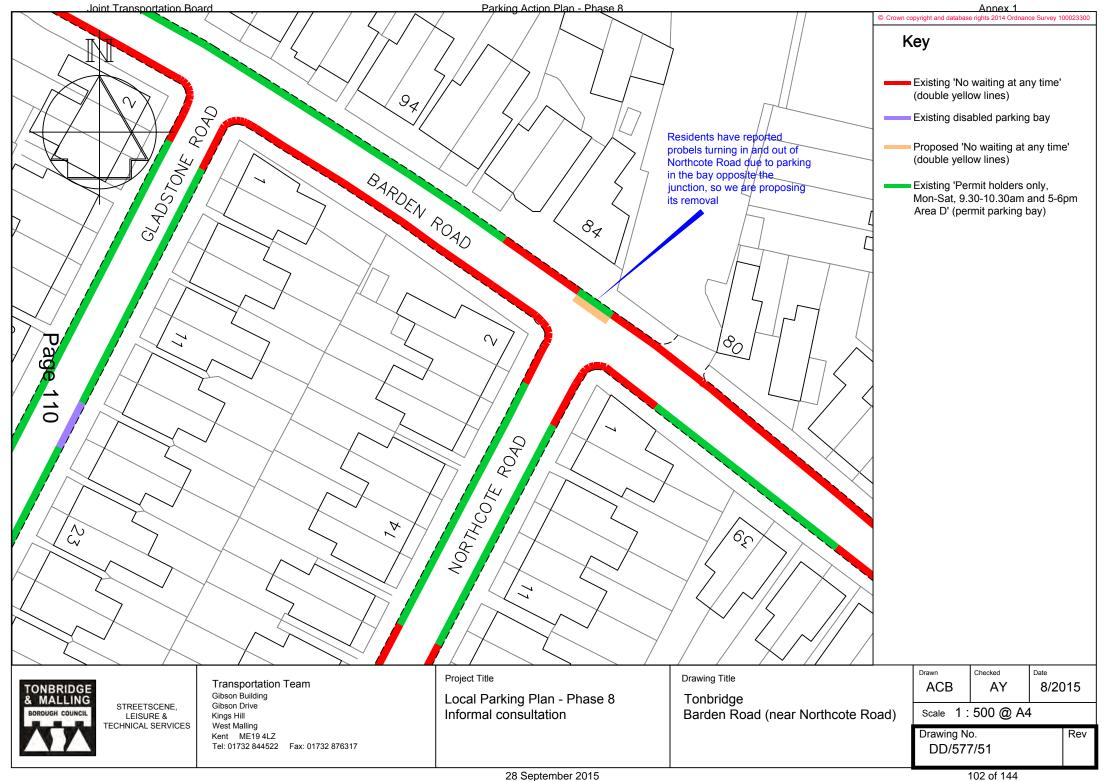
Location reference	Phase 8 - 51
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Barden Road - near Northcote Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/51

Summary

Removal of a permit parking bay.

Issue

Residents have reported problems with parking opposite the junction, which causes problems for turning traffic.



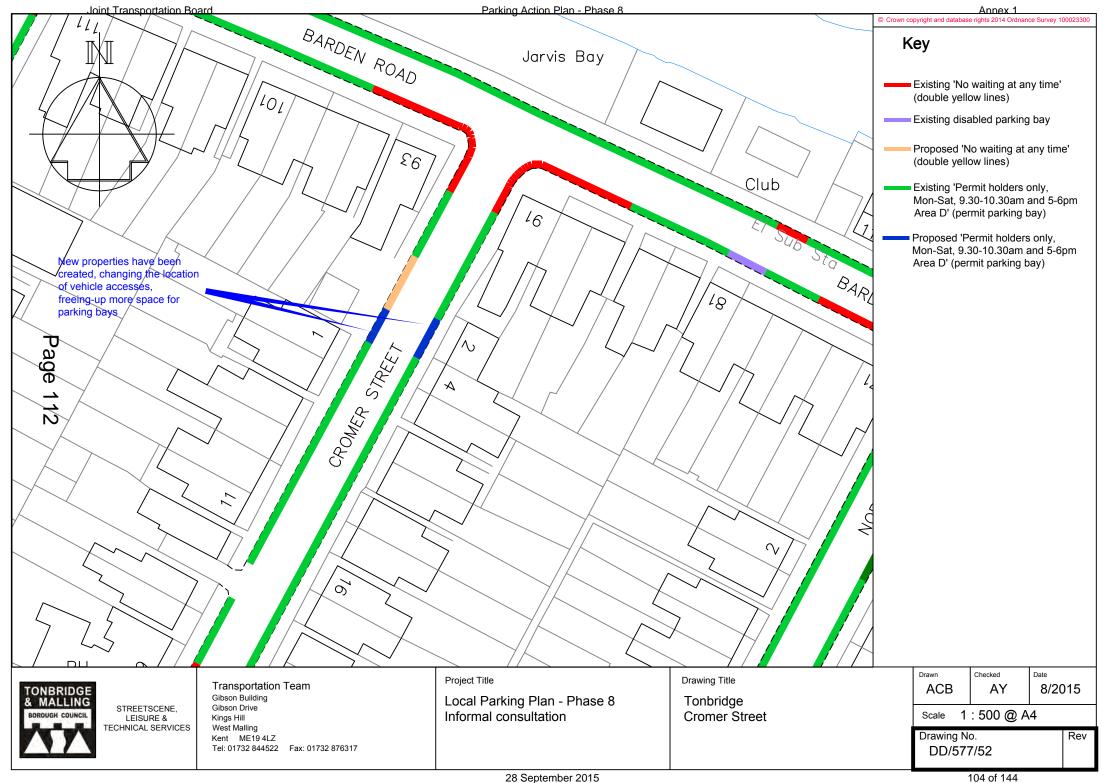
Location reference	Phase 8 - 52
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Cromer Street (alter parking bays)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/52

Summary

Creation of new permit parking bays.

Issue

Following recent property redevelopments that have removed some accesses, additional parking places can now be created.



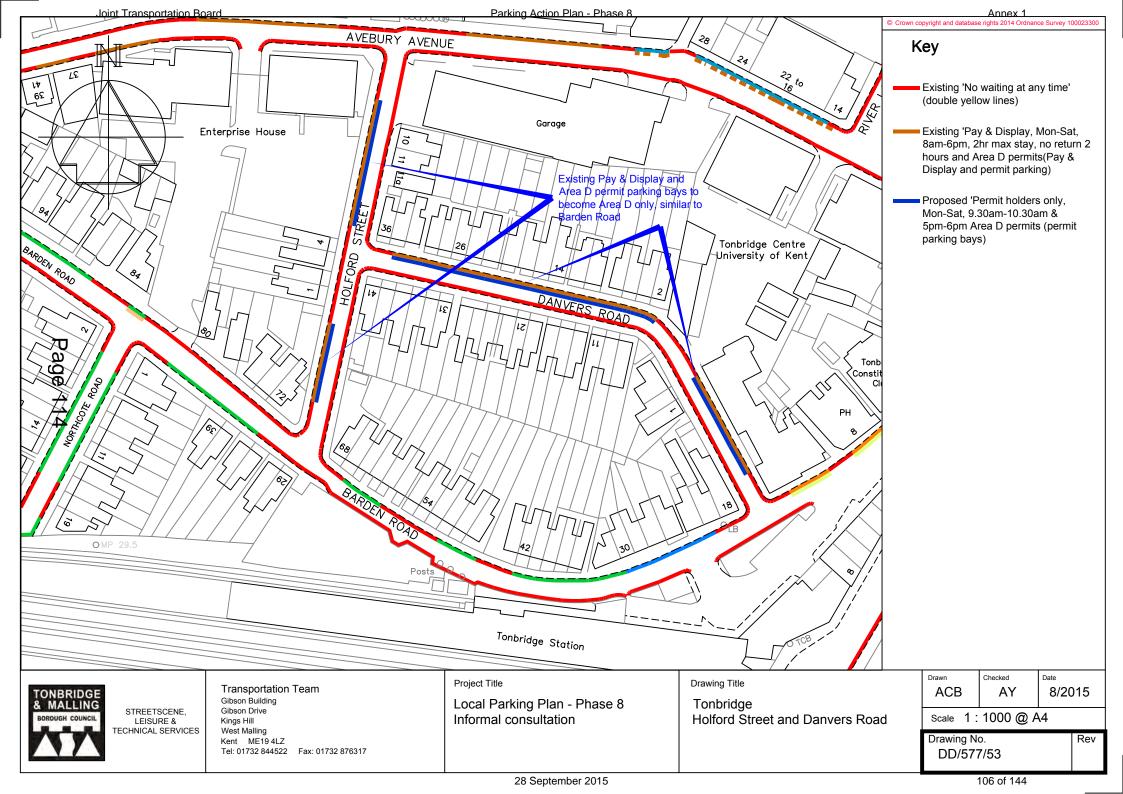
Location reference	Phase 8 - 53
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Holford Street and Danvers Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/53

Summary

Removal of Pay & Display parking from permit parking bays.

Issue

Residents have reported increasing parking pressures at the eastern end of Area D, and the existing P&D parking exacerbates this, and could be removed to ease pressure.



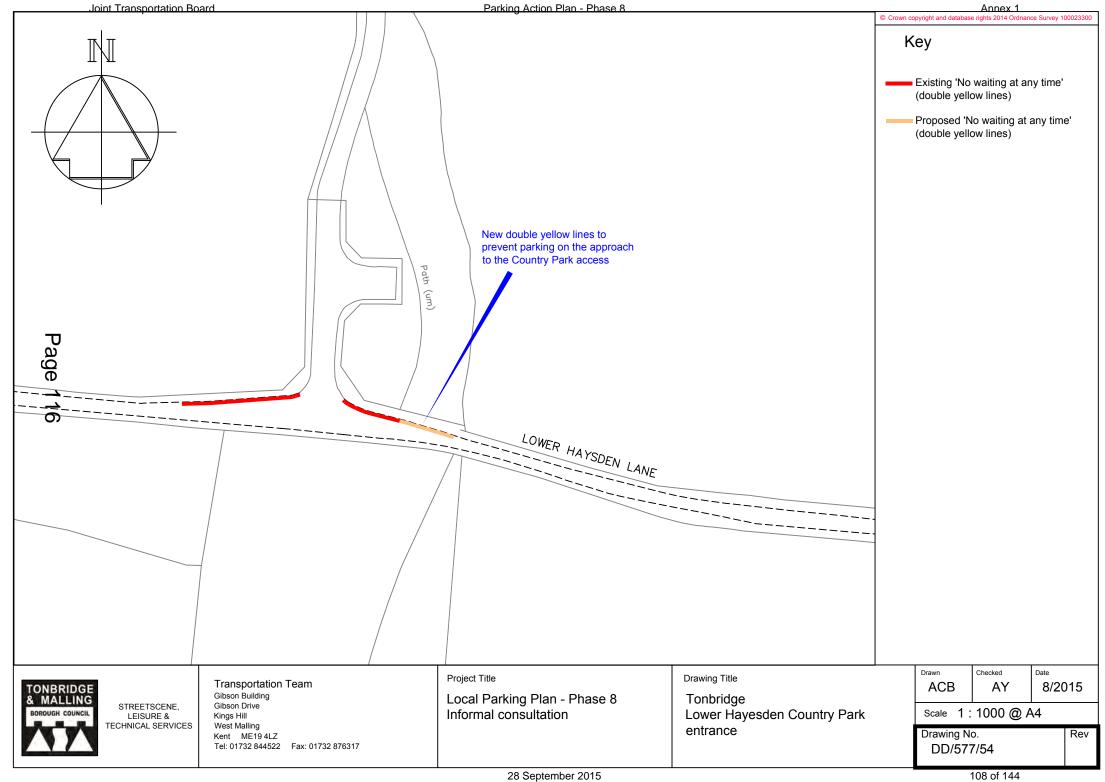
Location reference	Phase 8 - 54
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Lower Hayesden Lane - Country Park entrance
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Leisure Services
Plan reference:	DD/577/54

Summary

Extended double yellow lines around junction.

Issue

Parking at the entrance to the Park and on Lower Hayesden Lane causes problems.



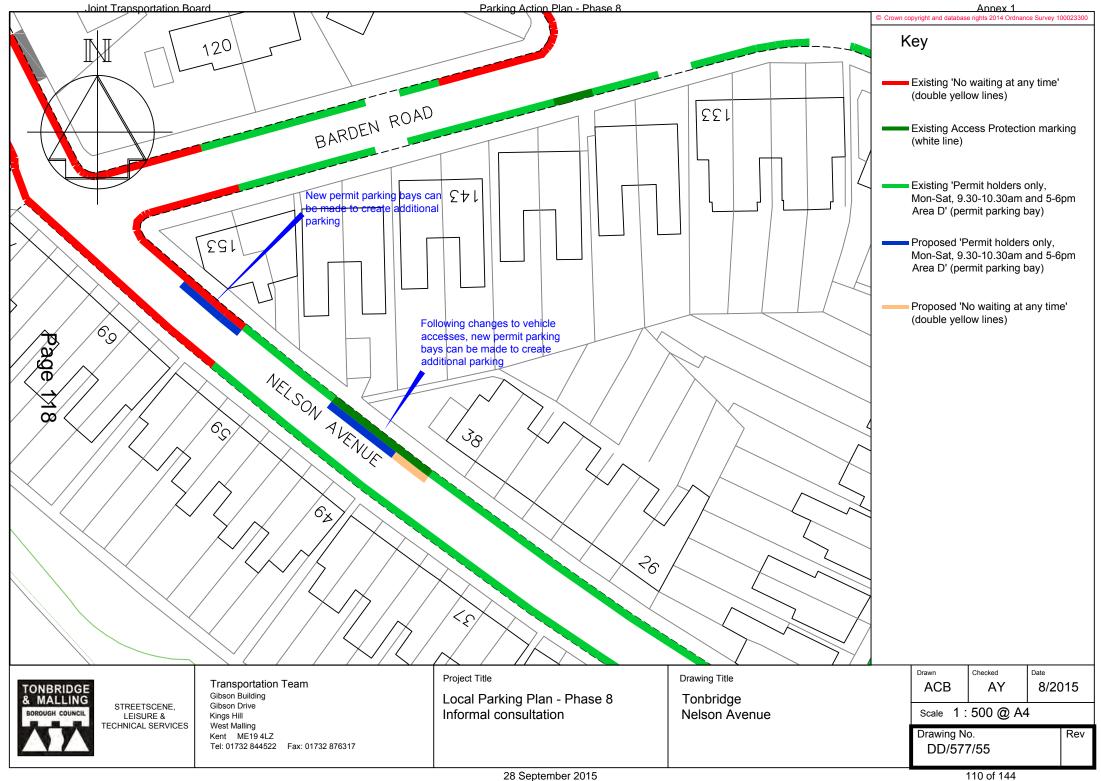
Location reference	Phase 8 - 55
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Judd
Road / Area	Nelson Avenue
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/55

Summary

Creation of new permit parking bays.

Issue

Additional parking bays can be created in an area where an access is no longer present, and additional spaces can be made close to the junction with Barden Road to help ease parking pressure.



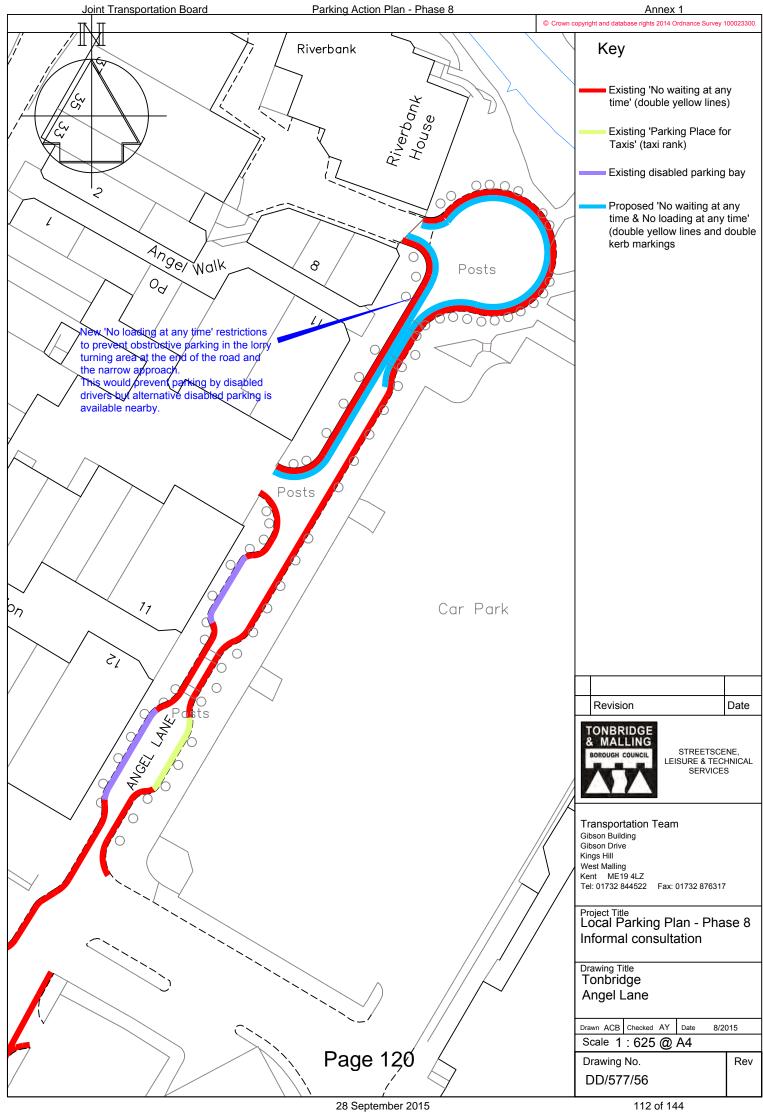
Location reference	Phase 8 - 56
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Angel Lane (disabled and loading controls)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/56

Summary

New "No Loading At Any Time" restriction.

Issue

Disabled parking occurs in the turning area and narrowings, creating difficulties for commercial vehicles. Alternative disabled facilities exist close by on Angel Lane or in the car parks.



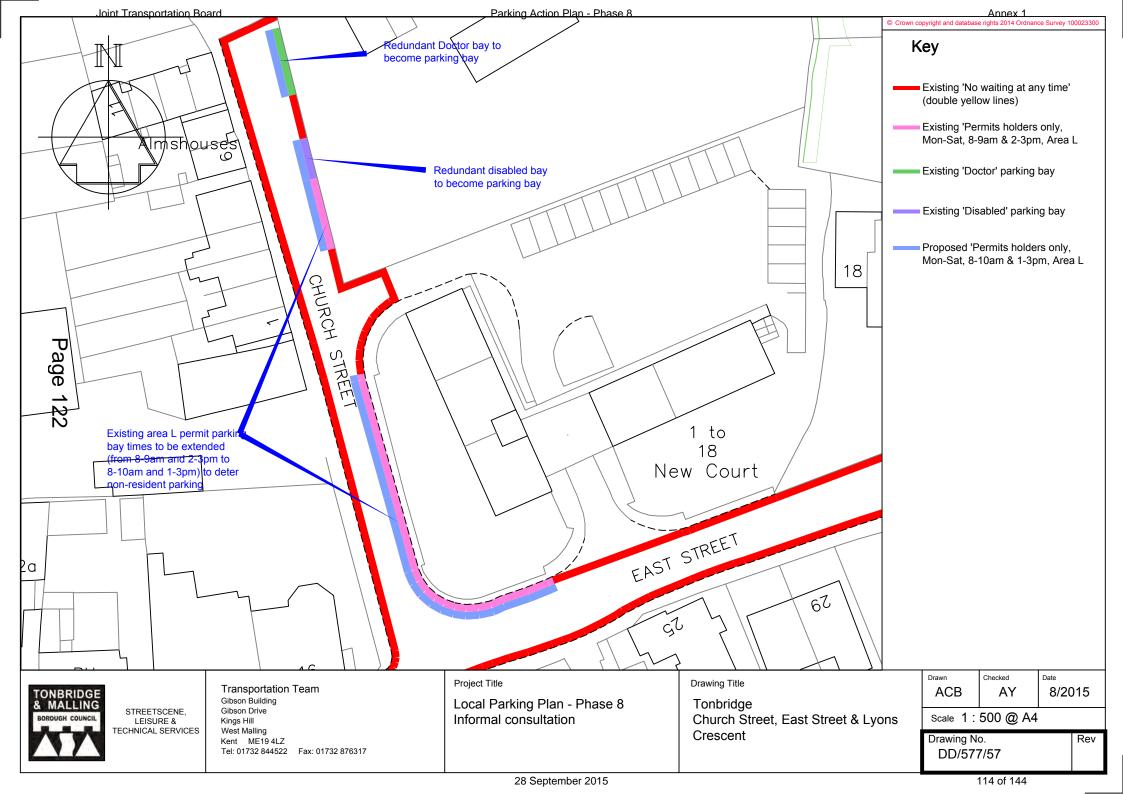
Location reference	Phase 8 - 57
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Church Street - removal of Doctor and Disabled bays
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/57

Summary

Changes to parking bays and double yellow lines, and a change to parking bay times.

Issue

The existing disabled bay and doctor parking bays are now redundant and residents have asked for them to become permit parking. Residents also asked for the restrictions to operate for longer.



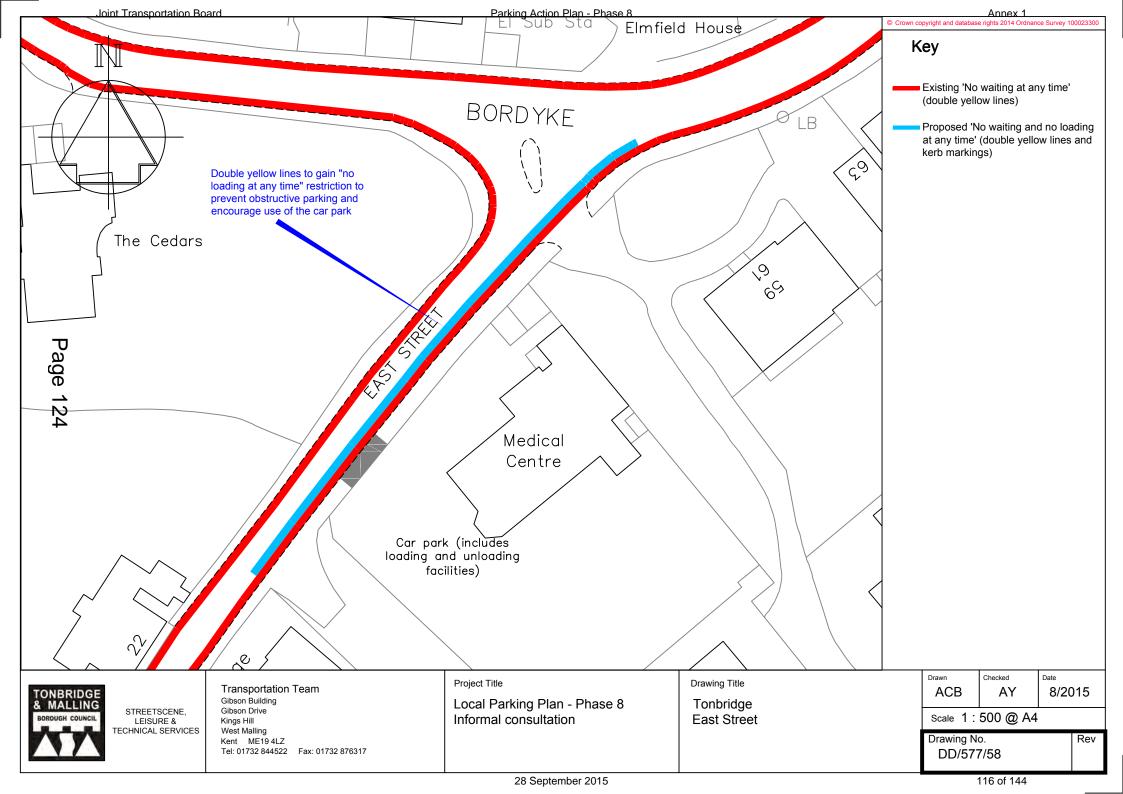
Location reference	Phase 8 - 58
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	East Street -New loading ban outside Doctor's Surgery
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/58

Summary

New "No Loading At Any Time" restriction.

Issue

Obstructive parking occurs outside the Doctor's Surgery and Pharmacy, by both blue badge holders and deliveries despite the presence of the off-street car park and loading facilities.



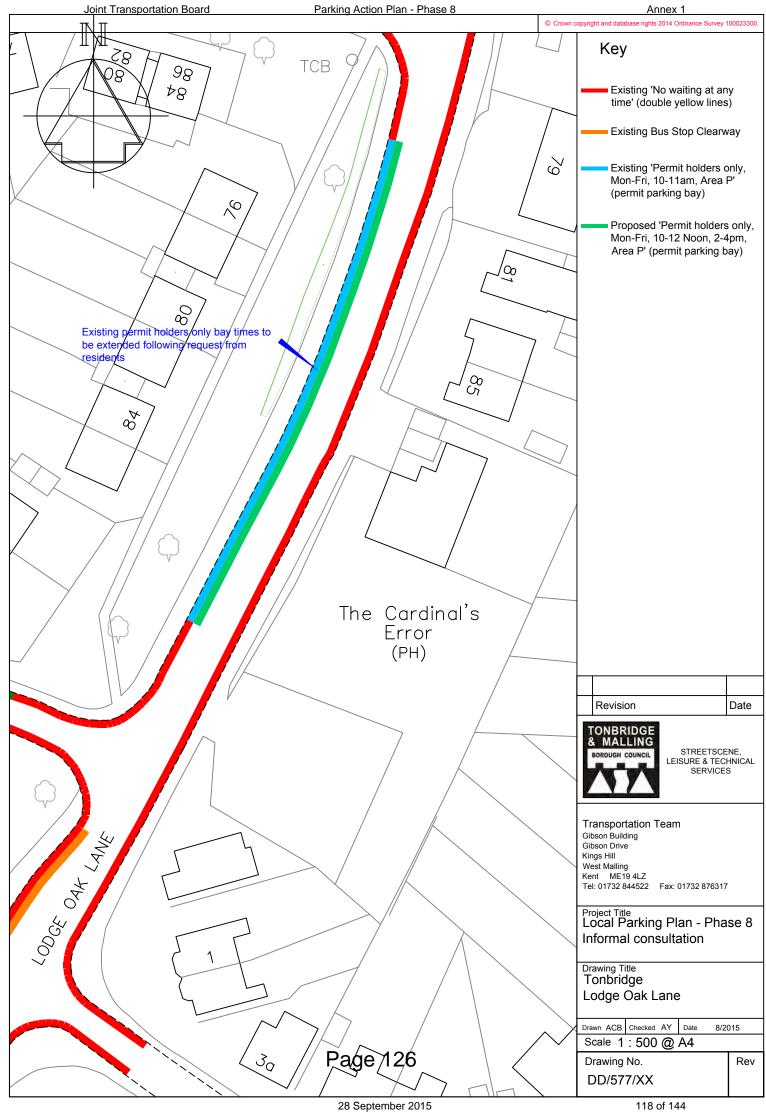
Location reference	Phase 8 - 59
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Lodge Oak Lane
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/59

Summary

Change to parking bay times.

Issue

There have been reports that the current parking restriction times do not operate for long enough and the restrictions are abused.



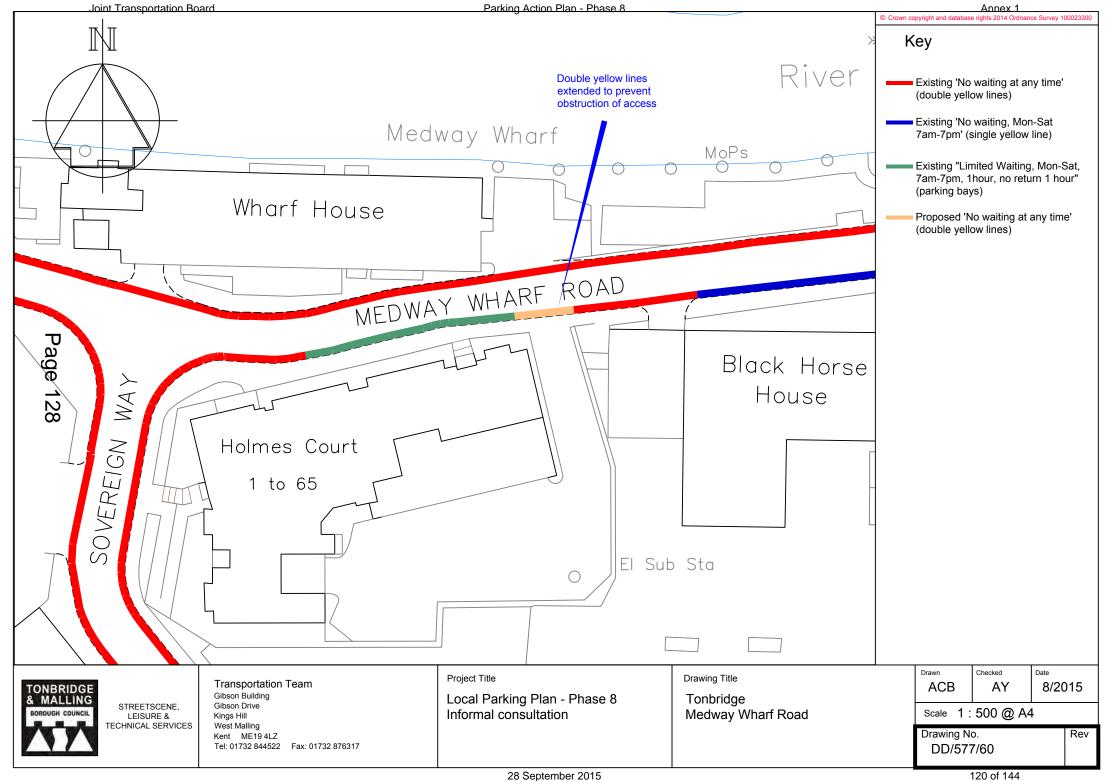
Location reference	Phase 8 - 60
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Medway Wharf Road
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/60

Summary

New double yellow lines in front of access.

Issue

Concerns that parking in front of the access to Holmes Court could obstruct the access and deter residents from using the car park.



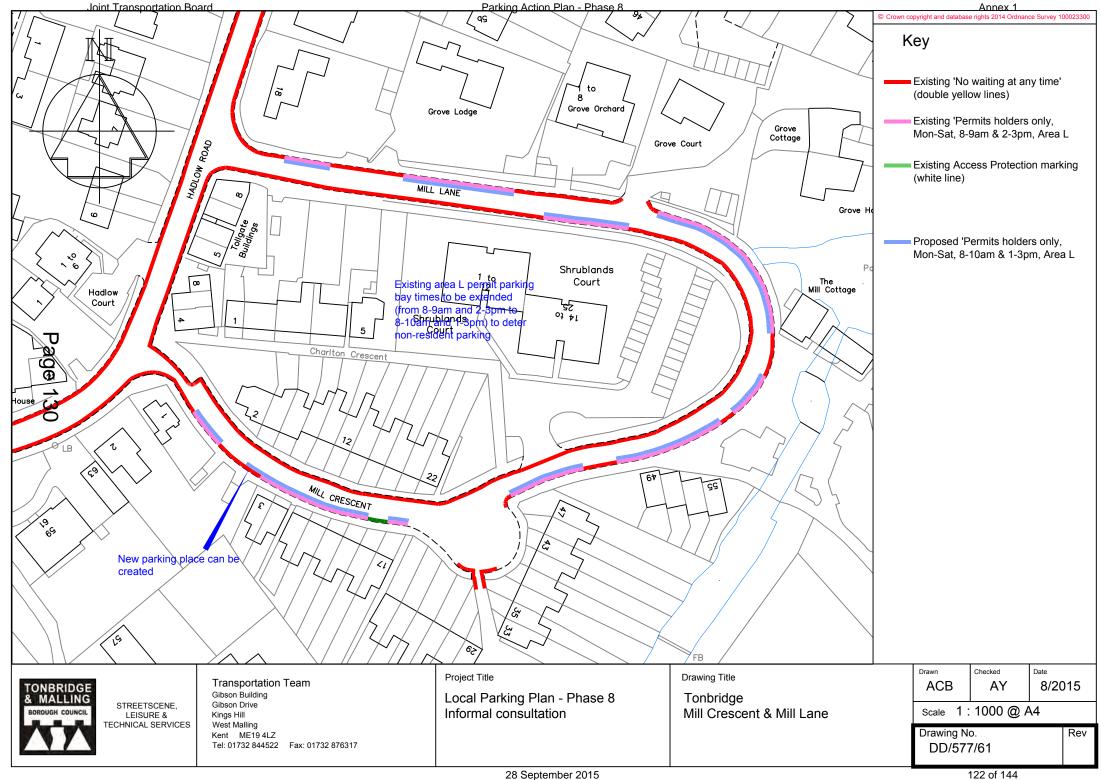
Location reference	Phase 8 - 61
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Mill Lane and Mill Crescent (new property near No.1)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/61

Summary

Reduction in double yellow lines for a new parking bay, and change to parking bay times.

Issue

Changes to properties allow an additional parking place to be created, and extending the existing parking restriction times will enable more effective enforcement.



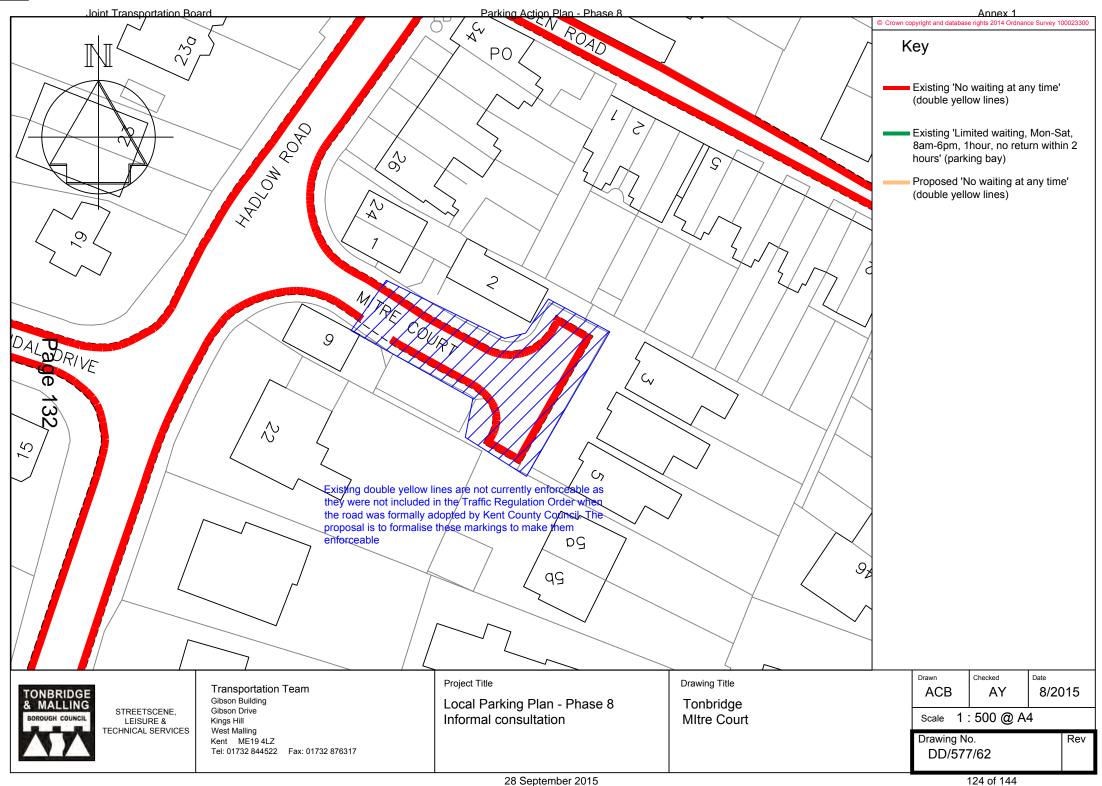
Location reference	Phase 8 - 62
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Mitre Court
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Cllr Elks
Plan reference:	DD/577/62

Summary

Formalising current unenforceable markings.

Issue

The existing markings are not enforceable, having never been formally introduced by Kent County Council when the road was adopted.



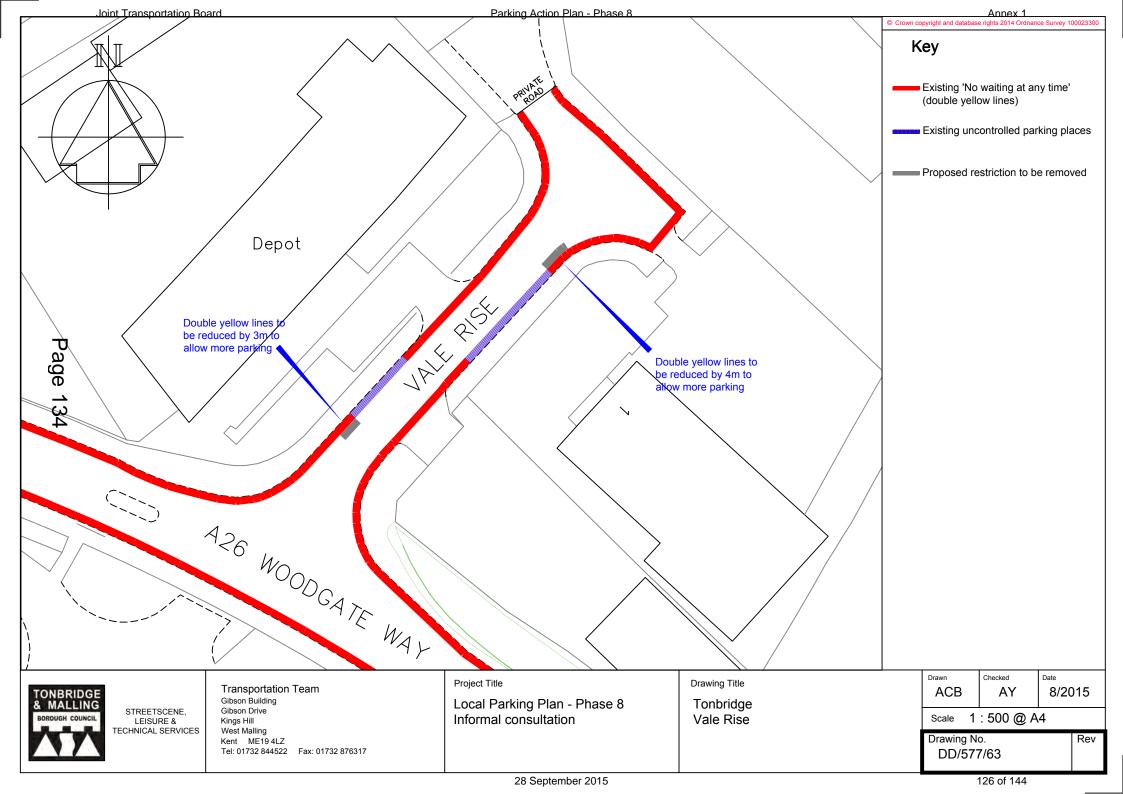
Location reference	Phase 8 - 63
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Vale Rise
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Parking team
Plan reference:	DD/577/63

Summary

Reduction in double yellow lines for new parking bays.

Issue

The existing parking restrictions in the area could be relaxed slightly to allow more on-street parking, which would reduce parking pressure elsewhere.



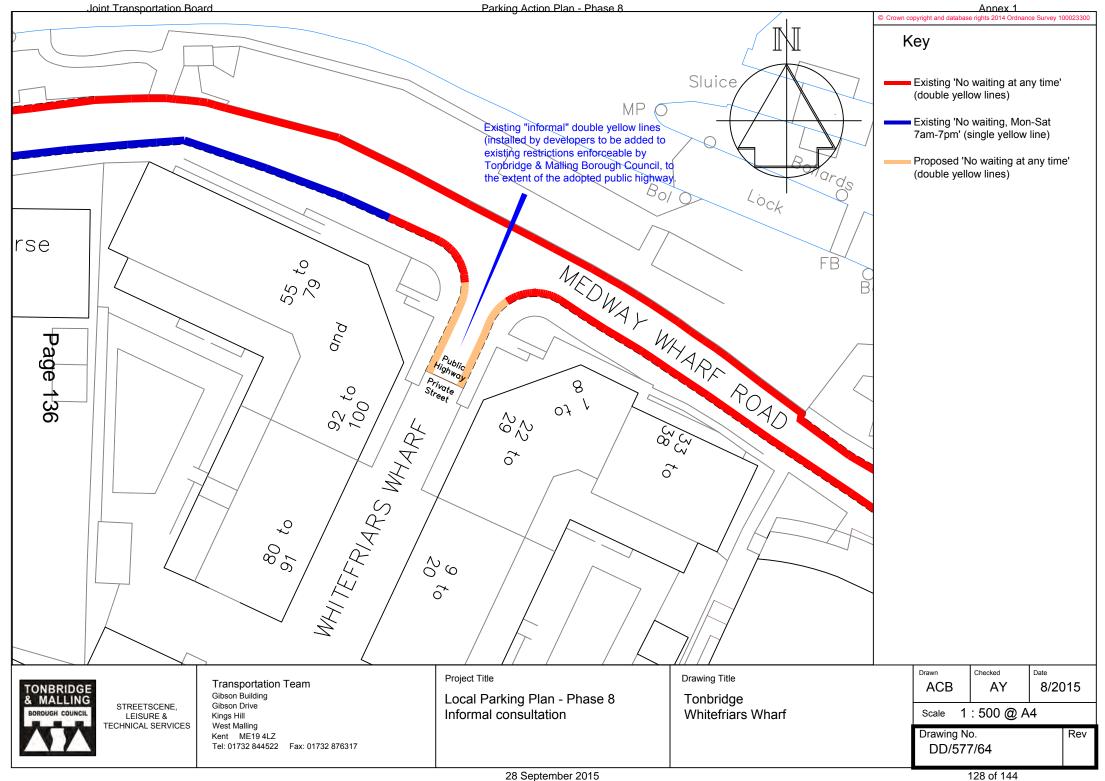
Location reference	Phase 8 - 64
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Medway
Road / Area	Whitefriars Wharf
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/64

Summary

Formalising current unenforceable markings.

Issue

Parking enforcement is not currently available at the entrance to Whitefriars Wharf due to ommissions during the development and adoption process by Kent County Council.



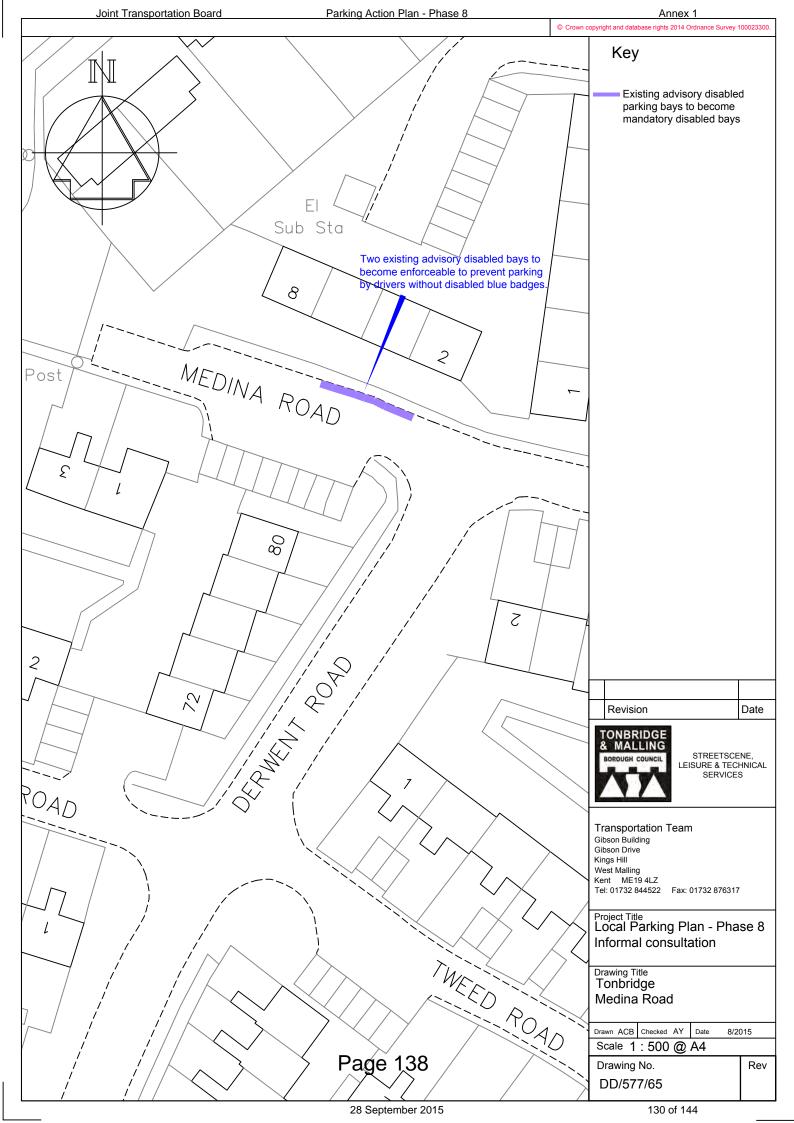
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Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Trench
Road / Area	Medina Road (disabled bay)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local resident
Plan reference:	DD/577/65

Summary

Making existing disabled parking bays enforceable.

Issue

Problems with non blue-badge holders parking in the disabled parking bays.



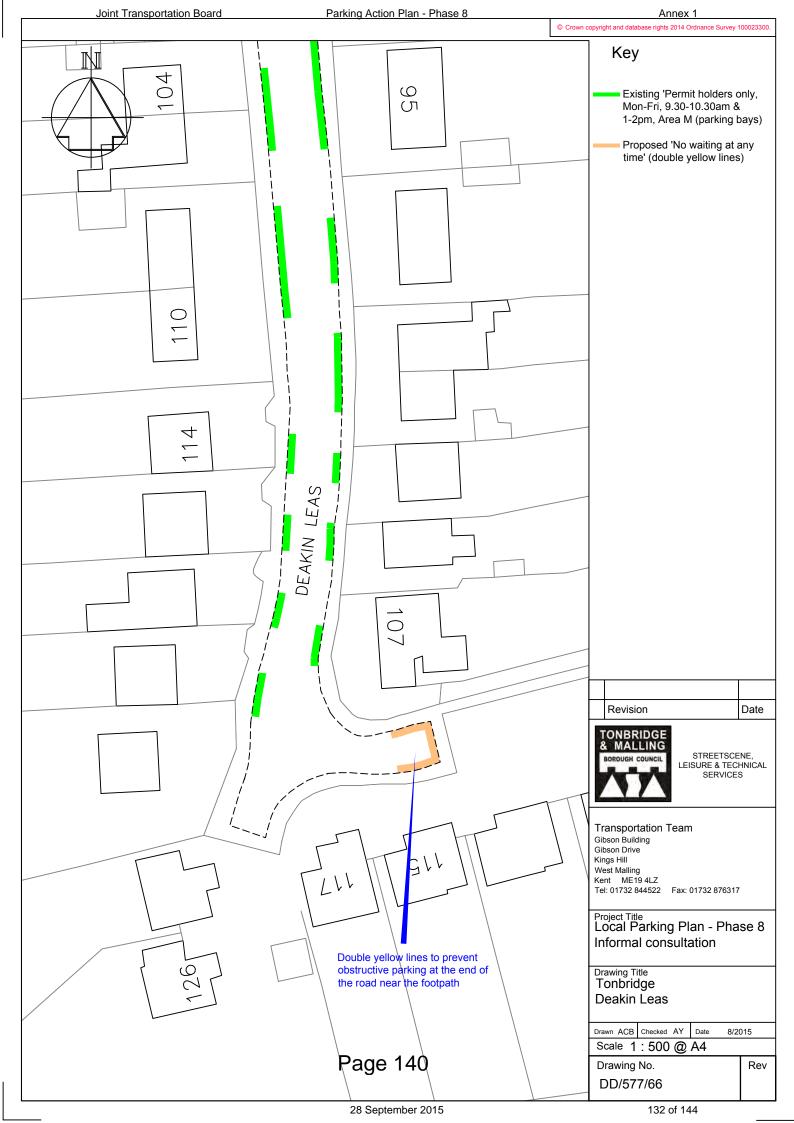
Location reference	Phase 8 - 66
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	Deakin Leas
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/66

Summary

New double yellow lines near to the footpath at the southern end.

Issue

There have been reports that parking by non-residents near to the footpath at the southern end of the road causes obstruction problems.



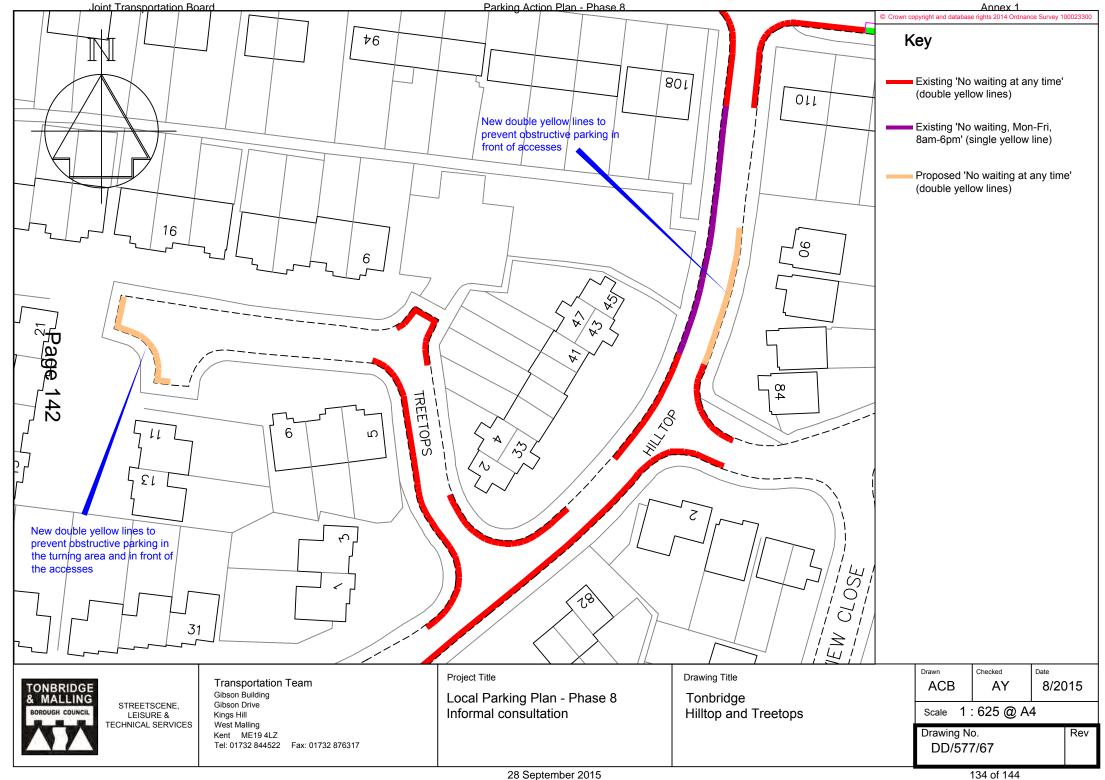
Location reference	Phase 8 - 67
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	Hilltop (extend DYL in front of driveways at Baltic Road end) and
	Treetops
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents & Cllr M Heslop
Plan reference:	DD/577/67

Summary

New double yellow lines in front of accesses.

Issue

Residents have reported probles with obstructive parking in front of accesses in Hilltop and Treetops.



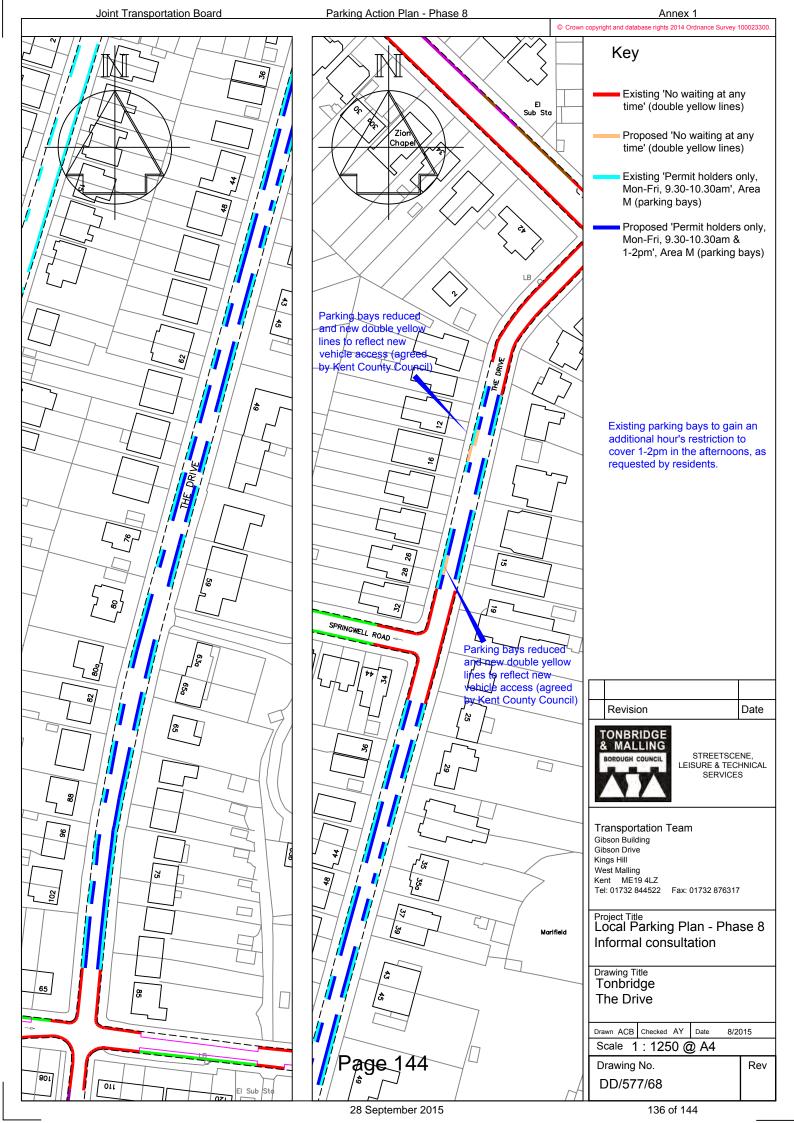
Location reference	Phase 8 - 68
Town	Tonbridge
Ward	Vauxhall
Road / Area	The Drive (adjustments to parking bays to reflect new accesses and
	addition of an hour's restriction in the afternoon)
File Ref	OSP-30-36
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/68

Summary

Changes to parking bays and double yellow lines, and a change to parking bay times.

Issue

New property accesses require the adjustment of existing parking bays, and residents have reported afternoon parking problems due to long-stay non-resident parking.



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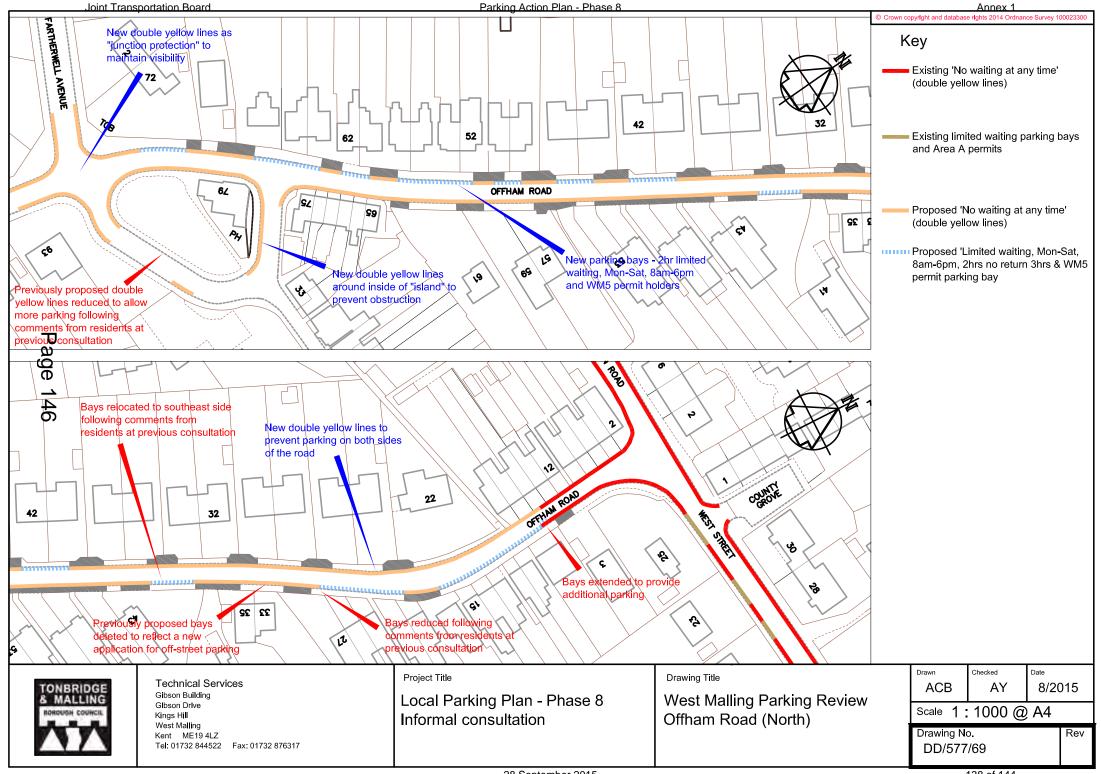
Location reference	Phase 8 - 69
Town	West Malling
Ward	West Malling & Leybourne
Road / Area	Parking Review area - Offham Road (North)
File Ref	OSP-39
Requested by	Local residents
Plan reference:	DD/577/69

Summary

New permit parking bays and new double yellow lines.

Issue

The West Malling Steering Group have asked that proposals be considered to deter non-resident parking and to assist traffic movements, and we are re-consulting on revised proposals.



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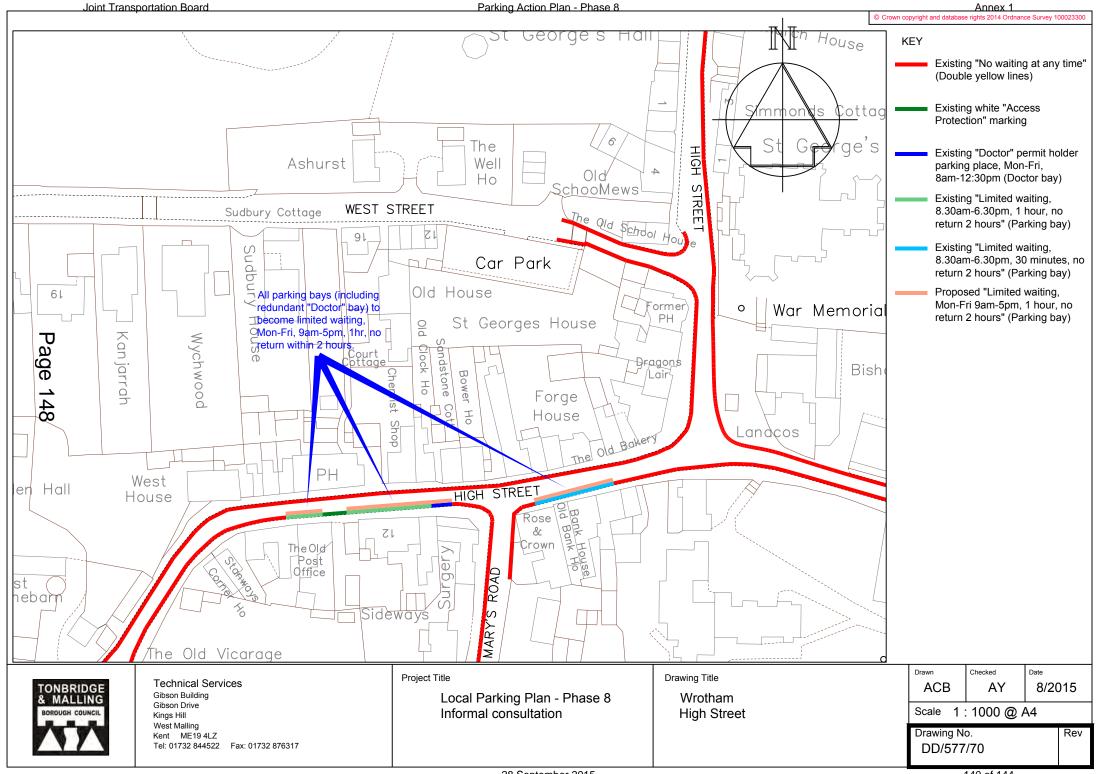
Location reference	Phase 8 - 70
Town	Wrotham
Ward	Wrotham, Ightham & Stansted
Road / Area	High Street
File Ref	OSP-42
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/70

Summary

Changes to existing parking bays.

Issue

The Parish Council have reported that the existing parking bays require updating to meet current need, and redundant Doctor bay needs removal to allow more parking.



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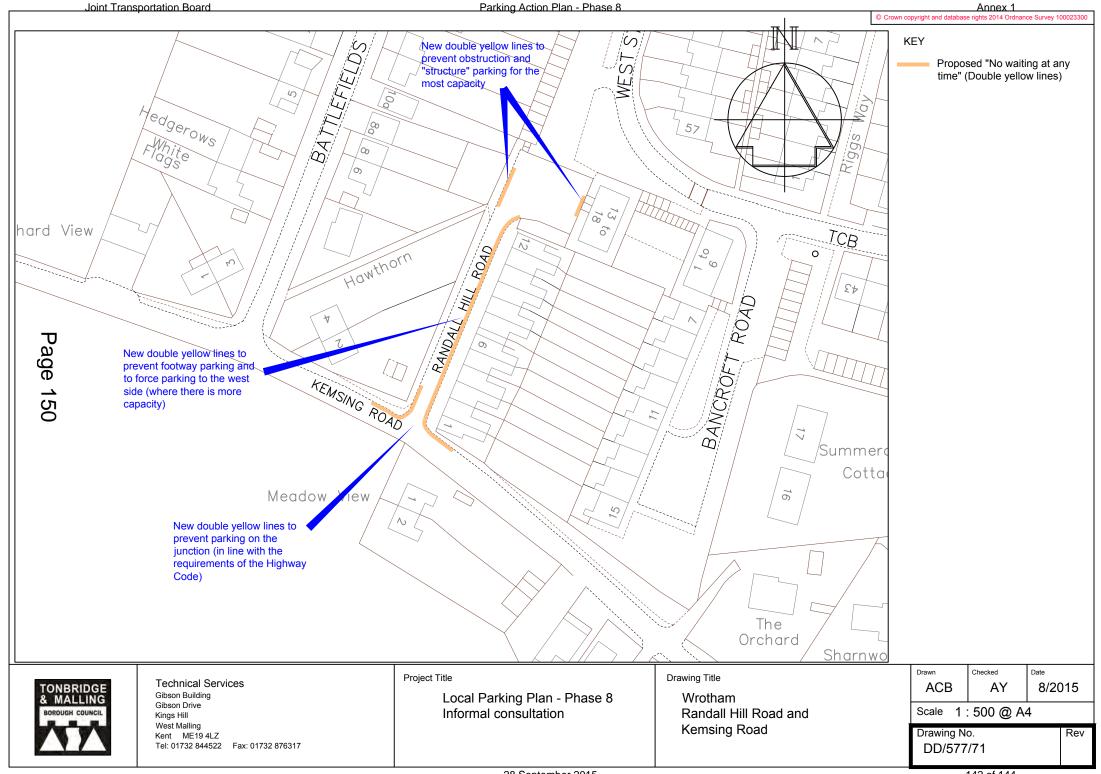
Location reference	Phase 8 - 71
Town	Wrotham
Ward	Wrotham, Ightham & Stansted
Road / Area	Kemsing Road and Randall Hill Road
File Ref	OSP-42
Requested by	Local resident (Ms Cox)
Plan reference:	DD/577/71

Summary

New double yellow lines around junction and to prevent obstruction.

Issue

Residents have reported problems with obstructive parking at the junction and on pavements.



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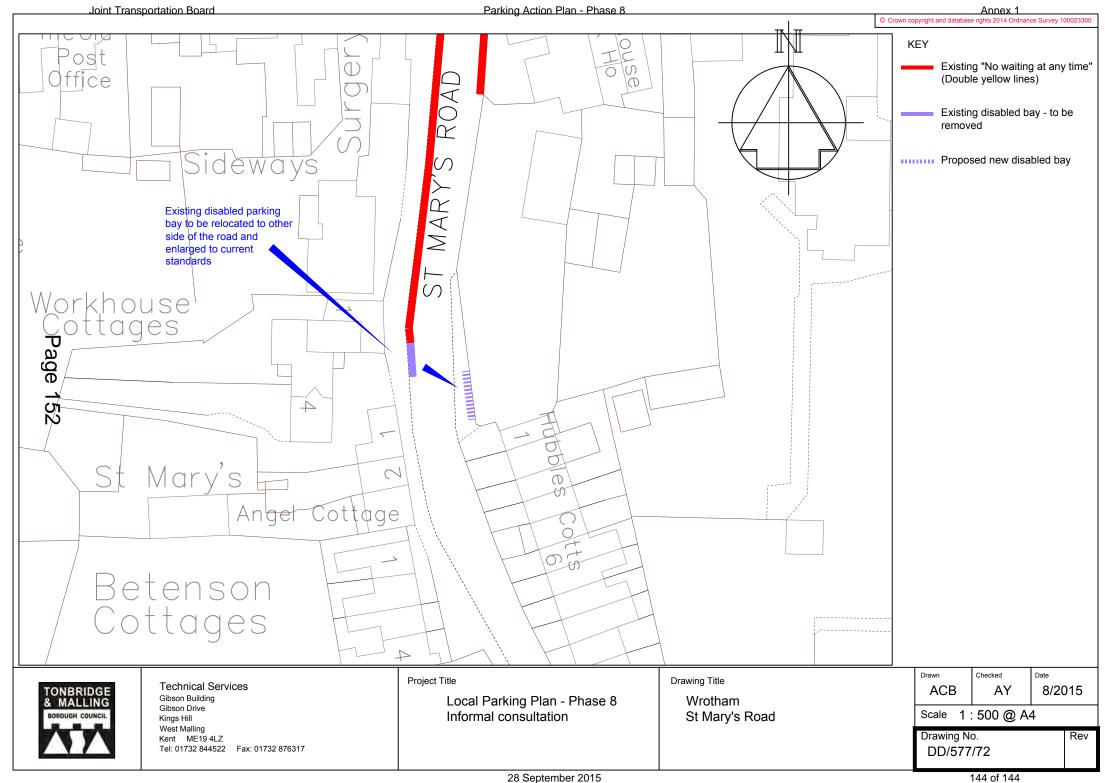
Location reference	Phase 8 - 72
Town	Wrotham
Ward	Wrotham, Ightham & Stansted
Road / Area	St Marys Road
File Ref	OSP-42
Requested by	Parish Council
Plan reference:	DD/577/72

Summary

Relocation of an existing disabled bay.

Issue

The Parish Council have reported that the existing disabled bay could be relocated to the other side of the road to improve traffic movements and better meet the needs of the disabled resident.



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Dear Andy,

I attach a petition handed to the Parish Council at their meeting on Wednesday, 15 July 2015 requesting a residential parking scheme in Mount Pleasant and Half Moon Lane area. We would be grateful if you could give us an idea of how many residential parking places would be available in this area and any conditions concerning parking permits, time limits etc.

They would also like to know if it is possible to have signs to the two free car parks to make drivers aware of their existence in the Village and to help alleviate the parking problems. We think two signs would be necessary, one at the top of Mount Pleasant pointing away from the narrow road and a directional sign down Riding Lane.

Yours sincerely,

Pans

Pam Gow

Clerk to Hildenborough Parish Council

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Your ref

Our ref OSP-17

Date 30th July 2015

Dear Mrs Gow

Re: Petition on parking issues in Hildenborough

I refer to the Parish Council's recent letter and the attached petition from 36 residents to the Parish from 36 residents requesting a residential parking scheme in Mount Pleasant and the Half Moon Lane area.

As it stands I cannot give an accurate indication of the numbers of residential parking places that could be available if a residents parking scheme were to be introduced to the area – this would require significant investigations and design work that I am not currently resourced to carry out.

However, a very basic initial assessment of the roads mentioned, based on Ordnance Survey data on road widths, aerial photos and images from Google Streetview suggest that if a permit scheme was considered there might be the facility to allow permit parking for the following;

Half Moon Lane

• approximately 9-10 parking places in Half Moon Lane (the majority by the open grassed area), dependant on road width.

This needs to be compared to the approximately 11 properties (excluding the commercial premises) that would probably be eligible for permits

Mount Pleasant

- approximately 13-15 on the east-west section, dependant on road width and existing vehicle accesses and associated turning movements
- approximately 7-8 on the north-south section to the south of Mount Pleasant Court, dependant on road width
- approximately 12-13 on the north-south section to the north of Mount Pleasant Court (again subject to road width)

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• approximately 9-10 on the wider section at the Hildenborough Road end

This gives a rough total for Mount Pleasant of 41 to 46 parking places, but this needs to be compared to the approximately 70 properties (excluding the 21 properties in Mount Pleasant Court) that would probably be eligible for permits (though some have off-street parking provision).

With these totals in mind it is probable that any permit scheme would not meet the demand from residents – there are likely to be too many residents' vehicles trying to park in too little road space, whether there are permits in place or not, and the parking standards we would have to apply may be a reduction to the unregulated parking that already occurs.

It has to be remembered that a permit parking scheme is also not without cost - currently the Borough-wide charge to residents for parking permits are £35 per vehicle per year, so we could end up with residents who wish to park on-street having to purchase a permit to do so, but with capacity limited to significantly lower than the likely demand.

It is hard to recommend that a permit scheme be introduced on this basis, as the parking availability is exceeded by resident demand.

Undoubtedly this is exacerbated by parking by commuters and people working nearby, especially at the Hildenborough Road end, but the majority of the on-street parking is occupied overnight and in to the day, forcing the local workers and commuters on to Hildenborough Road.

The petition (and this initial analysis) will be reported at the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Board in September.

Car park signing

Your letter also asks about the provision of direction signing to the two free car parks to assist in reducing the parking problems. This is something that the Borough can look at in conjunction with the County Council as the Highway Authority – there is potential for the provision of a direction sign to the village hall and TMBC car park at the Hildenborough Road / Riding Lane junction, and for the sign at the entry to the TMBC car park to be more conspicuous.

However, the Parish can be of assistance too – the Parish's car park entrance is reasonably anonymous to drivers and an appropriate sign could be erected that was visible from both directions and the Mount Pleasant / Riding Lane junction could improve car park usage. This could probably be located on the Parish's own property.

Yours sincerely

Andy Bracey FIHE Parking Manager

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