

**Informal Consultation
New & Amended Parking Restrictions
Yardley Park Road and Bickmore Way, Tonbridge**

Please return this form to;

The Parking Team
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Gibson Building, Gibson Drive
Kings Hill
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Comments	
<p style="color: blue; font-family: cursive;">I have not encountered problems. If anything, I would say that the few cars parked on Yardley Park Road have the effect of slowing down traffic on that road, which would otherwise become a race track. The Highway Code Rule 243 already states that one should not park within 10m of a junction.</p>	
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	28/8/18.

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Victoria Sargent

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 September 2018 21:32
To: Parking Office
Subject: New Yellow Lines, Yardley Pk Rd / Bickmore Way

REF: Phase 10-inf-DD/583/36

Dear Mr Bracey,

Thank you for seeking our input regarding the parking situation in Yardley Park Road, Tonbridge.

As residents of Bickmore Way we have noticed that regular parking has become a feature at the side of Yardley Park Road on the carriageway going towards the mini-roundabout (at the Shipbourne Road/Dry Hill Park Road junction). Having observed the situation for some time now – and having discussed it with other residents – it would appear that this is a consequence of commuters parking to gain free access to Tonbridge station as well as free parking for the workers at the local schools in the area.

I would like to stress that parking is always at the side of the road which is on the opposite side of Yardley Park Road to Bickmore Way. Your proposal – to place double yellow lines on our side of Yardley Park Road (and also to extend them into Bickmore Way) is not where cars regularly park. Indeed, I do not think I can recall any point -- during our 15 years of living in Bickmore Way -- when this has been the case.

Whilst we would welcome measures to prevent parking anywhere in our road, the feeling is that double yellow lines placed directly opposite Bickmore Way would better address the current situation of bumper-to-bumper parking on that side of Yardley Park Road. At present, it is often very difficult (and dangerous) to

pull out into Yardley Park Road from Bickmore Way as cars parked directly opposite our road cause an obstruction. Even when we have exited our road, there is still the problem of vehicles passing safely in a stretch of road significantly narrowed by parked cars. According to the Highway Code, cars should not be parked opposite a junction and, at present, this is the case!

In my view, the best course of action would be to place double yellow lines directly opposite the entrance to Bickmore Way to make it safer -- not only for Bickmore residents to exit and enter their road -- but safer, too, for vehicles turning into Bickmore Way as the current situation necessitates that stationary, indicating vehicles, block a considerably narrowed Yardley Park Road due to parked cars.

Indeed, there is probably a good case for placing yellow lines along the entire length of Yardley Park Road, as this is a busy artery with fast moving traffic. Parked vehicles severely disrupt traffic flow and impede visibility (for pedestrians and for motorists) and they obstruct entry and exit to and from all of the side and access roads – including Chiltern Way and Bickmore Way.

Finally, should you decide to place double yellow lines opposite Bickmore Way or place them along longer stretches of Yardley Park Road, this might induce commuters/local workers to park in Bickmore Way which, as local residents, we would not welcome – particularly as this is a cul-de-sac and manoeuvrability could be severely restricted. In this scenario, it would be helpful to have yellow lines all the way down Bickmore Way as well.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our views on this matter. Having spoken with other residents, I know that they have made similar points to mine and I hope that you are able to address our concerns with the measures that you take.

Yours sincerely,



Victoria Sargent

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 September 2018 17:42
To: Parking Office
Subject: Additional yellow lines in Yardley Park Road

The cars in question that park in Yardley Park Road, are all long stay out of area cars with the owners then walking to the train station to avoid paying the parking charges.

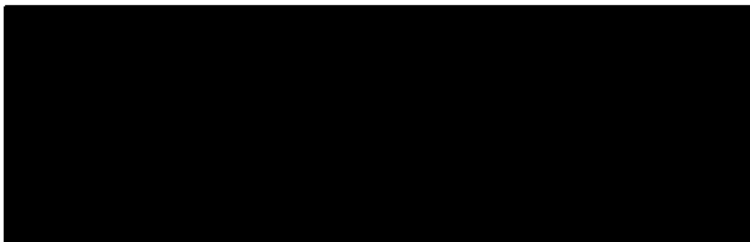
Driving out of Bickmore Way to turn left can be dangerous without looking both ways as the traffic from Hadlow road tend to be in the middle of the road or more as they are overtaking the parked cars.

However, there has never been any accidents involving this situation in the three years since we have lived here or have heard about before that (the more dangerous it is , the safer it is?).

These cars that park along Yardley Park Road, all on the Haydens side, actually help, to some degree, in slowing the through traffic down.

If more yellow lines are introduced as indicated to eliminate the parking of these cars, our concern is not only will this speed up the through traffic both ways, who already use Yardley Park Road like a race track, but also send these parked cars down the residential road of Bickmore Way to park which would create a major problem for residents for entering and exiting their properties as the road is quite narrow and contains a number of bends. Also, they may well simply park further back down Yardley Park Road which narrows and already has residential cars parked along there making the situation potentially more dangerous.

Maybe keeping the options open for future considerations would be wise at this stage, or simply putting a two way speed camera would be a better option?



Claire Twinn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 August 2018 18:25
To: Parking Office
Subject: Your reference Phase 10-inf-DD/583/36. New double yellow lines, Yardley Park Road and Bickmore Way, Tonbridge.

Dear Mr Bracey,

Thank you for your letter and enclosed plan regarding the above.

This is an interesting conundrum. As far as I can tell, the cars are parked by staff from the local private schools in Dry Hill Park Road. This has only been the case since, I believe, parking restrictions were changed in that road. Hence, it is only during term time that any problem exists. Today, for instance, there are no cars parked at all.

That said, what you are proposing will not address any problems for traffic emerging from Bickmore Way because no cars ever park where you are proposing to put the sets of "New double yellow lines to prevent parking around the junction (in line with the Highway Code)".

The cars park exclusively all along Yardley Park Road directly opposite the junction and wherever there are currently no yellow lines. The line of cars seems to be extending daily in fact (during term time) and more recently has almost reached the end of the boundary adjacent to The Haydens parkland ie. it's 'progressing' down the hill towards the Hadlow Road.

This current parking is in breach of the Highway Code guidance since it is directly opposite and within 32 foot of the junction with Bickmore Way. Not to mention it's pretty much on the brow of a (small but steadily inclining) hill, and many cars park facing oncoming traffic. Perversely, you are not proposing to put any lines in this area.

In my view the actual question which needs to be addressed is whether it's safe to allow parking along this stretch of Yardley Park Road at all. Without doubt, if there's a case for putting the lines where you are proposing, then it makes no sense at all not to extend them further - on both sides of the road - down towards Hadlow Road. In which case, you probably need to make the whole road parking restricted as the cars will probably only move further down and impact on visibility from other private residences!

And if you do that, please can you put them all the way down Bickmore Way to prevent a similar problem!

I'm sorry this is a rather lengthy response but I hope it makes sense. I'd be very happy to discuss in person or accompany you on a little stroll of the area if it helped to understand the issues faced.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

Claire Twinn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 August 2018 21:21
To: Parking Office
Subject: Re: Phase 10-inf-DD/583/36
Attachments: scan0003.pdf

To: The Parking Team
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Kent, ME194LZ

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Dear Sirs,

We are in favour of the proposal. Please find attached form duly completed endorsing our support.

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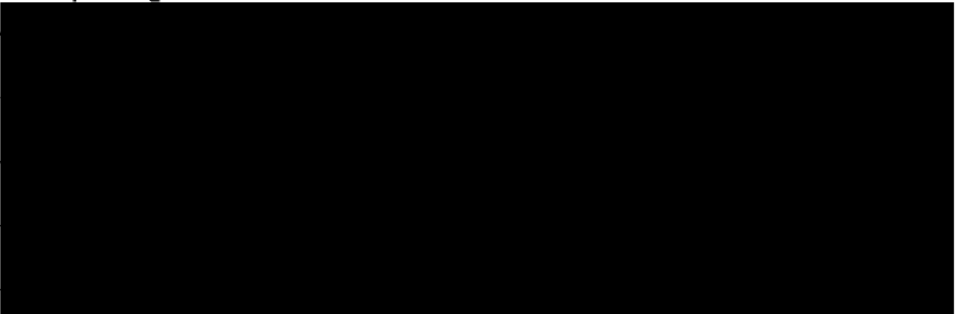
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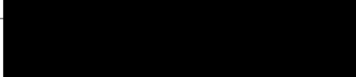
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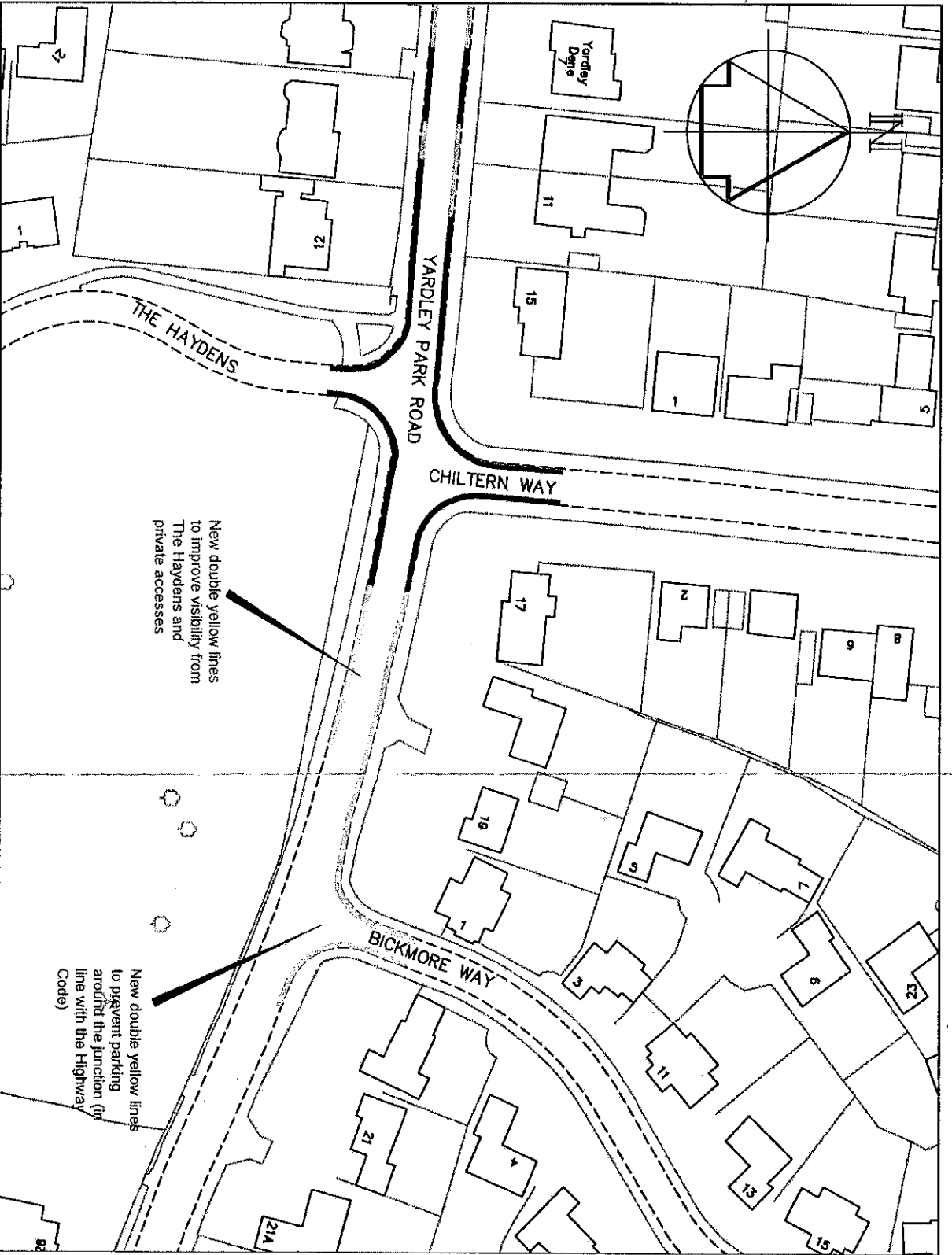
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<p>WE ARE DEFINITELY IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSALS - THIS WILL DEFINITELY IMPROVE VISIBILITY FROM PRIVATE ACCESSSES AND HAYDENS - PLEASE FAST TRACK THESE PROPOSALS SO THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED ASAP. MANY THANKS</p>	
Signed 	Date 8th August 2018



Key

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Proposed "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines)

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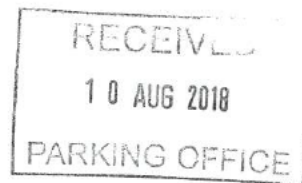
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<p>This is long overdue. There have been a number of near misses as left turners out of Bickmore Way are facing head-on traffic which is over the crown of the road whilst passing the parked cars. I would hope that the double yellows on the south side could extend as far as those on the North side to lessen these risks. ie to the pedestrian gate of Haydens Green. There have also been abandoned vehicles left at that location (see records); Visibility for pedestrians crossing from Hayden's side is restricted by the parked cars. Please seriously consider vehicles exiting from Bickmore Way in addition to visibility for Hayden's # N^{os} 17-19 Yardley Park Rd. ^{29 houses}</p>	
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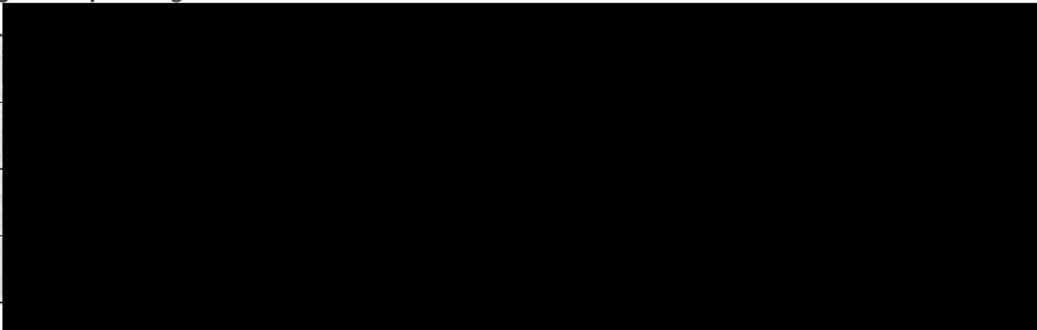
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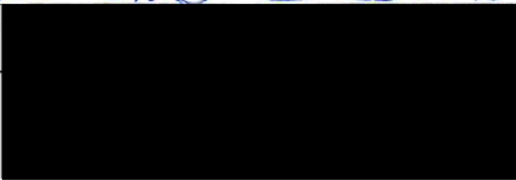
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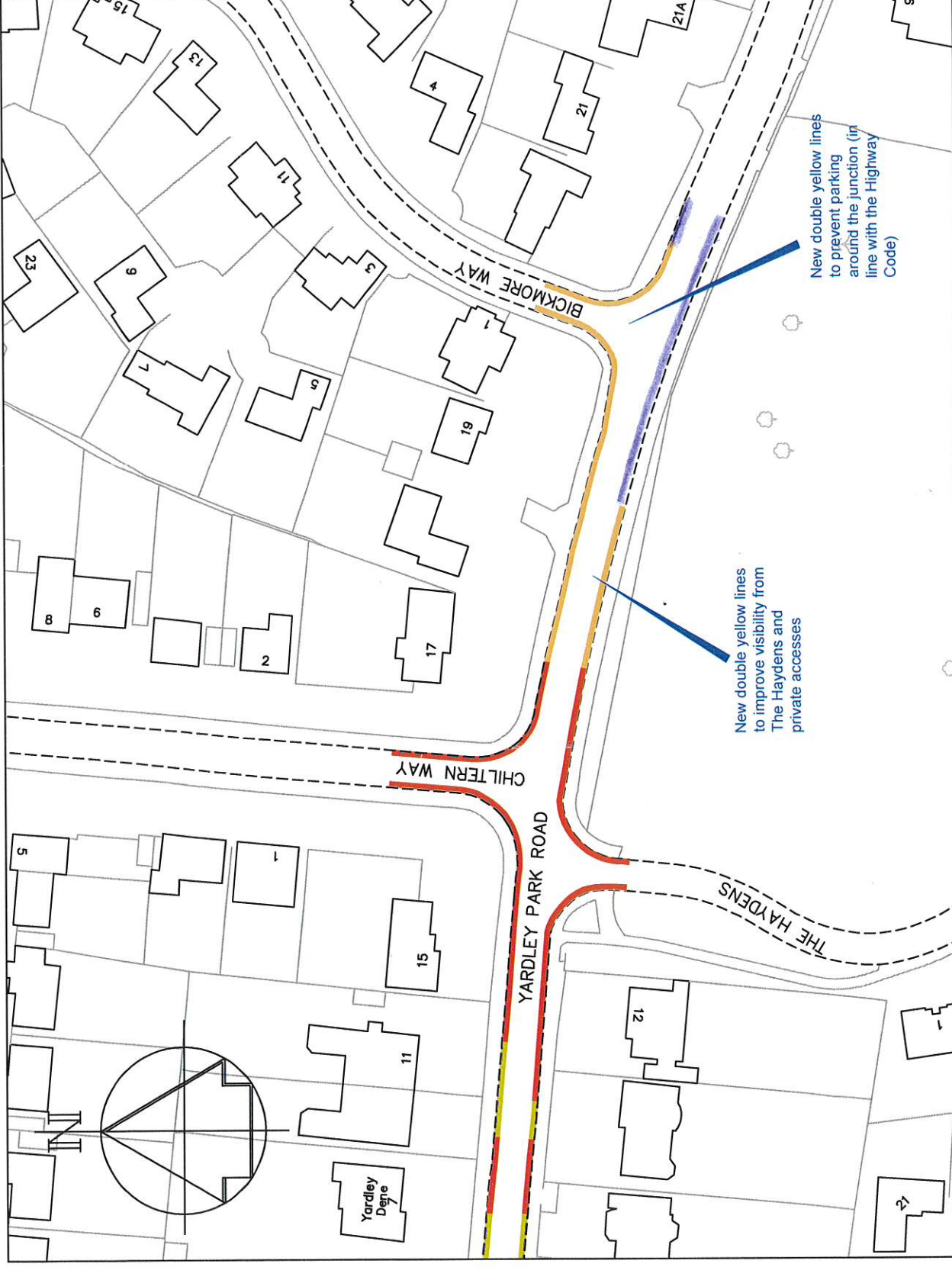
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<p>The sit from Bickmore Way is equally dangerous as that from The Haydens when traffic is parked opposite, due to the narrowing of the road. The proposed "double yellow lines" should therefore be extended down Yardley Park Road towards the A26 to also improve the visibility from Bickmore Way.</p> <p>Our other concern is that reduced parking</p>	
S 	Date 11/8/18 PTO

caused by the proposed new double yellow lines will make it much easier for cars to speed along Yardley Park Road. We already witness very dangerous overtaking of moving vehicles and so feel that a reduced speed limit should also be considered. This is a residential area and heavily used by pedestrians both young and old, making their way to Tonbridge town centre and the local schools.

We enclose the map with our suggested extension of the yellow lines marked accordingly.



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