

**Formal Consultation  
New & Amended Parking Restrictions  
Ashburnham Road, Tonbridge**

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Name (please print)	[REDACTED]
Address (inc postcode)	[REDACTED]

~~REDACTED~~ / object to)\* the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Ashburnham Road, , shown on plan DD/591/18A

*\* delete where not applicable*

Comments	
THERE IS NO NEED. NO NEED TO MEND WHAT'S NOT BROKEN. BETTER TO SPEND THE MONEY ON REPAIRING POTHOLE'S. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO NEED THESE LINES (PARTICULARLY AT THE CUL-DE-SAC END) ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T DRIVE VERY WELL!	
Signed	Date 16 JULY 2022



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Parking restrictions consultation, Parking Action Plan phase 13 ASHBURNHAM ROAD, Tonbridge  
**Date:** 10 July 2022 21:29:23

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to reiterate my objection to the plans to create additional double yellow line parking restrictions at the sites indicated.

It is a proposed solution for a problem that does not exist and therefore a waste of the council's extremely stretched budget. I have lived in the road for 10 years and can count on one hand situations where there have been issues with people parking obstructively other than for a very brief period (e.g. a delivery or very brief visit). The photograph (submitted to the earlier consultation) of the Land Rover vehicle obstructing the driveway between numbers 19 and 21 is wholly unrepresentative of parking in the street. There is already a dropped curb at that location so parking there is already contrary to the rules of the highway code. I presume that photo was taken during a very brief visit or drop-off.

In addition, I note a couple of residents calling for residents' parking in the street. These residents are claiming that non-residents parking in the street causes a shortage of spaces for residents' use. However, the real issue is the fact that there are approximately 24 parking spaces in the street and about 30 households. Some of the houses are flats/multiple occupancy properties, and at least 10 households own more than one car. One resident (in one of the flats) owns two cars and a large van. Another household has a van and two cars. Several households have two cars and as far as I know, no households have no car. The idea of allotted parking bays per household is completely preposterous and unworkable. We have been consulted on this on numerous occasions over the past decade and most residents have objected.

Please do not waste any further time with this plan.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: Parking Office  
Subject: Phase 13-inf-DD/591/18 Ashburnham Road  
Date: 31 July 2022 20:32:57

Dear Mr Bracey and The Parking Team,

I write to you re: 'New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines), Ashburnham Road, Tonbridge' DD/591/18

As a resident of [REDACTED] Ashburnham Rd, Tonbridge TN10 3DU, I am not in favour of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Ashburnham Road shown on plan DD/591/18

1 'Double yellow lines extended to prevent obstructive parking around the junction and to assist turning movements': I am strongly not in favour of this proposal. This is unnecessary as the Borough Council has already extended the double yellow lines past the dropped kerb outside numbers 2a and 2b Ashburnham Road, following the said dropped kerb's repair in August 2020 (images attached). Extending the double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road, outside numbers 1 and 3, will not prevent obstructive parking and assist turning movements, as following this aforementioned extension of the double yellow lines there is no longer an issue. Increasing the double yellow lines on the south side of Ashburnham Road (outside 1 & 3) will only result in the loss of a further parking space(s) and potentially lead to increased neighbour tensions over what is already a very volatile subject amongst residents. Residents almost always turn the car at the far end of the road and not in the junction, however turning in the junction can often be done safely. Many passing motorists turn in the road using our junction. If safety of pedestrians, residents or property was at question I would most certainly be in favour, however this proposal would improve none of those things and I am therefore not in favour. [The borough council would be better served investigating how to add a safer crossing point for pedestrian residents and visitors to Ashburnham Road as currently it is impossible to cross the road safely into Shipbourne Road]

2 'New double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking' [outside 19-23 Ashburnham Road]: I do not object to these double yellow lines being added as currently no one parks here, except very occasionally visitors to 21/23 Ashburnham Road or tradespeople working at the top end of the street in the middle of the day. Residents are aware that this is the turning space, and as there is a driveway along the south side of the road there is a dropped kerb and parking is not allowed here as per the Highway Code and so the addition of double yellow lines here would change nothing. However, there is therefore no point to the proposal, it is a waste of time and money given that there is almost never any parking here, and where there is parking on very rare occasions it is temporary; I am not in favour of the proposal should the decision mean that double yellow lines are also extended outside numbers 1 & 3. I would like to add that I am aware that the residents of number 19 have made us aware of the damage that is sometimes inflicted on their property owing to poor turning, however I do not believe the inclusion of these double yellow lines would prevent this problem.

I would like to reiterate that, with the current 'no waiting at any time' double yellow lines outside 2a & 2b on the north side, and 1 & 3 on the south side, there is no issue with obstructive parking, except when drivers have parked illegally. Refuse collection is able to occur with no problem (since the lines were extended in Aug 20 there has been no problem with missed collections for lack of access) and food deliveries and emergency services have been able to access the street as well as tradespeople. I appreciate that in the past prior to Aug 20 there were issues, which affected my household re: refuse collections, however the extension of the double yellow lines in August 20 solved this.

I thank you for this consultation and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Phase 13-inf-DD/591/18 Ashburnham Road  
**Date:** 31 July 2022 21:50:27

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>> Dear Mr Bracey and The Parking Team,

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>> I write to you re: 'New "No waiting at any time" (double yellow lines), Ashburnham Road, Tonbridge' DD/591/18.

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>> Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD/591/18A Ashburnham Road  
**Date:** 29 July 2022 10:08:31

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Regarding the above formal consultation I would be grateful if you could consider the following points against the proposal:

1. The double yellow lines have recently been extended at the junction. Notwithstanding the requirement for the junction end to follow standard highway design criteria for junction protection, I am not aware of any instances where the current arrangements have compromised either safety or ease of access. The fact that waste collection services are able to access the road without issue bears this out.
2. To further extend the double yellow lines at the junction would reduce already oversubscribed parking capacity in the street, forcing more residents, many of who are elderly or who have young children, to park elsewhere on often busy roads (the lack of a crossing point on the Shipbourne Road and the failure to enforce the 20mph speed limit along this road only serve to increase hazard).

Further points to consider:

3. Further reducing parking capacity on Ashburnham Road should prompt a further proposal to introduce a resident permit parking scheme.
4. Further reducing parking capacity on Ashburnham Road should prompt the removal of parking restrictions on the Shipbourne Road outside the One Stop.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Comments	
Please see attached .	
Signed	Date
	26/7/2022

Ref: DD/591/18A

my reluctance to the above proposal are listed below:

Resident parking has always been an issue.

Loosing up to three parking spaces will impact on an already difficult situation.

Parking on Shipbourne Road (if you can) will make life for the residents of both Shipbourne and Ashburnham Road almost impossible.

If we are unable to park in Ashburnham/Shipbourne Road where is the suggested parking spaces, as most of the local roads in the area are for Permit holders with restrictions.

my proposal is as follows:

To only extend double yellow lines on one side of Ashburnham Road at the entrance, allowing sufficient room for larger vehicles to enter and exit.

I feel there is no benefit in adding double yellow lines at the closed end in Ashburnham Road.



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<p>I believe this would make complete sense &amp; allow garbage truck &amp; vans to get into our road without hassle.</p>	
Signed	Date
[Redacted]	15-7-2022

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD/591/18A Ashburnham Road  
**Date:** 31 July 2022 21:44:48

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing in relation to the "no waiting at any time double yellow lines" proposals for Ashburnham Road, Tonbridge.

We support the proposal for new double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking at the western end of Ashburnham Road (outside number 21). This is a sensible proposal and will deter obstructive parking and ensure all residents/visitors can turn round at the only turning point in the street.

We do NOT support the proposal for the double yellow lines at the eastern end of Ashburnham Road (closest to the junction with Shipbourne Road) to be extended. If the existing lines are clearly marked then extending them is NOT necessary. Doing so would only serve to reduce parking spaces (by an estimated 2 spaces/cars) in a street which already has more cars than parking spaces. This is NOT what Ashburnham Road needs and we strongly oppose this element of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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