

Formal Consultation response – Aylesford, Howick Close

Response ref: DD-598-01 Aylesford - Howick Close - 01

I support the proposals.

Comments

No comments supplied

Response

Thank you for your response

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Response ref: DD-598-01 Aylesford - Howick Close - 02

I object to the proposals.

Comments

There is limited parking spaces here now. If double yellows are put down where are residents going to park?

Response

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Comments

The car park within Howick Close isn't big enough to accommodate the vehicles for Howick close residents not to mention those who live on Clive House who would also have to use said car park.

There is also ample room for cars to park on both sides of the road and for larger vehicles to drive through.

I would however support double yellow lines being installed on the corners of the road where it is difficult for larger vehicles to turn and where there have already been accidents.

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Parking is already an issue in this area due to the excessive cars on this close. I work from home daily and I can assure you these waste collections do not happen until after at least 10am, sometimes even the afternoon. Where these parking restrictions are proposed all the cars parked along here are gone by 8:30am Mon-Fri. There has never been an issue with collections or emergency services in the past accessing Howick Close in the 20+ years we have lived here. Please reconsider these restrictions as this will have a negative impact on a road with an already existing parking issue. Unless you are planning on creating a new parking area in replacement of removing these spaces? I can only assume not.

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I object to the proposals. **(NOTE - This is a duplicate comment - more than one response has been received from this household.)**

Comments

I strongly object to having the double yellow lines added to Howick Close. There are not enough parking space within the close for everyone to park As it is. I retire this month and I am unable to carry shopping. If these lines are added it will make my life extremely difficult. If all the spaces in the back car park are full, where do you propose I park my car, I do not have a garage. I have sent in previous photos of the road at 8am in the morning and the refuse lorry doesn't have a problem if they come after 8.00.am and they collect our rubbish at 10.30 anyway, why can't they do the other roads first like the Preston hall area, then collect from Howick when the road is empty. I can understand having yellow lines along Admiral Moore drive, but not Howick Close.

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Comments

I support the need for yellow lines to enable emergency services to get to the end of the close but before you take away parking spaces, please can you find other places to park.

We have all sorts of events here and there will be nowhere to park.

My mother is (REDACTED) and I am almost (REDACTED)., blue badge holders although we can park on yellow lines for a while.

Response

Thank you for your comments

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I object for the following reasons. 1 Howick Close already doesn't have enough parking for the amount of residents vehicles. 2 We also have 2 blocks of flats housing 12 flats each of which some residents also park in Howick Close. 3 We as residents haven't been made aware directly of any refuse truck access issues. 4 I have witnessed refuse trucks drive into Howick at speed when returning to collect a missed bin, therefore questioning the validity of them struggling to get access. 5 The largest area of parking isn't safely lit for safe passage to and from vehicles in the dark, half light or winter. 6 Many residents are elderly, ill or have babies and young children. Thereby needing to park close to their home for ease of access from home to car or visa versa. On Sunday I drove out of Howick Close behind an ambulance which had no problem entering or exiting with parked cars on both sides. 8 Currently cars speed along Admiral Moore drive as a cut through to Culpepper estate and I feel that with the vehicles parked opposite Howick Close this helps slow them down. Should double yellows be put on Admiral Moore drive then the speed will only increase for those using it as a rat run. 9 Should people have to park further from their current location they park, if their car alarm goes off, they may not hear it thus causing a noise nuisance to residents who would hear it, some of them being very elderly and in poor health.

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As a resident of 6 Howick Close on the side where double yellow lines are planned and being a blue badge holder I would like to know that with the already limited parking in the area not only due to private cars but also a number of business vehicles (large vans) which will be even more limited with the proposed double yellow lines what provision if any is being made for disabled parking and where will it be located, there are a number of residents on Howick Close who hold blue badges who would struggle without reasonable provision in place for localised disabled parking. A large number of garages on Howick Close are not used for car parking and are empty or sublet to small businesses for storing items such as carpets if these were demolished to make way for additional parking then this would create a larger area for off street parking than there is at present.

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I would like to advise you that I do not think it is a good idea for the lines to be put down the street the reason for this is that due to my recent health issues I need my car to be near my home as I cannot walk far, and the issue of the street not being clear enough to get the bin lorry's down the road is not right as I have had to call the office on several occasions to report that they have not turned up, to be told that they could not make it then they leave it another week and put both lots of rubbish in the one lorry which makes no sense as we are told we must recycle but when it suits them they put it into the same lorry, also they have been known to turn up when the street is empty and still not emptied, the emergency services do get down the street without any problems as I have had 3 ambulances out for myself and they have had no issues, also if you do put these lines down where are we the residents going to park our cars. I would like a reply to this email please, as I did write a letter last Time about this matter but did not get a reply from anyone, as this is going to have a big impact on my physical health and mental health as well

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