

Formal Consultation response – Aylesford, The Avenue/ Premier Parade

Response ref: DD-598-03 Aylesford - The Avenue (near Premier Parade)- 01

I support the proposals.

Comments

No comments supplied

Response

Thank you for your response

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Response ref: DD-598-03 Aylesford - The Avenue (near Premier Parade)- 02

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

Comments

Parking for access to the shops is good at present if you put double yellow lines in front it will push traffic down the side roads and cause an issue. It will also impact on the trade of the local shops which is not good for the local area or the business

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I live on a road adjacent to this proposal which will be severely impacted our road is not wide enough to accommodate parked cars which will happen if parking by the shops is stopped. The only viable

option if you want to stop parking is to turn the grass area into a car park as the existing parking bays are always all full being the reason people park in the road. Perhaps implement a way way system along the parade in addition the proposal you are suggesting will kill the traders in the shop premises and is a very poor recommendation

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Comments

The Bends at both ends of the Avenue road between premier Parade and towards Elm Walk are where people always park for the school drop off and pick ups and is very dangerous.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

My parents lived there until recently and I still visit the road as my dentist is there. The parking is not easy for those visiting the shops. The small car park is always full.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I Object to the double yellow lines out the front of Premier Parade as I have family who live above the shops and when I go to collect my son from there house after work the car parking spaces are full in the car park and in The row across the front of the shops, if you put in double yellow lines my own family won't be able to park at there own address as all spaces will be full! It will also have an impact of the shops down there as people may not visit as there will be no where to park! There have not been double yellow lines there for years and it has never been a problem.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I have a concern that restricting parking outside Premier Parade will cause people to find places to park further along The Avenue, thus causing issues along the road. We already see heavy congestion from parking along the road at school time am and pm.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

Residents of the flats already struggle with parking as the households of rowan close and the general public use the car park rather than their own driveways or the bays out the front of the shops. We will end up with no parking at all as the council have put a public carpark sign on the car park yet fail to maintain it and constantly argue that this is our own private carpark for the flats. The only way that this could work is if the carpark is made private for the flats and measures in place to prevent others from gaining entry to it.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

As A Resident of the Flats we already struggle to park.

As residents from Rowan Close, The Ave And Genarel public Use the Car Park which adjoins the Flats, instead of parking on the own Driveways. I have spoke to T&M Council a few times about the Car park regarding Our Bins and have been told The Car park is Not the Responsibility of T&M and its up to the Tenants to look after this. If this is so Why have the Council Put A Public Car parking sign on the Entrance to this car park. The only way the Residents of the Flats are going to be able to safely park is if The Car Park is made a private car park for The Residents Only and Access is denied to the public. The Residents have young children, baby's, toddlers and have many times had to park on the road outside. Not in a bay outside the shop as they are also taken up by public. Could you please put this to your Committee as we as Resident are really Fed up with Not being able to Park.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

You want to put double yellows all the way along in front of the local shops? Where will people park who use the shops when the parking spaces are full? If that happens then say goodbye to local businesses because revenue will drop. It'll just force people to park outside residential properties which will then obscure them leaving their property. What about elderly that can't perhaps walk to the dentist in the Avenue parade of shops, they need to park and can't because the spaces are all taken? How about double yellows both sides of Elm walk, it's a nightmare when the school kicks out, that won't harm local business and you can still use your allocation of yellow paint? Where would you park if you needed urgent treatment and all the spaces were taken and there were new double yellows Mr Councillor?

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I support the proposals.

Comments

Fully support yellow lines on the Avenue (Bends) not in front of the shops. Regarding service road at rear off premises of Premier Parade, that's what it is, just that.

The rear of shops are or where gardens for the flats above, Shops who owned the flats above concreted over rear of premises, sited containers turning it in to commercial even though it is residential not Commercial, all with out permission! There is still a covenant in place from 8am to 5pm for deliveries, as time has gone on, we except times have changed 7am to 7pm. The original covenant still exists!

34 ton trucks now are entering the service road for collection of waste bins! Damaging paths and residents driveways! You can not have parking at rear of shops, they tried it once and drove into properties opposite causing damage! Fence knocked down 5 times, Garage damaged 3 times! Kind regards from Ex Borough Councillor (REDACTED)

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I Support the double yellows to the bend on the Avenue. I object to those in front of the shops. I don't understand the reasoning!

There just isn't enough parking provision for all the cars that wish to park there, be they residents of the flats, clients and staff of the dentists, hairdressers and staff of the Care Company (plus their ever present company car) and even the shop. Back in the late 80s/early 90s the spaces by the trees were added to supplement the parking. Unfortunately with the number of cars now needing to park, these spaces are difficult to access or exit. Maybe they need to be moved into the trees further if feasible so widening the road? The cars will end up aggravating other residents on The Avenue and connecting roads. Can't the Parade businesses develop their rear yards for parking staff cars? Let's leave those lines out of the proposal!

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

As a resident I have 2 kids and if the parking spots outside the shops and such are filled then we'd have to park further away than is necessary.

It's hard enough getting a parking spot in our supposed private parking so it'll create too much hassle.

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Comments

I would support it if the council made the necessary arrangements for the car park next to the shops/flats to state it's a private car park as stated by the council when contacted previously. I have two young children (one two year old and one newborn), my two year old is deaf and does not hear/understand the traffic dangers. Many times we have to park on the road outside the shop as the car park is full due to other people parking there who do not live in the flats. If you added double yellow lines this would add to the volume of people trying to park there which is supposed to be a private car park. I do not want to have to park further down the road and walk my children all the way down to get them home, especially due to my two year olds needs. As a resident who pays my rent and taxes, I should be able to park comfortably outside my home. Please look into changing the signs outside the car park from a public parking sign to a private one like it should be.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

There is often cars parks directly outside the shops on the access road which makes it impossible to park or exit the dedicated parking bays. This is dangerous and disruptive.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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

Comments

I support the double yellows to the bends but object to extending the double yellows in front of the shops

Response

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I support the proposals.

Comments

I support the proposed lines on the bend in The Avenue immediately opposite the shops. I use the Dentist next to the shops and parking can be an issue sometimes so I do not support the extension of the yellow lines in front of the shops. I can't walk far so if I can't park where will I go?

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

The double yellows outside the shops on Premier parade are unnecessary and will affect trade for those establishments. However, I wholeheartedly support the restrictions proposed for the yellow lines around the inside corner of the Avenue opposite the shops, as it is here that traffic is forced (dangerously) into the path of oncoming vehicles.

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Comments

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Response

In your response you confirm that there are parking problems at the junctions.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

I certainly support the action on The Avenue due to dangerous parking and pavement infringement. However there should be NO parking restrictions directly outside the premier Parade of shops as currently this does not cause any obstruction and no danger to the public. If restriction's were to be put there vital trade to the shop facilities would greatly suffer. I have been personally monitoring this for over 3 years as live opposite. Restrictions are certainly needed along the Avenue at that point as there has been many accident near misses and obstructional parking on pavements causing danger to pedestrians.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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Comments

I OBJECT to the BoroughCouncil's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for The Avenue (near Premier parade) & The Lindens, shown on plan DD/598/03 My comments are as follows There are an inadequate number of parking spaces available at present to accommodate both the residential and trade properties of Premier Parade, putting double yellow lines across Premier Parade will push the vehicles that park in that area down The Avenue in addition to Rowan Close & The Lindens, neither of which are wide enough to have cars parked in the road and allow access for all vehicles, including emergency vehicles & refuse vehicles, to the properties in these roads. As a local resident I am aware that when cars are parked in the parade it is because all the parking spaces available are full. A much better practical approach would be to change the road

layout of the Parade to make it one way only with either entry or exit via The Lindens and vice versa in Rowan Close, the grassed area in front of the parade should also be converted to parking areas, especially if you proceed with the ridiculous proposal of putting yellow lines in. We as a community should be supporting local business and you as a council seem to be going out of your way to impede business to these traders. My recommendations above will cost more than a tin of paint which will be no doubt the reason why you will reject them, however, they are the better suggestion as they will improve all the situations you are trying to resolve without impacting the community.

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Comments

Your proposals are excessive, disproportionate and will cause more problems than they solve. Possible double yellow lines on just the bend in The Avenue where parking does cause an obstruction but this only occurs occasionally, not frequently; its not necessary to be extended up to the The Hawthorns or along The Lindens. The only 'parking' that occurs in The lindens is for the occasional essential deliveries. Parking restrictions along Premier Parade are NOT required, there isn't a problem. Any restrictions on Premier Parade will adversely affect trade for the shops. If it is a issue with deliveries to the shops then these should be made via the rear access which was specifically provided for this purpose when the shops were built living at 1 The Lindens and being at home most of the time we have a very good view of the area and there are only occasionally issues with parking which resolve themselves.

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Comments

no comments supplied

Response

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

The changes will highly affect my business.

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Please consider the businesses on the Parade. The changes definitely will effect the businesses.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

Our household strongly objects to the proposed double yellow lines outside our property. Our property is on a quiet residential part of The Avenue and is not affected by the problems at premier parade. We are far enough away from this parade of shops and have not experienced any problems. There are already double yellow lines opposite our property and these are sufficient in preventing any issues. We have just moved into the area (1st August 23) from central Dartford our main reason for moving to The Avenue was there were no parking restrictions. We were not made aware of any proposals for restrictions to be introduced at our time of purchase. If we had known this we would have reconsidered our purchase. We are very disappointed we were not made aware of these proposals. We feel that introducing parking restrictions outside our property would cause problems with our neighbours further along The Avenue if we have to find alternative parking. We would be grateful if you could reconsider your proposed parking restrictions to not extend the double yellow lines outside our property [REDACTED]

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Additionally, blue badge holders can park on double yellow lines, provided they are not close to junctions and do so in accordance with the limitations of the Blue Badge scheme

Formal Consultation response – Aylesford, The Avenue/ Premier Parade

Response ref: DD-598-03 Aylesford - The Avenue (near Premier Parade)- 28

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

Comments

Our household strongly objects to the proposed double yellow lines outside our property. Our property is on a quiet residential part of The Avenue and is not affected by the problems at premier parade. We are far enough away from this parade of shops and have not experienced any problems. There are already double yellow lines opposite our property and these are sufficient in preventing any issues. We have just moved into the area (1st August 23) from central Dartford our main reason for moving to The Avenue was there were no parking restrictions. We were not made aware of any proposals for restrictions to be introduced at our time of purchase. If we had known this we would have reconsidered our purchase. We are very disappointed we were not made aware of these proposals. We feel that introducing parking restrictions outside our property would cause problems with our neighbours further along The Avenue if we have to find alternative parking. We would be grateful if you could reconsider your proposed parking restrictions to not extend the double yellow lines outside our property [REDACTED]

Response

The Council's proposal echoes the requirements of Section 243 of the Highway Code which requires drivers not to stop or park close to a junction or where it would cause an obstruction. Drivers should already be abiding by this requirement.

Where parking is still a problem due to drivers ignoring the Highway Code we have to consider measures that allow for parking enforcement.

The only restriction that we can introduce is "no waiting at any time" (double yellow lines) as any restriction to prevent parking at certain times condones parking at the other times.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I emailed back in May when I received a letter on the same subject about the proposals for double yellow lines outside the shops at Premier Parade. I didn't receive any acknowledgement at the time. Please can I ask for a reply and confirmation of receipt. I am a resident in The Lindens of just over 10 years so am very local to the Premier Parade. Of course the parade of shops attracts a number of cars and on some occasions there are some drivers who don't park with much sense. However, I would say this is actually quite rare. You have proposed double yellow lines in a number of places that parking doesn't happen anyway. For instance, the entrance to The Lindens is too narrow for cars to park so there is no issue there. You have also proposed lines to be added directly outside the shops. There are often cars parked there but this doesn't cause a particular problem. Cars are only parking there when the car parking spaces are full anyway. If those spaces are full I suspect people will park on the lines anyway. Earlier today there were actually lots of spaces and yet still someone parked on the existing lines where the postbox is. This makes me think that unless you plan to enforce the area constantly there will be no difference. My biggest concern is what happens next. The proposed double yellow lines in my opinion are very unlikely to solve a problem and will only create a new issue by moving the problem further on and then that affects the residents on The Lindens and also The Rowans. These roads are narrow and don't really have the space for cars to park safely next to the kerb line. Is there a great deal of evidence of the issue, for example some time lapse photography that you can also share to prove the extent of this issue? If this evidence is there to support it then it would make a case for some investment in a better solution than painted lines. With regard to alternative solutions worth consideration. The businesses have a kind of garden space at the rear. The dentists employees must have at least 3 or 4 cars arriving daily. Those businesses could create parking for 2/3 staff cars at the rear. This will free up parking spaces for their customers. The existing parking spaces are generous in depth. The parking area could be redesigned so the spaces are slanted more. This would free some more space in the road way and along the kerb in front of the shops so additional parking at an angle in front of the shops could be put in place. This would provide more parking spaces compared to parking adjacent to the kerbs. I think it would be sad to lose any of the green space or trees but sympathetically toward The Rowans a few additional spaces could be added. In The Lindens there is a wide path that is often parked on anyway. The level could be reduced and the foot path reduced in width to allow for safer parking (again it is happening anyway!) A time limit for parking in the spaces outside the shops could be introduced. This will reduce the number of staff cars or residents using the parking spaces. Again freeing them up for the actual customers. Any of these ideas in my opinion would be more of a solution than the proposed lines that simply push the problem further on. To add another point which I think is related. There is very often drivers taking to the pavement to pass each other going up Teapot Lane while children and parents are walking toward the school is a much more desperate safety concern. The parking can't really be restricted

further but you could wider the road slightly or create parking lay bys where there are grass verges. Again to reiterate my point I think there needs to be more thought put into this than simply painting lines on the ground. On the 90degree corner going round The Avenue toward the Oaks this is really dangerous and I see the sense in the lines. However I still think they shouldn't actually be needed as the drivers should have enough sense (and a grasp of the highway code) to know that parking there or close to the junction of the road presents a huge hazard. I do really hope that my opinion is considered in this case before this action is taken and the consequences felt by the residents who will be affected.

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Changes to the road layout as described are outside of the Borough Council's remit, and would be for Kent County Council (as the Highway Authority) to consider.

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Response ref: DD-598-03 Aylesford - The Avenue (near Premier Parade)- 30

I object to the proposals.

Comments

DD/598/03 I OBJECT to the Borough Councils proposed restrictions in front of the shops at Central Parade. I believe the introduction of restrictions would have a detrimental effect on the adjacent businesses. The only place where restrictions may be necessary is in front of the dropped (pedestrian) access kerbs. The adjacent car park is usually occupied by residents and the parking bays opposite the shops are often occupied by employees of the businesses. It is stated that Aylesford Parish Council reported problems with obstructive parking. I have raised your Statement of Reason with Aylesford Parish Council as I could not find any mention of it in their minutes. They informed me that they have no recollection of it being discussed. Consequently TMBC were asked by APC on 10th October 2023 when this was reported by them.

At the time of writing, I have not received an update from them. I would be grateful of your comments.

Response

The proposed restrictions were requested by email by the Clerk of Parish Council on 20th September 2020.