

Formal Consultation response – Aylesford, The Avenue / The Oaks
Response ref: DD-598-04 Aylesford - The Avenue (near The Oaks)- 01

I support the proposals.

Comments

No comments supplied

Response

Thank you for your response

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Comments

The issue with the bend I have been trying to get yellow lines for years. So I support the proposal but doe the lines extend far enough. The area between 76 and 78 The Avenue still allows some parking though limited by the garage driveway to number 78 adjacent boundary to number 76. The issue I have is parking here means when driving towards the oaks you end up on wrong side of road. On many occasions over the years a car drives out from the Oaks, looks right and pulls out left. What can happen then is a head on collision as I have closely experienced.

Additionally on another issue, drivers go around the bends too fast. Times I being careful have had to stop quickly because some silly driver is cutting the corner at too fast a speed. Maybe we need Carriage way markings on the bends and also humps!

Response

Thank you for your comments.

Speed management, the provision of centreline road markings and markings on road humps would be for Kent County Council to consider, as they are the Highway Authority and are responsible for these matters.

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Comments

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Response

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I don't see many issues with the access and parking around the avenue, I have never seen this blocked, it has always free flowed. This use of Yellow lines will be ignored, just like they are on The Parade in Ditton. The only issue I do see here is parking across the crossing in front of the shops.

This would hugely benefit from a zebra crossing. This way the use of the white zigzags would give the desired effect of no parking, with a clear sign that parking on zigzags is enforceable by 3 penalty points on your licence.

The money would be better spent with yellow lines in Teapot Lane enforceable around school times only. Parking wardens would finally have the ability to issue tickets to allow the free flow of the road. Complete yellow lines down the even house numbered side of the road. Parking bays with yellow lines across peoples drives on the odd side of the road.

Response

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Comments

Parking on the bends cause motorists a hazard. When I visited my daughter on several occasions I have come close to having an accident when a car comes out from the turning near the Dentist and finds me on the wrong side of the road as I pass parked vehicles in my immediate lane just around the bend!

Response

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I support the proposals.

Comments

Drivers take the bend in the middle of the road and too fast. I would like to see lines at the top of the tee junctions as they are a favourite waiting spot for the school runs.

Response

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Comments

To avoid Dangerous parking practices especially during school pickup and drop off times. This also includes the proposal in Premier Parade and the Avenue.

Response

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I have lived at [REDACTED] Oaks for 22 years. The road has minimal traffic other than that directly related to the residents themselves. Residents park considerably and within highway regulations and I dispute double yellow lines are necessary. The roads become busy on weekdays during term time in the morning at 8.45am and in the afternoon at 3pm as parents collect their children from school. This lasts for around 20 minutes and has been the case for decades. The flow of traffic continues without problems during this time. Placing double yellow lines in the selected area will only cause problems further up the road during these busy times and also for residents generally, as there will be less space for people to park safely in. Although the lines are not proposed for outside my property, we will certainly be affected by displacement - I therefore also find it infuriating that the council did not have the courtesy to alert my household about this consultation. This is the second time we have had to object to such proposals. I find it very frustrating that time including my own, is once again being wasted on this unnecessary idea. I also feel that this whole process is a waste of money to the public purse, particularly as the idea was abandoned some years ago when nothing in that time has changed. I hope common sense prevails in this matter once again. Thank you.

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Comments

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The only time we have any issue is at school times. The rest of the time is absolutely fine and there are no issues. Therefore the use of double yellow lines is unnecessary and will restrict residents. If anything, the use of single yellow no stopping between the hours of 8:30am-9:30am and 3:00pm-4:00pm would be much more appropriate.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

I support the Borough Councils proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for The Avenue & The Oaks, shown on plan DD/598/04.

Comments; Go slow signs on the bends especially the Avenue, as people come round that corner fast at times.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

The provision of SLOW markings and warning signs would be for Kent County Council to consider, as they are the Highway Authority and are responsible for these matters.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I object to this as it will be reducing the available parking in the road, what with a dentist & a school, I already have issues with people parking outside my house and in some cases blocking my drive. I will now have a continuous stream of cars parking outside my property. It doesn't solve any issues, it just pushes the problem along the road, causing more congestion along The Avenue. Fair enough having yellow lines on the corners, but not the straight road paths.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

Please accept this email as our strong objection to the New & Amended Parking Restrictions for Phase 14 The Avenue, & The Oaks. We are strongly against the Double Yellow Lines as they are very restrictive to the local residents who do not cause the parking problems. The parking problem is only there at school times in the morning and afternoon, for a total of approx. 40 minutes. Why should we suffer who live at the junction for other people's irresponsible parking. We have enjoyed living here for 33 years, and in all that time we have never witnessed an emergency vehicle being held up by this parking issue. Has anyone from the Borough Council or Parish been on site to actually see the situation, or ask the residents their views, before putting in this consultation?

Response

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I support the proposals.

Comments

Re the proposed plans for yellow lines in The Avenue & The Oaks in Aylesford. I agree that these are really necessary as parking in these areas causes very dangerous congestion for all traffic using this area and when school children are trying to cross the road with parked and moving cars obstructing their view with a great chance of a serious accident.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

I am sending you my views on the recent application to appoint double yellow lines in The Oaks and The Avenue in Aylesford. I am against this proposal for the following reasons: We are a happy community in Aylesford and the only problem we have is with the school run at Teapot Lane and surrounding roads, Valley Invictar Primary School. There is a little upheaval with some parents parking. In the mornings and afternoons during term time. I admit some do park in the most shocking ways with no consideration for residents and other road users. However, as there is never anyone in authority to curb this problem they will continue to park in this manner. They only really cause a problem for other School drivers. Once the school madness has subsided, on average 30 min morning and afternoon, everything returns to normal. Normal is a quiet and fairly empty street environment. All residents seem to stick to the same parking spaces and there is no need for ugly double yellow lines, no obstructions and no holding or blocking traffic. If double yellow lines were added it would mess the residents parking spaces and cause unwanted hassle. Causing everyone to move up one, which would not work. Your submission is flawed also by what I can see, as it does not recognise number 15 The Oaks. So how can a proposal go through with a flaw to plans? I feel that Aylesford Parish Council has taken it upon themselves to justify parking restrictions without considering to seek the views of the residents that actually live here. I moved here from a street that was heavily impacted by speed humps, yellow lines and parking restrictions. It made a refreshing change not to see these horrible signs when I moved to The Oaks. These roads do not call for this intrusion. It's not justifiable. The area will just be defaced and that country feel will all be gone. Just as it is now with all these new houses being built on lovely open green land. If only someone from Aylesford Borough

Council could see how lovely and quiet it is here they would then see for themselves there is no need whatsoever for these restrictions.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

I (REDACTED) confirm my support for the proposed changes to the on street parking arrangements for The Avenue and The Oaks shown on plan DD/598/04

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

Good afternoon, I have noticed that you have now advertised the new parking restriction plan, on the street furniture around The Avenue and The Oaks, ME20. Can you please confirm by plan, what this will look like. Will this be applied as per original plan sent to me on the 19th May this year. If that is the case, as I previously stated in my response to the original letter, that our home, at ■ The Oaks was not shown on the plan and this the proposal would mean that I would have no parking outside my house. If this is the case then I would like to be consulted prior to the lines being laid as it seems to affect my ability to park and no one else's. I would expect a response as soon as possible.

Response

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Comments

We have received your notice for planned parking restrictions in The Avenue/The Oaks ME20. As per original response dated 24th May 2023, you have once again neglected to include our property, on your plans, at (REDACTED). Please see attached updated plan. our property was built circa 2012-13. so was not part of the original estate. We have noted that we have not received any responses to our request to update this, dated 10th June, 27th June and the 6th October. Our property is the only house that is directly affected by the implementation of the yellow lines, as these will prohibit our ability to park outside our property. This will cause us problems and of course drastically decrease the value of our property. We purchased this property two years ago with the understanding that parking was available outside the property. We have no issues with placing the yellow lines on the corners and junctions. as these will only be in the areas where parking is already illegal, i.e. within 10 mtrs of the junctions. However, yellow lines will stop some people from parking, but as we see everyday at the junction of Teapot Lane and Elm Walk, this is not the case and unless those restrictions are enforced then the yellow lines will be pointless. We would appreciate some form of direct communication, with you. to discuss this matter as it is causing us a great deal of stress. We know that some of the residents are against the yellow lines, but none of these are directly affected by you implementing them, this is probably why the response is low as most people do not see them being a problem. But as stated above we have the only house that will lose the capability to park in the road outside their property.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

It is busy here at school times but only for less than an hour, 8-8:45 and 2:45-3:30. Double yellow lines would be very inconvenient for those living in the street.

Response

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Comments

I am writing to you about this parking consultation on behalf of (REDACTED) who lives at (REDACTED). We are against the proposals. (REDACTED) is elderly and requires quite a bit of health provision. Keeping her living at home is in everyone's interests, both ours and the NHS's, and being able to park near the house is important for health care workers and family members returning when her condition requires extra help. Although the house does have a drive there is frequently the need for more than one car and my mother is also unable to get into a car parked in the drive. Putting double yellow lines outside will make the organisation of her care more difficult. In addition, other

than for the start and end of the school day, the street is very quiet and double yellow lines feels completely unnecessary. All it will do is deflect parked traffic to somewhere else nearby on the estate or, unless regularly monitored by you, parents will ignore the double yellow lines to drop off and pick up their children. It may be that the extra urgency of doing this while parked on double yellow lines will have some safety implications for the children.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

DD/598/04 I OBJECT to the Borough Councils proposed parking restrictions at the junction of The Avenue and The Oaks, Aylesford. 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.