

Formal Consultation response – Blue Bell Hill, Common Road

Response ref: DD-598-05 Blue Bell Hill - Common Road - 01

I support the proposals.

Comments

Vehicles do not slow down when turning into common road from Maidstone road, just treated as a bend in the road. Double yellow lines also need to be extended at the entrance to mill lane all the way up the slope and past the first few houses as this is very narrow and easily obstructed

Response

Thank you for your response.

We note the concerns about additional parking issues in Mill Lane, and will look to add Mill Lane to the holding list for consideration under a later Phase of the Parking Action Plan.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

This will only force drivers to park further down Common road which will be dangerous due to the width of the existing lane past the viewing point.

The parking on the highlighted area is never an issue. I would like to know the reasoning and thoughts regarding this.

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. 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.

It remains that there is no right to park on the public highway - parking is tolerated where it does not cause a problem, but residents cannot automatically assume on-street parking will be available, and some properties are situated in places where parking is not permitted.

This has become more of an issue as car ownership increases and with denser housing development, but the purpose of the public highway is to provide a safe facility for travel, and road space cannot be increased.

Whilst there may be some element of parking displacement to areas where parking is not wanted, the aim is to discourage parking in the areas where parking should already be prevented