

Formal Consultation response – Hildenborough, Woodview Crescent & Brookmead

Response ref: DD-598-12 Hildenborough - Woodview Crescent & Brookmead - 01

I support the proposals.

Comments

We strongly support the Council's proposals. Woodview Crescent j/w Brookmead is now becoming increasingly dangerous to pedestrians and vehicle traffic. It has become a parking lot for non-residents commercial vans.

Response

Thank you for your response

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

Unfortunately, for what ever reason I was not included in your informal consultation, in spite of living almost opposite Woodview Crescent. The area to the north of Woodview Crescent (Tonbridge Road end) is frequently used for parking by residents of and visitors to both Meadway and Woodview Crescent. Frequently large DPD vans are parked opposite our house taking up useful parking for residents of Brookmead, Meadway and Woodview Crescent. The imposition of double yellow lines in this area will just cause the parking situation to move further along the road to the next junction. I am worried that this could require us to make a long walk to a parking space, a space that would be too far away from home to be aware that the alarm on the car had been set off, and we would be unaware that an attempt at theft was or is happening. I understand the road safety issues but feel this may be better addressed by imposing a 20mph speed limit as has been done in many parts of Tonbridge unnecessarily, and then the proper enforcement of this speed limit.

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.

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.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

We write to confirm that we support the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Woodview Crescent & Brookmead shown on plan DD/598/12.

Response

Thank you for your response