

Formal Consultation response – Tonbridge, Forest Grove

Response ref: DD-598-26A Tonbridge - Forest Grove - 01

I support the proposals.

Comments

I am writing to you to support the new proposals of the yellow lines in Forest Grove. Having yellow lines as you enter Forest Grove will allow emergency services to access the road easier when necessary however, my only concern would be that the house between 1 and 11 but opposite 16, have multiple cars and they park in the middle of the road on occasions so I'm unsure if this would cause issues elsewhere.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

Good afternoon. I support the Borough Councils proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements as shown in the above plan.

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I support the proposals.

Comments

I am writing to you in response of your proposed parking restrictions for Forest Grove and Shipbourne Road. I am in agreement for the new no waiting zones highlighted in red on Shipbourne Road. Although I still feel very strongly that the restrictions either side of Forest Grove entrance should be extended further as visibility is severely restricted by parked cars and extremely dangerous when trying to turn right in particular out of Forest Grove onto Shipbourne Road, there have been so many near misses and it is an accident waiting to happen. In relation to Forest Grove, I live at number 9 around the central island, if the new proposed double yellow lines are actioned along the straight entrance road down Forest Grove, all of those cars that currently park there will park around the central island instead and when they do this it blocks my driveway along with the other few houses that have driveways around the island, we cannot get on and off our driveways if someone parks opposite which has always been a nightmare. Please could I kindly request that if double yellow lines are not going to put around the whole central island that something is implemented for those with driveways such as having double yellow lines in sections around parts of the island where there are driveways opposite so the homeowners will always have access?

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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I object to the proposals.

Comments

In response to the new parking proposals in Forest Grove, namely the section from no 30 down to 18, I can see no added value to marking this section with yellow lines, we live at no [REDACTED] Forest Grove and very rarely have cars blocked this section of the Grove, only people dropping off and picking up. No one ever parks and leaves their cars for more than a few minutes and by putting lines in this section will only cause unnecessary animosity amongst certain residents. All of the residents from 22 to 30 have access to rear parking to their properties anyway and I believe use this. I would not like to see unsightly yellow lines painted down both sides of this very narrow stretch of the Grove. The only access issue to his section is visitors to no 32 parking directly outside this property and would stop an emergency vehicle coming down. I therefore object to the unnecessary waste of money to unsightly mark a part of road which is not the issue to the access problem on the grove.

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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Comments

There is absolutely no point in me, even as living in Forest Grove and Tonbridge giving you my point of view. I've lived in Forest Grove for 48 years... so your going to do what you want anyway... while I'm on the subject, you have ruin Tonbridge anyway - yellow lines everywhere - no rights to park these days - our rights have long gone: keep on building I would-? NO NOT in agreement What you need to do is - clear up all streets its disgusting - we still have 1st years leave & rubbish in Forest Grove - for years & years Cleanup!! would be very important than yellow lines!! Dont you THINK!! I've spoken to (REDACTED).

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Comments

Please see attached pictures showing the necessity for the yellow lines to extend to 32 Forest Grove as it is here that vehicles park and impede the entrance to No's 26, 24, 22, 20 & 18. Often we cannot exit our house due to poor parking and worry about emergency vehicles having access if needed. We assume that once the lines are in place that those areas will be policed and monitored by parking officials. (photos provided)

Response

Thank you for your comments.

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Comments

Suggest as before for the green island should be cleared and made into herringbone parking to ease access around said green as shown on map (plan supplied)

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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. Unfortunately we cannot look to make physical alterations to the public highway, as this would be for Kent County Council to consider.