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**To:** [Andy Bracey](#); [Colin Williams](#); [Steve Hammond](#)  
**Cc:** [Martin Coffin](#); [Robert Styles](#); [Andy Edwards](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Parking Action Plan - Phase 15  
**Date:** 16 March 2025 20:10:05

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Dear Andy

## BELL LANE & FERNLEIGH RISE

I have managed to speak to several residents about the parking permit proposal and of these none were in favour. While there is an issue in Fernleigh Rise the opinion there is that the problem would be better solved by the installation of bollards on the verges that do not have them as the problem specifically there is pavement/verge parking.

As for Bell Lane residents were concerned about the cost of the scheme given the current cost of living crisis. They felt it was a solution for a problem that didn't really exist creating an annual cost while still not guaranteeing a parking space. The only real concern appeared to be an enforcement matter i.e. parking on existing yellow lines by A & D Fisheries when because of parked cars drivers leaving Bell Lane were often confronted head on by people exiting the A20 onto Bell Lane.

Given the opposition of local residents and the reasons given which I generally support I am against these proposals.

## SCOTT CLOSE

No residents have contacted with their objections and as such given the benefits double yellow lines would provide here I am in favour of these proposals.

Kind regards

Rob Cannon  
Aylesford South & Ditton

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**From:** Andy Bracey <[Andy.Bracey@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Bracey@tmbc.gov.uk)>  
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**Subject:** Parking Action Plan - Phase 15

Dear Ward Members for Aylesford South & Ditton

## Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

Following concerns over parking issues in the area, residents have requested the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme. It should be noted that resident permit parking schemes incur new costs on residents who wish to park on the road.

Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

### **Scott Close**

Concerns have been raised about parking on the junction near No's 32 & 41 Scott Close. To address this we are proposing new double yellow lines as "junction protection", reflecting the requirements of the Highway Code. Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-06 Ditton - Scott Close.

This informal consultation runs from 18th February 2024 and if you wish to comment (either in support or against the proposals) it would be appreciated if you could return your comments by 16th March 2024. We will then collate and review the responses and consider the next steps.

Andy Bracey FIHE  
Parking Manager  
Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services

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**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-181

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

The suggested scheme is more appropriate to areas that suffer from competition for on street parking of vehicles from outside the area such roads close to train stations and shopping areas. This is not the case with Bell Lane or Fernleigh Rise where it's only the residents that use the on street parking and the large majority of them and their vehicles are elsewhere on during the day.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-60

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

Duplicate response

**Comments**

My understanding of the nature for enforcing a permit scheme is usually for scenarios where there are a high number of non-residents parking on the roads for a long period of time, for example, when it's located close to a station, or town centre to avoid parking charges there.

However, Bell Lane and Fernleigh do not fall into these categories. I fail to see why implementing a permit scheme would reduce the number of cars in the roads, as they're used by residents and sometimes resident visitors only.

The scheme would result in no reduction of the number of cars parked on the road therefore having no positive impact and only financially burdening the residents of the roads when we can all currently park on them for FREE anyway.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-453

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

I vehemently object to adding resident parking permits on Fernleigh Rise. Why should we pay to park outside our house? Parking is an issue with Bell Lane residents and they know this when they bought the house (if they want permits, let them have them on Bell Lane!); they have to take pot luck as do we all. Some of us use our drives but also the road, as we need this space for ourselves but also visitors. If you add permits then no one can visit us because they'll have nowhere to park. What are we supposed to do then? Daytime, there is often space on Fernleigh Rise. I'd like to know who or certainly how many people have requested this? Most that I know on the Fernleigh Facebook group do not want permits.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-66

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

Unfair on Fernleigh rise residents , feels like money making scheme, residents have not asked for this ! Whole of Kent has problems with parking on social media always roads being blocked in snodland , oak drive all roads terrible why yet again is it only Fernleigh rise targeted .

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-296

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

The permits if they go ahead are going to cause more issues without fixing any of the current issues with parking. I have listed below all of the issues that this would cause.

Permits cost money. All of the residents will start to require to pay for parking outside their houses. This is especially prevalent on bell lane as hardly any houses have off road parking.

You will be shifting parking congestion onto neighboring roads.

Visitors will find it difficult to park close to residents houses. This also lends itself to the issue that residents that have never parked on road will start to as they will let their visitors have the off road parking, leading to a different reason for parking congestion but ultimately the same result.

Cost to the council. You will be required to monitor the street for people parked illegally and the administration required to maintain the permits will cost a lot as well.

Small business impact. We have a fish and chip shop at the top of Bell Lane that while I agree something needs to be done to stop people parking so close to the junction I don't agree of the impact of no one being able to park and grab something to eat. I feel the permit change would affect them and anyone else that has a business within their own homes.

One of the biggest reasons of parking congestion, especially on Bell Lane is not non-residents parking there, its the fact there just isn't the capacity on the road to cater for all the houses along it.

Most of the owners will be entitled to a residential permit and as such the same amount of cars will want to park on the road.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-169

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

This is just not a workable solution to the parking problem in Fernleigh Rise. Would it be possible to make it a one way road?

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-117

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

The vehicles all belong to residents they are not coming in from outside the area, so bringing in permits will not reduce the amount of cars. The cars are generally away (at work) during the day so restricted hours between 8am and 6pm would be completely pointless. The biggest parking problem in Bell lane is at the junction with London road on the existing double yellow lines, please enforce this before considering additional schemes.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-379

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

No issue with daytime parking

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-437

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

It won't make a difference people who park in fernleigh rise live on bell lane

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-65

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

The parking restrictions will serve no purpose.

It won't create any parking spaces in Bell Lane or Fernleigh Rise.

The roads aren't subject to people parking to avoid paying car parking or such like whilst using Aylesford station or the bus network.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-137

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

Firstly thank you for giving us the opportunity to have our options to be considered. This proposal has given me many questions, which I appreciate will not likely to be answered personally.

1, why is this being considered and why now? I know it states that there has been complaints from residents, I know parking in this area has always been an increasing challenge having lived here for over 20 years. The introduction of the bollards has mostly deterred parking on the much needed grass verges however not in some parts of the Rise sadly. Is charging people the only option to deter long stay parking, as I have not noticed the increase during the daytime now that

I am hybrid working. Is there a reason this will increase? Will this not push those people who will be long stay parking to other areas? Or is this a pilot to extend the permit parking?

2, has the long term impact if this goes ahead been considered? This extra cost to residents at a time when we are all struggling, may have considerable consequences and then impacting on them selling their property. Will this encourage people to park in areas that they shouldn't, on the grass verges and across driveways? It is bad enough now, I have to walk in the road when I am out with my dog due to cars blocking the paths. I have seen parking tickets on cars who have parked over the yellow lines on the verges on a few occasions however this has not deterred them to park there again, will this be policed more if the permits come in?

3, why day time restrictions? From my observations, like I said there doesn't seem an increase during the day time but more over night.

For me I am very fortunate that I have ample room on my driveway to park however I would be concerned for those who don't and have more than one vehicle. Therefore I would be grateful if alternate options are considered.

Having seen this on the website, I am guessing the paperwork was a typo as it's states 2024 rather than 2025?

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-58

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

Added expense to already expensive council tax

Parking is only an issue for Bell Lane , not Fernleigh Rise

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-105

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

I pay Road Tax for my vehicles. I should not have to pay another tax levy to park my vehicle outside my property.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-106

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

Duplicate response

**Comments**

The problem with parking is not people from outside the area, the problem is that people with no driveways on Bell Lane need to park. By adding permits this will not increase the number of spaces or lessen the number of people needing to park so I do not see how this will resolve any parking issues people have. If residents from Bell Lane are complaining about lack of parking then maybe this is something that needed to be considered at the time of buying the properties,

I do not see why residents of Fernleigh Rise should be penalised and have to pay to park on the road if needed say if we have a delivery or building works because people in another road are unable to park.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-62

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-258

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

The major issue most evenings is when people park at the fish and chip shop at the top of bell lane. This causes major issues as customers and delivery drivers pull up in the kerb to which when entering it can be dangerous as the car is still sticking out on the main road. I believe just permit/Red line the top part of the fish and chip shop & that should help the issues

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-251

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

This is not needed, it will not help with parking nor will it create more parking spaces. It's a money spinner for the council we pay enough! What is needed is bollards put on Bell Lane outside the chip shop both sides it's a major accident waiting to happen. People consistently park on the double yellows on top of the junction whilst they are in the chip shop. Now that is something that will help!

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-122

I support the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

I really hope this proposal goes ahead. There is not enough parking for the amount of houses in the area and a lot of home owners with drives seem to prefer to park their cars on the road instead of their drives which is very inconsiderate for those home owners without that luxury. 90% of the time when I get home from work there are no spaces for me to park. Hopefully this will free up spaces for those that actually need it.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-123

I support the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

Duplicate response

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-75

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

I believe this will cause more issues than solutions. Currently on Fernleigh rise there are households with 3, 4, 5+ cars that park out on the road. Granted these are well within their rights as they are (hopefully) all road tax paying citizens. The parking bays will decrease the amount of cars that are able to park on Bell Lane and Fernleigh rise. How many proposed spaces will be available? Can you confirm that all households will be able to park at least one of their vehicles any time of the day/night in a bay that will become subject to permit charges. The main issue is from 7pm onwards when everyone is home from work, residents who choose to park on the road rather than on a driveway of their property. Can Tonbridge and Malling confirm they have visited the area 8am till 6pm to see the levels of parking for the proposed 6 days a week permit charge? I myself work shifts and understand that coming home at unrealistic hours means I will have to park further afield, meaning those who cannot find a bay once finished work, will be looking at parking in the surrounding areas meaning the problem will just escalate to the surrounding roads. Would residents not be offered free permits as council tax has just been increased by 4.99% with a potential add on of £58 per year seems to be punishing residents. The residents of Bell lane will be punished the most due to not having a driveway available to park a car. Would Tonbridge and Malling be willing to make Bell Lane a 1-way street from the M20 bridge at Lower Bell Lane to the top of Bell Lane at London Road increasing the grounds of all residents allowing them to have a driveway and park at least one car, this being said would reduce the cut throughout vehicles and make it a safer road for all. Currently at 15.39pm Friday 21st Feb 2025, four vehicles are parked on Fernleigh rise while their properties driveway is free of any car.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-57

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

What difference will this make?? People will still park on the yellow lines at the top of the road for their weekly fish and chips. This is where the issue is!! There need to be bollards outside the shop. There are not enough spaces for those of us without driveways. Why should we be made to pay when we have to park miles away from our homes. Perhaps the council need to mark the road so that people park sensibly and then there would be no need for permits.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-260

I support the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise



**Comments**

The houses in Bell Lane are only wide enough for one car to park outside. Therefore, it should be one permit only per household.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-3

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

I do not agree that residents should have to pay for parking. Cost of living is already too high.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-155

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

1. I have noticed on your parking action plan that the properties with private drives have been highlighted as your proposed permit holders only area. I presume you will not be enforcing permits on private drives.
2. For residents with private drives, do they have to purchase a residents permit to be able to buy visitors permits on the rare occasion that they may need to use the road.
3. How will this be patrolled, as the double yellow lines at the top of Bell Lane are never monitored especially in the evening when the chip shop is trading. Causing traffic carnage.
4. I do not think that this proposal will help with the parking issue as during the day there are no parking problems. It is after 6pm that the road has parking problems not 8am to 6pm.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-274

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-327

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

You can't keep putting these parking restrictions in place without considering the overall impact on the whole area, each time you put in bollards or yellow lines, all it does is push the problem further along the road to cause annoyance to different residents, it doesn't get rid of the need for more parking, it's like a tube of toothpaste, squeezing the cars along to ever diminishing space, eventually there is nowhere to go but outside the area, what then?

We don't actually have a big problem with visitors parking, we have several commercial vehicles taking up two spaces each, that belong to locals. When the real problem is lack of space for residents' vehicles, permits won't help those of us living on restricted incomes who are disabled, permits only make drivers feel more entitled to keep more cars conveniently outside their house and all their closest neighbours' too. I already have difficulty in parking near my house, consequently I rarely go out so I don't lose my space when I have been able to get one, I have mobility problems and have a blue badge, walking is difficult, a permit won't help my particular needs but will be more restricting to everyone, solution to few.

There is space to install new parking spaces on the west side of Bell Lane from the motorway bridge down to Fernleigh, the land there has been abandoned for many decades and is not managed, causing problems with overly tall trees and mess from leaves which clog the drains, if it was opened up to create parking I would be more likely to agree to permits.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-377

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-390

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

Permits are not going to resolve the parking issues. Most if not all are residents that park in Bell Lane. The problem is that there are just too many houses with no parking facilities. Lower Bell Lane have non and therefore they park in Oak Drive and Fernleigh Rise. There really is no reason for non residents to park in Bell Lane. I am aware that there are people that park in Oak Drive that then walk to work on the industrial estate through the tunnel at the bottom of Bell Lane. This is just a money making exercise!

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-273

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

This will have a knock on affect to the neighbouring roads and streets and in turn will then require those streets to be under consultation for parking permits. Maybe restrictions on vehicle size should be considered as often have transit and Luton vans from residents in Bell Lane parking on Oak Drive and leaving vehicles for days at a time.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-94

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

The residents in fernleigh rise (my location of the rise) have enough parking through driveways and the spaces on the road. The issue is that people from bell lane park in the rise, this should be addressed, not by asking fernleigh rise residents to pay. I strongly object to having to pay for the occasion I or a visitor have to park on the road. We pay more than our fair share in Council Tax / car tax.

The more pressing issue from a safety perspective is people parking on double yellow lines at A&D fisheries. Whilst there have been numerous near misses, my car was clipped by another due illegal parking. I and many other residents from the rise and bell lane want this formally raised and proactive action taken. I understand everything has a cost and addressed on level of risk, but this needs to be addressed. Please respond accordingly on this issue.

Point to note...the letter sent out has spelling mistakes and incorrectly dates...so you may need to firm up checking processes.

Thank you for reaching out to us, I am more than happy to discuss further.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-109

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

Parking is not a problem during the day Monday to Friday between 8am-6pm. It's a problem in the evenings and weekends, and along Bell lane with the Chip shop. There is no need for parking restrictions.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-69

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-375

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Comments**

I object to this, as I live on Oak Drive. Which is the road connected to Bell Lane and behind Fernleigh rise. Our road, which will not be monitored with yellow lines or parking permits will suffer the consequences of those who do not wish to purchase a permit to park on Bell Lane or Fernleigh Rise resulting in the movement of such vehicles from bell lane or Fernleigh rise to oak drive and surrounding roads located on the trees estate for free parking.

**Location** – Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-376**

I object to the proposed changes for Ditton - Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise

Duplicate response

**Comments**

I object to this because those who do not want wish to purchase a permit on bell lane or Fernleigh rise will park their cars on oak drive which is connected to the above roads, and/or other roads situated in the trees estate. Therefore the parking problem is not fixed, it has just been moved to another residential road.

**Informal Consultation**  
**New & Amended Parking Restrictions**  
**Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford**

Please return this form to;

The Parking Team  
 Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council  
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Alternatively, responses can be sent via email to [parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk), quoting reference DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

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All responses must be received by 16th March 2024.

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Name (please print)	
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I am ~~(in favour)~~ / **not in favour**\* of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

\* delete where not applicable

Comments	
<p><del>not in favour</del></p> <p>ITS NOT BROKEN, WHY ARE TRYING TO FIX IT!! JUST ANOTHER COST TO EVERYONE!!</p>	
Signed 	Date 23/2/25

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** FAO Andy Bracey FIHE ref: Pase 15-inf-DD607-05 Ditton-Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise  
**Date:** 24 February 2025 09:55:18  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Andy Bracey FIHE,

Firstly I would like confirmation of the date of the above as it appears to have already happened last year in 2024 and yet the letter only arrived on Friday 21st February 2025?

I would definitely be opposed to this and would be responding via the form if it was dated in the current year.

I would very much appreciate it if you can respond to advise me if this proposal has already been actioned and the letters sent a year too late?

Kind regards

[REDACTED] (Fernleigh Rise Resident)

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**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Reference DD607-05 - Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 01 March 2025 10:52:56

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We are not in favour of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

Introducing a parking permit system here would only force people to park in the neighbouring streets and estate, resulting in more illegal / dangerous parking. This would simply be a money generating scam from the council which penalises people parking legally in their own neighbourhood.

Energy and focus would be better channeled into enforcing the dangerous and illegal parking on the double yellow lines at the top of Bell Lane outside the fish and chip shop.

Having lived in the middle of Maidstone where there is permit parking, we can say first hand that introducing permit parking has zero benefit or safety improvement for residents and only encourages worse / dangerous parking.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
Lower Bell Lane

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton\_Bell lane  
**Date:** 20 February 2025 12:25:24

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[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise, Ditton Aylesford Kent ME20 6BP  
[REDACTED]

I am NOT IN FAVOUR of the borough councils proposals for changes to the on street parking arrangements for Bell Lane/Fernleigh Rise as shown on the plan DD607-05. No one parks in either of these roads unless they live here. There is no commuting, school or business parking so people who would be entitled to a permit would request, and pay, and still have no where to park. Generally there are too many cars for the space available and permitting would not reduce the amount of need. This would create additional cost for residents as, I presume the permit areas would then also have to be monitored. If I was then struggling to park I would find spaces on other roads... such as Oak Drive and Orchard Grove and walk back. How far do you permit?  
I would be interested to know who has requested this and to know what they hope to benefit from it?

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Robert Cannon](#); [Colin Williams](#); [Steve Hammond](#)  
**Subject:** Response to DD607-05 - Bell Lane Ditton  
**Date:** 26 February 2025 09:31:39

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Dear sirs

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment upon the above proposal as a local resident ([REDACTED] Bell Lane).

Whilst I accept that parking can be very difficult and that such a scheme may reduce parking for workers living nearby, I am writing to **OBJECT** to the proposal.

My wife and I both require a car to get to work and [REDACTED] working shifts, arrive and depart at various hours of the day. However, if implemented, the scheme would not guarantee parking spaces for us but would cost us £116 per annum (although I'm sure costs will increase over time).

Whilst the scheme might benefit some, it will not solve parking issues but only result in additional costs for residents during what are already difficult economic times. If a space cannot be guaranteed for residents, then maybe such a scheme should be implemented without charge, otherwise it could just be regarded as a money making venture where the benefits that might accrue are far outweighed by the cost implication for residents.

As you will see, I have copied this e-mail to my Ward Councillors so they are better able to represent residents when the proposals come forward for decision.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 22 February 2025 16:49:39

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Dear Sirs

Ref: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

I live at [REDACTED] Fernleigh Rise, Aylesford, England, ME20 6BS

In response to the proposal to introduce parking permits I am NOT in favour.

In Fernleigh Rise we all have driveways so on street parking should only be for visitors and we should not have to pay for permits.

I consider the dangerous parking on double yellow lines at the junction of Bell Lane and A20 London Road, outside the fish and chip shop, to be more of an issue.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Parking Permits Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise  
**Date:** 01 March 2025 09:33:05

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Dear sirs,

I vote against the introduction of parking permits.

Introduction of the scheme does not allow for parking of visitors and I see no reason why I should pay to park outside my own house.

I feel the bigger and potentially more dangerous issue is the parking by the chip shop or the junction of Bell Lane and the A20/London Road

[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise  
Ditton  
Aylesford  
Kent ME20 6BS  
[REDACTED]

Best regards

[REDACTED]  
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Address	BELL LANE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BT
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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\* **delete where not applicable**

Comments	
<p><i>Following my request "Freedom of Information", I am informed that only <u>one</u> resident has raised concerns about parking - why act on one persons concerns?          Why does drawing DD/607/05 show [REDACTED] hatch in red - are you intending to charge us to park on our drive?          This proposal, if passed, could seriously affect the elderly, infirm and disabled, who require regular carers to attend to their needs. pro</i></p>	
Signed	Date 3/03/2025

This could amount to a cost of over £30 a week (2 carers x 3 visits per day). Not a compassionate move.

My wife, and I, have lived in this property for over 40 years and the only problems we have noticed, with parking, tend to be after 6.00pm, weekdays and at weekends so the 8.00 - 6.00pm Mon - Sat. restrictions would be mostly ineffective anyway.

I am of the opinion that this proposal is just another scheme to raise money for the council.

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Comments	
I think that permit parking would be unfair to most residents because not everyone can afford another payment each year. We all struggle to park as most people have 2/3 cars. How awful would it be to have to pay for a permit and still not be able to park.	
Signed [REDACTED]	Date 24/2/25

Why do fernleigh rise need permit parking when they all have drives unlike us in Bell Lane??

It's Very unfair to those on low income, if people refuse to pay we will be parking in other roads nearby. Which will then pt

cause problems with the residents in other Roads. We're not near town so it's not necessary.

Thank you



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Address	FERNLEIGH RISE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BS
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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Comments	
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**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Consultation parking Fernleigh rise Ditton Kent DD607-05 Ditton - Bell lane.  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 11:32:15

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Ref: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell lane.

[REDACTED] Fernleigh rise

To whom it may concern:

I am NOT IN FAVOUR of your proposed new parking scheme for Bell lane and Fernleigh rise.

Fernleigh rise residents all have drives and parking on the rise should be Fernleigh rise residents only.

*SIGNED*

[REDACTED]

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**Date:** 21 February 2025 19:23:39

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I am absolutely NOT IN FAVOUR of the proposed resident's parking permit scheme. I see no reason for it, yes the road is busy, but I see no reason anyone would be parking here unless they are a resident or visitors as there are no shops or railway station nearby.

The only issue I see here are the people stopping on double yellow lines outside the chip shop, thus blocking the junction!

This scheme would only add to the mounting costs families are having to deal with (no doubt TMBC will be increasing council tax in April).

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bell Lane  
Ditton  
Aylesford  
Kent  
ME20 6BU

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Dear Sir or Madam

Regarding the above and the letter that arrived today Is this a joke?

Apart from the wrong date and spelling mistakes and complete randomness of delivery to residents of Fernleigh Rise, there is no way that residents in Fernleigh Rise will have requested the introduction of a resident's parking scheme. You may have had a single request, but there is no justification for this, apart from the council using it as a fund raising exercise.

Perhaps someone on Bell Lane works on the council? If Bell Lane want residents want permit parking, let them have it on Bell Lane - that is where the problem sits. They bought houses in full knowledge of parking problems, and fair enough, try to park locally where they can, as do residents in Fernleigh Rise. As do all residents in the other adjoining roads. Are you suggesting they all should have parking permits? No, and neither should you.

This is a ridiculous suggestion and if you truly want resident's opinions, you should let the results be visible.

Unlike when speed bumps were added, it was rejected then they suddenly appear. These things matter. We are not in a business district where workers are trying to park during the day and thus taking away residents' spaces.

I don't suppose this will have much traction nor much anyone who may take on board what I'm saying. However, the feeling is very strong amongst Fernleigh Rise residents that this does not happen.

Please advise what is happening. Exit and where we can impact effectively on this matter.

Many thanks  
Yours faithfully

[redacted]



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FERNLEIGH RISE,  
Ditton  
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Kent, ME20 6BP

Contact  
Email parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk  
Your ref  
Our ref Phase 15-Inf-DD607-05 Ditton  
- Bell Lane  
Date 18th February 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

**New residents permit parking scheme  
Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton  
Aylesford South & Ditton Ward**

Following concerns over parking issues in the area, residents have requested the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme. It should be noted that resident permit parking schemes incur new costs on residents who wish to park on the road.

Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

This informal consultation runs from 18th February 2024 and if you wish to comment (either in support or against the proposals) it would be appreciated if the attached form could be returned by 16th March 2024. We will then collate and review the responses and consider the next steps.

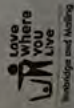
At present we are only asking for the views of the immediate residents and businesses in the area, and due to the number of responses expected we will not be able to respond directly to any comments made.

However, all responses will be considered and reported to the Joint Transportation Board for consideration. If the elected members agree with the responses received, we would then look to carry out another round of consultation, open to all to comment.

Yours sincerely

Andy Brocsey FIHE  
Parking Manager

Enclosed:



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Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services  
Robert Styles BA (Hons) Dip. MPSA  
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**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Phase 15-inf-DD607-05 Ditton - bell lane  
**Date:** 20 February 2025 19:29:20

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> FAO Andy bracey

>

> Hello

> I have been informed of letters sent to residents of fernleigh rise regarding the parking scheme. I have not received a letter at number [REDACTED] however I would like to state that I object to this scheme.

> I recently bought this house with off road parking too and do not like the idea of having to pay to park outside my own house.

>

> Kind regards

> [REDACTED] fernleigh rise)

> Sent from my iPhone

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Comments	
I AM NOT IN FAVOUR OF THIS PROPOSAL, AS I LIVE ON MY OWN AND RELY ON FAMILY SUPPORT. THIS SCHEME WILL RESULT IN HAVING TO PAY VISITOR PERMITS THAT WILL NOT GUARANTEE A PARKING SPACE. THIS WILL RESTRICT FAMILY VISITING.	
Signed	Date 1/3/25



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 01 March 2025 17:52:15

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Good afternoon,

I am writing this email in response to the consultation regarding the proposed permit and parking changes being proposed.

I am not in favour of this at all.

We need more enforcement of the double yellow lines at both ends of bell lane and Fernleigh Rise, this only happens about twice per year.

It is totally unfair to impose a charge for residents to park outside their own property.

Having the bollards introduced a couple of years ago made the parking problem worse as 2 cars could park on most verges slightly off of the road not causing any problems.

The suggestion that it is to stop people from outside the area parking here is absolute nonsense, 99.9 percent off all cars parked in Fernleigh Rise or Bell Lane live at either of those addresses, no-one would need to come here to park as there is no stations/ shops or amenities anywhere close.

The problem of overparking in Fernleigh Rise is caused by Bell Lane residents using it and parking inconsiderately, this is because only 3 houses on Bell lane have drives.

If the permits are introduced, people will park in the surrounding roads Oak Drive and Blackthorn, this will cause even more problems as these 2 roads are more heavily populated with cars than Fernleigh Rise or Bell lane.

Would it be at all possible to find out how many people have asked for this scheme as most residents I have spoken with seem to think it is nothing more than an easy way to earn more revenue and is totally unnecessary.

Maybe another solution would be to move the boats, jet skis and scrap cars in Lower Bell lane, this would enable all the residents of Lower Bell lane to park outside their own house as apposed to parking in Fernleigh or Bell lane.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding who has asked for this hare-brained and totally unnecessary scheme.

Many Thanks

[REDACTED].  
Fernleigh Rise residents.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton -Bell Lane  
**Date:** 13 March 2025 16:54:23

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Dear Mr Bracey,

Thank you for informing me about the parking issues in Bell Lane and the possible decisions to have parking permits for residents.

I have been a resident here for a total 31 years. Parking has had it challenges but not to the extent of having to pay for a parking permit. I feel that this won't benefit resident's in Bell Lane at all. What happens to a resident who have a parking permit but still can't find a space to park between 8am to 6pm? Where do they park then? To be honest, finding a parking space in Bell Lane is a lot harder at night than through the day. So what is the point of having a permit?, waste of mine and other residents money.

So in the genre of Pink Floyd, The Wall.  
Hey, Council, Leave Bell Lane Alone!

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 DITTON - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 24 February 2025 09:41:23

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To whom it may concern

I am writing in response to the letter I received about a proposed residents parking permit scheme for Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rose.

I am absolutely NOT in favour of this! I oppose it with every bone in my body!

If this is to be actioned further then I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, to see these so called 'concerns' that have been raised as I am convinced this is just a scheme to make money on the council's behalf. Parking in Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise is fine! Yes it is busy but it always has been. I have lived here for 16 years and it is the same as the day I moved in. The people that park here are residents! No one else! Why do you find the need to charge us to park on our own street and at our own homes?! Times are tough already and we are struggling financially as it is but yet you want to impose MORE charges on us!

Plus imposing this ridiculous scheme will simply isolate residents further - many of whom are elderly. Visitors and family members will not be able to park anywhere! How are we supposed to have guests over or see anyone?! If this scheme is implemented then residents and guests will just park in neighbouring roads such as Oak Drive and then what - you will impose tariffs there too?! I find it utterly outrageous that this is even being considered at all and I fight this with everything I have. If this gets the go ahead I will contact our local MPs and start a petition. It is just not on at all!

Instead of trying to make money off us, why don't you actually answer real requests and concerns that we have been coming to you with for 16 years! We have complained on multiple occasions about the customers of A&D Fisheries blocking the top of Bell Lane at night but nothing has been done. We have also on numerous occasions contacted you about the dangerous trees lining the path between Fernleigh Rise and Oak Drive. These are too high and some have already fallen down and hit cars, parts of buildings, fences etc. We have contacted you about the council cutting these down / cutting them back but yet you fail to do anything and told us to pay for it ourselves! We also contacted you after our dog waste bin was knocked over and asked for it to be replaced but it never has been - so now the next one along (in the alley at the bottom of Bell Lane) is constantly overflowing and full. What the hell do we pay council tax for? You don't cover any of our concerns but are so eager to impose parking permits just to make money! Think of your residents for once!

If you really must make money off residents, why don't you cut the trees mentioned above down and turn the space into car parking - then you can charge people to buy a space if they want one! Do NOT impose parking permits! Just let us live without all these stupid fees, charges and hoops you want us to jump through.

It really makes my blood boil and I am so angry at having received this letter! It just makes me want to move as it is so ridiculous and will just cause so many more issues - but guess what - we can't afford to move! How you can think this is a good idea is totally beyond me!

A very upset resident.

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**Date:** 21 February 2025 13:12:32

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Hi

In regard to the ridiculous money making permit scheme , I opposed and in times of a cost of living crisis cannot believe you want more money from residents who are struggling. The parking problem affects the whole of Kent so why pick on residents of Fernleigh Rise. I would love to know who has suggested this stupid idea as most of the residents on Fernleigh are baffled and very angry.

This will go to the local news if approved!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 15-inf-DD607-05 Ditton  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 09:44:28

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I write in response to the above consultation.

I am NOT in favour of the proposed New Residents Parking Permits scheme. The level of detail associated with why such a scheme is needed and the evidence that it would solve a problem is non-existent.

It is not at all clear from the very limited informal consultation as to what problem the proposed permit scheme is trying to solve.

The consultation should be withdrawn due to inaccuracies in the information supplied, including errors on the letter in terms of the date and misspellings - basics, chaps, basics! More seriously, narrative in the Key to the map regarding Visitors parking permits is incomplete - the sentence is not complete.

There is no information regarding what actual enforcement TMBC would take regarding the proposed parking permits scheme. TMBC does not currently undertake any noticeable enforcement on the parking of vehicles on the current yellow lines, so there is no comfort that it would do so with the proposed parking permits.

A parking permit scheme may work in areas where commuters leave cars to catch trains or park for work related to local businesses. There are no such train stations or local significant local businesses in terms of size or volumes of workers that make this an issue, so it can not be reasonably argued that the proposals are required for those reasons. I do not believe there is any evidence to suggest there are regular incoming non-residents using Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise because the streets are significantly empty during the day. This is an evening issue and therefore associated with high vehicle ownership by those residents.

It might be better served for residents in these streets to register their vehicles in relation to the houses they occupy with TMBC to see if other non-resident cars then use the streets, from which you can assess whether there is the problem of non-resident parking.

I suspect that it is residents in Bell Lane that are pushing for this proposal, in the hope that they will be allocated parking outside of their homes. Such a scheme does not deliver the guarantee of parking outside the home.

I am not averse to Bell Lane residents parking in Fernleigh Rise, they have to park somewhere. The issue is around high car ownership, as I am sure you are aware - and I am sure you have no powers to control or restrict the number of car parking spaces related to long established properties and / or ownership.

You might be better served by restricting the amount of time that Fernleigh Rise residents with driveways leave their cars on Fernleigh Rise highway, but again that will come back to proper enforcement, which I suspect you will not undertake.

The proposals will almost certainly encourage over paving of entire front gardens and lead to further surface water run off and potential flooding problems and / or damage to the road surface at longer term extra cost to KCC Highways. This is already a problem and issue in itself that should not be underestimated in terms of environmental damage.

Pooling of water outside houses at the entrance to Fernleigh Rise closest to the London Road end is already an issue.

While we're on the subject of parking, will you PLEASE properly enforce the dangerous parking, particularly at evening rush hour and later evening, caused by visitors to A&D Fisheries (corner of Bell Lane / London Road A20) who routinely leave their cars parked on the double yellow lines whilst collecting orders (sometimes right on the junction to the A20). It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident on this junction. Again, this is an issue of non-existent enforcement, which you could effectively capture with some camera technology before issuing fines.

Regards



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We at number [REDACTED] are not in favour of parking permits.

However, maybe you can pick up on a request I've made some years ago, and have done again with no response. We have a disabled bay outside our home that people love to park in. [REDACTED] and needs this space. Why can't this be an enforceable space? We've had people with no disabled badge park in it for 4/5 hours. Surely this is a better cause, that would be supported by all rather than permits that won't actually benefit anyone from fernleigh rise?!

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Parking Office](#)  
Subject: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
Date: 27 February 2025 22:05:57

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[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise Ditton ME20 6BS

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Address	[REDACTED]
Telephone	
Email	

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Comments	WE DO NOT WANT ADDED CHARGES TO OUR ALREADY HIGH OUTGOINGS. WE HAVE OFF STREET PARKING ON OUR PROPERTY SO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ARE OF NO ASSISTANCE TO US PLUS WE HAVE FAMILY THAT VISIT WHO NEED TO PARK ON THE ROAD.
Signed	[REDACTED]
Date	24-02-2025

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 06 March 2025 13:57:58

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Good afternoon

Ref: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford, ME20 6BS  
Telephone: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

I am **not in favour** of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on the plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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Comments	
<p>I disagree with parking charges, as we have no busnises useing our street to park, we don't have people parking here from other streets, were not near a station. Also I think Pensiners will find it very difficult to meet charges, they have already been hit to much.</p>	
Signed [REDACTED]	Date 20.2.25

**From:** [Customer Services](#)  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ref: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 12 March 2025 09:11:30

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PSB

Kind regards

Giulia  
Customer Service Advisor  
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] >  
Sent: 11 March 2025 22:45  
To: Customer Services <customer.services@tmbc.gov.uk>  
Subject: Ref: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

I strongly oppose this idea of billing residential homeowners on my area to park where we live. We already pay tax for our cars and I should not have to pay to park where I live. Also this will not solve the parking problem as people will just park further up the road and congest the area further. This is just another way to get more money and I strongly oppose this. Parking permits for residents should be free. Also when you added yellow lines to this area it did not make the road safer you actually caused more congestion.

Regards [REDACTED] (BAHons)  
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Gordon Laine](#)  
Subject: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
Date: 21 February 2025 18:20:38  
Attachments: [dizwtp.png](#)

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Good evening,

Name - [REDACTED]  
Address - [REDACTED] Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, ME206BP  
Telephone - [REDACTED]  
Email - [REDACTED]

I am just responding to the proposal of residents permit parking scheme.

I am not in favour of the scheme.

I've only been living on fernleigh rise for approximately 8 months where I mainly park on the road as my partner will use the drive way, as we both work opposite shifts and weekends, i've hardly had any issues where I cannot park on the road.

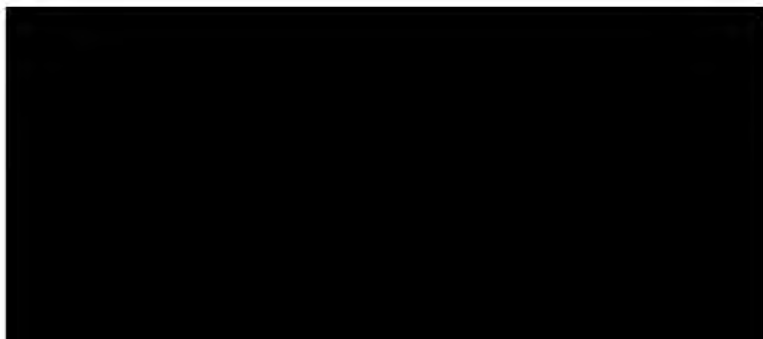
There has been an handful of times on weekends where it has been a little difficult to park due to residents having friends or family round which is to be expected.

Further all residents of fernleigh rise use their driveway and if they have multiple cars will aim to directly park outside their house. Suggesting that most of the road side parking is already being used for residents.

Fernleigh rise and Bell Lane is not near any car parks that charge to use where members of the public will use these roads to avoid paying for parking. For instance, we are not near the train station, country parks or shopping centres/ high street.

I do not think the scheme will benefit Fernleigh Rise as I've hardly had any experiences myself over the period time I've been living on the street. Equally, I think the scheme would only be beneficial to the residents of Bell Lane where they heavily rely on street parking and some will park on Fernleigh Rise due to limited spaces.

Signed Date 21/02/2025



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton-Bell Lane  
**Date:** 20 February 2025 16:56:08

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I am NOT IN FAVOUR .

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Permit parking scheme.  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 14:07:39

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We totally disagree with the proposal for permit parking in  
FERNLEIGH RISE , [REDACTED] FERNLEIGH RISE. yours sincerely [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 03 March 2025 12:06:38

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Hi,

■ Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent, Me20 6BS

■ Fernleigh is NOT in favour because:-

1. We don't think that this approach will solve the problem on non-resident long stay parkers. It will just move the problem elsewhere, e.g. Oak Drive, Blackthorn Drive, Orchard Close, Cobdown Close or the A20 opposite the Petrol garage, which all provide free long stay parking for non-residents.
2. We also don't think that this approach will deal with the real issue, which is that even without non-resident parkers there is not enough room along Bell Lane to park all the cars that Bell Lane residents own! Non-residents of Fernleigh Rise have been parking in the Rise for years, meaning we can't get parked without long walks. These are recognised by the Fernleigh residents as Bell Lane cars and vans. If the council decide to go ahead with this parking scheme, we suggest they implement a Zone A (Fernleigh) and Zone B (Bell) permit scheme where only Fernleigh residents can park in Zone A, Bell Lane in Zone B. This would be subject to the same penalties if someone parks in the wrong Zone. This would be acceptable to us and would also take away the non-resident parking issue the Bell Lane residents "experience". We are pretty sure the Bell Lane residents wouldn't support this suggestion and would prefer to stay As\_Is!
3. The non-Resident Long stay doesn't seem to affect Fernleigh Rise residents greatly, so why should we have to pay to park in front of our own houses, just because a few Bell Lane residents are impacted and complained?
4. We don't see it as a big issue because there seems to be plenty of parking spaces on Bell Lane, at the A&D/A20 end during the peak hours mentioned in this consultation. Perhaps the Bell Lane residents affected could park further away from their homes if they need a space, as no one owns the right to park directly outside their home?
5. Shouldn't focus be on more pressing parking issues. For example, around schools (Larkfield schools maybe) where Fire Engines and Ambulances would not be able to get through the vehicles at peak time to emergencies, due to non-resident parking blocking the roads, parking on double yellow lines and pavements??

Questions that would need answering to gain our support:-

- a. We have a large drive. We bought our house as the large drive was a good reason to buy it and with three children growing up, and myself and my wife working in different locations, we could foresee the need for off road parking. Now our children have moved out, we do not foresee the need to buy a resident's pass for either of our three vehicles. BUT, if our son/daughter comes home for Christmas, holidays etc, can we still buy standalone Visitor's passes, without having to pay for full resident parking permits?
- b. Will there be any 30mins, 1 hour or 2 hour no return "free" "drop off" parking period in the parking zones? We park our vehicles, in the day when the Bell Lane residents are not parked on the flat road in the front of my house, to undertake regular safety checks on the engine, water, brake fluid levels. Do I have to buy three parking permits for our cars, and two for my motorcycles to park these vehicles to undertake these tasks (£581 p.a.)? We can't normally get parked in front of the house outside of the permit times as residents are home and are parked in the flat spaces, so need to do them in peak time.
- c. As Fernleigh Rise residents for 11+ years we have seen very few traffic wardens issuing tickets despite plenty of parking on double yellow lines and on the verges EVERY DAY. What is the TMBC schedule to "police" the resident parking zones? Will you be



advertising the cycle? Also, will it be better implemented and actioned than the recently publicised Kings Hill Discovery School double yellow lines debacle? If we are paying this money annually for something the Fernleigh Rise residents do not need, then we would need assurances that we will get return for our money, with proper policing.

- d. Can you provide the findings of any analysis of this issue you have undertaken as part of your due diligence approaches? Hard and fast figures, over a defined period, split down into time zones would be helpful. I trust it is more than just a few complaint letters/emails from Bell Lane residents that is driving this, and it is a proven issue?? I would hate to think that the majority of Residents, Fernleigh or Bell are going to have to pay to park in front of their own homes because a few people, the minority, have complained.

Any questions please feel free to give me a call,

[REDACTED]

Mobile [REDACTED]

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Comments	
I have P.O.A for both my parents. They do not own a car, but worry that they may have to pay for a permit in order for myself & my family to visit plus health professionals.	
Signed	[REDACTED] <div style="float: right;">Date 3/3/25</div>

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Fernleigh rise  
**Date:** 10 March 2025 16:02:37

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To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford, ME20 6BP  
[REDACTED]

I am not in favour for the proposed changes to the on street parking for Bell lane and Fernleigh Rise shown on plan DD607-05z

Comments:

I don't think this is a fair plan for Fernleigh Rise. The majority of the rise have drives and have paid the convert drives to bigger drives. I don't feel we should then have to pay for permits for our rare guests in our own road. Bell lane should not be intergrated into our road. They don't have drives and I don't feel we should be reprimanded for their lack of parking.

I also don't feel that parking currently in the road is a huge issue. And I don't feel like permits are required.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** DD607-05 - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 10:13:03

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Dear Andy Bracey

I was astounded last night to be informed that a few of the residents in Fernleigh Rise, Ditton (where I and my family also reside) had received a letter seemingly from yourself regarding proposals to implement a permit parking scheme for Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise.

As it is poorly written letter, with some date errors and spelling mistakes, I'd firstly like to confirm that this is indeed a genuine proposal. If it is, please can you confirm answers to the questions below within the next 3 working days:

- 1) How many complaints were received and were these from Fernleigh Rise residents or Bell Lane residents?
- 2) Why have some residents in Fernleigh Rise not received the letter detailing the proposals when this seemingly would impact every household on Fernleigh Rise?
- 3) Why is letter dated for the same date that the consultation has started (note it also states 2024 and we are in fact in 2025)?
- 4) What surveys have been conducted to understand the suggested parking issues raised?
- 5) What is meant by issues caused by people parking from outside the area?

I would like it formally noted that I and my family (there are two other adults living at this residence) object to the proposals in full. This would not solve any issues with parking. We rarely experience issues with parking on the street and when visitors are here there is plenty of space. This may differ to those residing on Bell Lane, but they have chosen to live on a road with limited on road parking. We purchased our property knowing there were no parking restrictions on the road and also paid to extend our driveway to allow for up to 4 cars to be parked off road where required. I object to having to pay to park on the road outside my own property just to benefit the council or others.

As advised, we do not experience issues with parking from people who do not reside either in Fernleigh Rise or on Bell Lane - in fact we have neighbours who religiously leave one car on the road outside their property and swap cars to keep that space. This is not an issue for us, and I don't think they should be penalised for this. They are elderly and need to have easy access to their home.

Some residents also have additional care needs as this is a population of mixed generations. What are they expected to do if they have carers who may also be relatives or not, attending to their needs more than once a day? This proposal is unreasonable and disadvantages those residents who have additional needs.

The much bigger issue is residents who do live on Fernleigh Rise and Bell Lane parking on the pathways and blocking these from those who need to use the paths, forcing residents, with children, to walk in the road and the overgrown bushes at one end of Fernleigh Rise which result in the same issue.

I would much rather money be spent on tidying these areas and enforcing the current parking restrictions around double yellow lines than a ridiculous parking permit system that won't solve any suggested (although I believe non existent) issues and will only serve to make money for the council.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise, ME20 6BP

Sent from my iPad

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Comments	
DAYTIME PARKING IS NOT THE PROBLEM AND THIS IS JUST ANOTHER TAX ON PEOPLE OWNING CARS, LOTS OF HOUSES ALREADY HAVE OFF ROAD PARKING (DRIVEWAYS) AND THE HOUSES WITHOUT STRUGGLE WITH EVENING / WEEKEND PARKING, THE PROBLEM IS NOT PEOPLE VISITING ITS JUST NOT ENOUGH PARKING FOR RESIDENTS THAT A PARKING PERMIT WONT SOLVE AND IS NOT DOWN TO THEM TO PARK!	
Signed	Date 25-2-25.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [andybracey@tmhc](mailto:andybracey@tmhc); [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 24 February 2025 14:33:24

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Dear Mr Bracey,

With regard to your letter received on the 22nd February 2025 and your proposal to make Fernleigh Rise/Bell Lane permit parking areas. The letter was dated 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024. Not a good start in itself!

**We very strongly object to this.** Having permits will not change the parking situation at all in Fernleigh Rise where we live. Most houses these days have more than one car and hence have to park somewhere. With this being the case the houses in Bell Lane do not have parking spaces or any gardens to convert to parking spaces.

**Having parking permits will only mean parking will stay the same but we will all have to pay for it.** To pay to park outside your own house is totally wrong and another way of the council trying to coop losses enforced on them by central government. We personally do not have any extra money to accommodate paying for parking outside our own home.

Leave the situation with the parking as it is. We have lived with it like this for many years. Having lived here for over 20 years nothing have changed from when we first moved in apart from the speed humps installed a few years ago. We have all managed with the parking as it is and this should be allowed to continue. **Do not change it.**

Tonbridge and Malling are installing paid parking in Martin Square and West Malling High Street and now they want to us to pay for parking outside our own homes. Totally outrageous!!!

Please do not run roughshod over the objections you will undoubtedly receive. We are the hardworking voters whose options count and should be acted on by our borough council.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fernleigh Rise  
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Comments	
<p>The problem is not 5 am - 6pm as much as once people are back from work &amp; trying to park. The lack of parking in Bell Lane means people need to use Fernleigh Rise. Therefore, resident parking scheme does not meet need in this case - problem not due to materials for outside area parking here.</p>	
Signed	Date 21/2/25

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Comments	
<p>I BELIEVE THIS IS DISCRIMINATION, WHY SHOULD RESIDENTS PAY TO PARK OUTSIDE THEIR OWN PROPERTY?</p> <p>NO PARKING AT TOP OF BELL LANE I AGREE BUT IT IS DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND PAULY PEOPLE PARK FOR THE CHIP SHOP - USUALLY EVENINGS - WHO WILL POLICE THIS?</p>	
Signed	Date 26 <sup>th</sup> FEB 2025

ALSO MOST PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE PARK AT NIGHT WHEN NOT AT WORK YET YOU ONLY WANT TO DO PERMIT IN DAY



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Comments	
Why should we have this, I have a driveway that takes my cars and any visitor that call. I have also had my kerb dropped, so making it easy to get on driveway. the main problem is not our rd but the top of Bell lane, at the Chip Shop, where people don't park in carpark for Chip Shop and just park on yellow line making it very dangerous.	
Signed	Date 23/02/2025
People in Bell lane think they have the right to park in Fernleigh. One person just left his 4x4 on corner of rise blocking pavement and corner very dangerous. Don't have two or more cars, if you live in a terraced house.	

PTC

also you need to read your letters before  
sending them out as wrong dates on them  
we are in year 2025 not 2024!

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Comments	
I'am not happy with the proposal, we have had our drive enlarged, but occasionally have had to park on the road, generally there is a space available, my main concern is the cars parked at the top of Bell lane parking on yellow lines for the A&D.P.T.O	
Signed	[REDACTED] <span style="float: right;">Date 23/02/2025</span>

Fish & chip shop. causing a problem getting  
out of Bell lane onto the London Road  
safely.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 15-inf-DD607-03&04  
**Date:** 24 February 2025 14:47:04

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#### NOT IN FAVOUR

I am not in favour of the proposal.

Parking permits should be issued free of charge to residents and their visiting families/friends. Residents should not be out of pocket for this problem.

These permits should then be displayed in their vehicles at all times. Anyone not in possession of a permit will then be clearly visible to those monitoring for non-resident parking and issued with a warning and a fine as a deterrent.

The double yellows however, are a good idea as proposed.



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Comments	
<p>1/ Hopefully the permits will be different colour for Bell lane + Fernleigh Rise. This would help alot</p> <p>2/ where I park my work van on the verge. By the telegraph pole would I need a permit Even though its not on the Road and I park <del>at</del> it</p>	
Signed	Date
[REDACTED]	26/02/2025

where so I can have it for BT to Access the pole. and the drain cover for services and stops people parking there.


3/ As for the visitor permits what if you have Trades people working on your house Does that mean



- 3/ you have to issue them a new permit Every day.  
Especially if they are there for a month.
- 4/ whos going to enforce the parking  
when most people leave before 8Am and come home  
after 6pm. To which your Employees have  
gone home from work so Everybody parks  
where they want to so permits are no use
- 5/ AS For the parking Fines are you going to increase  
the fine if they keep doing it like down the bottom  
of Serrnleigh Rise AS they dont care as its a  
the same fine of so much money ~~and they~~  
And Sometimes you just barely get a car  
through let alone Emergency vehicle. Sometimes.

Hopefully this helps with some Questions  
and you can answer them ~~back~~ Back.  
to all the people that live Round here

many thanks



The Resident  
[REDACTED] FERNLEIGH RISE,  
Ditton  
Aylesford,  
Kent, ME20 6BP

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Email [parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk)  
Your ref  
Our ref Phase 15-inf-DD607-05 Ditton  
- Bell Lane  
Date 18th February 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

**New residents permit parking scheme  
Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton  
Aylesford South & Ditton Ward**

Following concerns over parkign issues in the area, residents have requested the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme. It should be noted that resident permit parking schemes incur new costs on residents who wish to park on the road.

Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

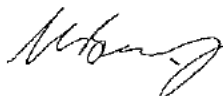
Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

This informal consultation runs from 18th February 2024 and if you wish to comment (either in support or against the proposals) it would be appreciated if the attached form could be returned by 16th March 2024. We will then collate and review the responses and consider the next steps.

At present we are only asking for the views of the immediate residents and businesses in the area, and due to the number of responses expected we will not be able to respond directly to any comments made.

However, all responses will be considered and reported to the Joint Transportation Board for consideration. If the elected members agree with the responses received, we would then look to carry out another round of consultation, open to all to comment.

Yours sincerely



Andy Bracey FIHE  
Parking Manager

Enclosed:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Andy Bracey](#)  
**Subject:** Re: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 15:37:38

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk **Cc:** andrew.bracey@tmbc.gov.uk  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21st 2025, 15:29  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

I am NOT in favour of the Borough Councils proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise, Ditton shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

This proposal is beyond belief and will not solve any parking problems in the area. It is just a money making scheme on the part of TMBC especially as the restrictions will only be in force between the hours of 8am-6pm Monday - Saturday.

I would also like to point out that the dates in the letter are incorrect as they state 2024 and I believe that we are now in 2025.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fernleigh Rise

Ditton

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Name (please print)	[REDACTED]
Address	FERNLEIGH RISE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BP
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

I am (~~in favour~~ / **not in favour**)\* of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

\* delete where not applicable

Comments	
<p>A PARKING PERMIT IS UNNECESSARY. PARKING DURING HOURS YOU WANT TO ENFORCE IS NOT A PROBLEM. EVENINGS AND SUNDAYS ARE MORE OF A PROBLEM WHEN RESIDENTS OF BELL LANE USE IT AS AN OVERFLOW PARKING AREA.</p> <p>YOUR PROPOSAL IS A FORM OF LOCAL TAXATION ON HOUSEHOLDS AND MOTORISTS.</p> <p>ALL PARKING ON GRASS VERGE AND PAVEMENT SHOULD BE BANNED.</p>	
Signed	Date 4/3/25



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 20 February 2025 20:51:57

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I am NOT IN FAVOUR of Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane.

Firstly, the letter is dated 18th February 2024 with responses requested by 16th March 2024. Is this an error or are we being advised of these plans a year too late?

We purchased our property with a driveway and road parking for visitors. Or a third vehicle for work which we sometimes require. If residents in Bell Lane wanted the same, they should've considered buying a property with similar. Charging residents of Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise will not improve anything. Only residents park here. No one is leaving their vehicle in the roads for any other reason. You are asking for money from hardworking people, for nothing to change.

I suggest you look more into the dangerous parking of A&D Fisheries customers.

Please consider paying for the unnecessary trees you've planted in the road by another means.

[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6BS

Sent from my iPhone



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Address	FERNLEIGH RISE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BP
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

I am **(in favour / not in favour)\*** of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

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Comments	
<p>Bell lane and fernleigh Rise were not made for the number of cars in these times. There is parking available. People buying houses in Bell Lane. The grass verges were churned up into mud, before posts were put in. I would realise there is only enough room for 1 car. Our drive is almost blocked every evening (poor parking) difficult to get on drive. The problem with fernleigh Rise is, it's narrow. <u>Not all</u> residents use their drives and have more than 2 cars taking up 3 spaces in the road. Parking on the corner of the Rise nearest no6 almost blocks the road every night. People will always find somewhere to park. Difficult for emergency vehicles.</p>	
Signed	Date 25.2.2025

From:   
To: [Parking Office](#)  
Cc: [Andy Bracey](#)  
Subject: Reference DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
Date: 21 February 2025 13:19:54

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I am writing to oppose the proposal of introducing parking permits on Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise.

Your letter opens with the claim that “residents have requested the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme.” I am a resident and am unaware of this request. No other resident I have spoken to is aware of it either, and have all said they don’t want it. So it is strange to us to read that this is apparently a resident-led initiative.

This proposal would not solve any problem. The parking that takes place on the road in Fernleigh Rise is entirely legal and, mostly, courteous. The only genuine problem that we have is where cars are parked fully on the verge. This blocks the pavement for pedestrians including pushchairs and wheelchairs. However, the solution to this is installing bollards on the verges that currently lack them — we know this works, because the bollards have been effective in stopping people parking on the verges around the rest of Fernleigh Rise.

When the bollards were being installed under Peter Homewood’s instruction, residents had the choice of saying “no” to the bollards being placed on the verge outside their house. Of course, the only reason they would do this is because they intended to park there and this is precisely what has happened. I have attached some photos to show you what is happening.

The solution is to put bollards on these verges. The cars that park there are **solely** residents of Fernleigh Rise **with private driveways**. The bollards mean they have to use their driveways instead of posing a hazard and obstruction to others. The only property that ignores them is in an attached photo with the Kinetic van, who parks behind the verge. Enforcement from traffic wardens would solve this immediately. This type of parking is highly disrespectful to others, and you can see it is causing damage to council property i.e. the verge. This house has a very large driveway that should be used instead.

A permit scheme would not address this issue at all. Which means residents would need to pay an annual charge for something that does nothing. Indeed, the Council’s letter introducing the proposal does not make any attempt at explaining what the scheme would solve. It does not even attempt to say what issues we are facing, only “concerns over parking issues.”

What concerns? What residents? How will a permit scheme fix them? And how well with the scheme even be enforced, considering the flagrant disregard drivers have of double yellow lines on Bell Lane and Oak Drive, but which the Council never seems to address?

This is a ridiculous, unwarranted idea that brings no apparent benefit to the residents of either Fernleigh Rise or Bell Lane. Instead, it will extract more money from people’s pockets and they’ll continue parking where they already do.

If you truly wish to solve the parking issues then please install bollards on the remaining verges along Fernleigh Rise and issue PCNs as required. This is all that is needed.

In addition, if the Council is finally ready to solve local parking issues, the situation outside A&D fish shop at the top of Bell Lane is long overdue for a resolution. I have been providing photos for years about this. Despite a car park, people insist on parking on the

corner, on double yellow lines at the junction with the A20. This is a major hazard as it forces cars coming up Bell Lane into the other lane, i.e. facing oncoming traffic from London Road. At rush hour it also causes significant congestion, as it prevents cars being able to turn onto Bell Lane because there are cars blocking both lanes. This parking is illegal and highly, highly dangerous.

I hope to see the Council make the right decision and withdraw this proposal, followed by appropriate measures being taken with regards to the verges and outside A&D. While there are these genuine issues to address, the residents would prefer these be tackled instead of the Council addressing non-issues.

As a closing note, your letter is dated February 2024 and states the consultation ends in March 2024. We are now in 2025.

Regards,

[REDACTED], Fernleigh Rise resident



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Parking permits -Fernleigh Rise  
**Date:** 25 February 2025 11:32:11

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Dear sir/madam

This is to confirm that we at [REDACTED] Fernleigh Rise do not agree with the proposals for parking permits in our road.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 23 February 2025 19:18:50

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Hi

I live in Fernleigh Rise, Ditton and I am not in favour of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford.

I pay enough in road tax to be able to park on the road!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Reference: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 03 March 2025 20:00:49  
**Importance:** High

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To whom it may concern

**Reference: DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane**

I am writing this email to express my concern regarding the possibility of Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise parking in Ditton becoming permit only. My family and I live on Fernleigh Rise and feel that making this area permit only is going to provide no benefit to the residents at all.

The permits if they go ahead are going to cause more issues without fixing any of the current issues with parking. I have listed below all of the issues that this would cause.

1. Permits cost money. All of the residents will start to require to pay for parking outside their houses. This is especially prevalent on bell lane as hardly any houses have off road parking.
2. You will be shifting parking congestion onto neighboring roads.
3. Visitors will find it difficult to park close to residents houses. This also lends itself to the issue that residents that have never parked on road will start to as they will let their visitors have the off road parking, leading to a different reason for parking congestion but ultimately the same result.
4. Cost to the council. You will be required to monitor the street for people parked illegally and the administration required to maintain the permits will cost a lot as well.
5. Small business impact. We have a fish and chip shop at the top of Bell Lane that while I agree something needs to be done to stop people parking so close to the junction I don't agree of the impact of no one being able to park and grab something to eat. I feel the permit change would affect them and anyone else that has a business within their own homes.
6. One of the biggest reasons of parking congestion, especially on Bell Lane is not non-residents parking there, its the fact there just isn't the capacity on the road to cater for all the houses along it. Most of the owners will be entitled to a residential permit and as such the same amount of cars will want to park on the road.

As a concerned resident I hope you find the time to read this.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh Rise  
Ditton

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Ref DD607-06 Ditton-Bell Lane  
**Date:** 22 February 2025 16:35:44

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Good afternoon,

My husband and I have recieved the notice for a proposed parking permit area on our road, Fernleigh rise. We are not in favour of this and do not believe it will have any impact on the current parking situation on the road. We therefore do not wish this system to be implemented.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Fernleigh rise

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Name (please print)	
Address	■ FERNLEIGH RISE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BP
Telephone	
Email	

I am ~~(in favour / not in favour)~~\* of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane with reservations as below.

\* delete where not applicable

Comments	
<p>① Residential parking permits work <u>ONLY</u> where they are enforced by the local authority. We would need an assurance of regular &amp; effective enforcement measures.</p> <p>② Permits should <u>NOT</u> be interchangeable between Fernleigh Rise &amp; Bell Lane.</p> <p>③ We presume each permit will be registered to an individual car registration number.</p>	
Signed	<div style="background-color: black; width: 200px; height: 40px; display: inline-block;"></div>
Date	8.3.25.





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Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

I am **(in favour ~~not in favour~~)\*** of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane & Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford shown on plan DD607-05 Ditton - Bell Lane

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Comments	
<p>NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT, BUT DUE TO MORE PEOPLE ON THE PLANET, MORE CARS ON THE ROAD AND MORE WAREHOUSES OPENING LOCALLY, IT SEEMS A NECESSARY STEP. WE MAY AT LEAST HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING A SPACE.</p> <p>NOTE: LOCAL WAREHOUSE (FACTORY) IS 24 HRS, SO THE SCHEME COULD HELP</p>	
Signed	Date 20/04/25



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Parking Restrictions BELL LANE / FERNLEIGH RISE DITTON AYLESFORD  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 13:47:13

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Dear Borough Council,

REFERENCE: DD607-05 DITTON-BELL LANE

My name is [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED] Bell Lane, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6BT. As an OAP who has lived here for many years, I am writing to express my support for the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, Aylesford, as shown on plan DD607-05.

Thank you for considering changes to the parking arrangements. The parking situation on these roads has been a nightmare. I cannot recall the last time I was able to park outside or anywhere near my address. It is impossible to park anywhere on these roads after 4 pm, making it difficult to go out with a car or return and find parking. I believe the proposed parking plan would benefit all the residents, and I fully support its implementation as soon as possible.

I would like to request that consideration be given to extending the hours beyond 6 pm for the above reasons and whether the permits could be specific to the occupiers' addresses. I appreciate the efforts made to improve the parking situation.

Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

MOBILE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Address	BELL LANE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BU
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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\* delete where not applicable

Comments	
Some residents have 4/5 cars so unfair on others that don't. So need to pay for the extra space they need.	
Signed	Date 21/2/2025

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Address	BELL LANE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BT
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Comments	
I AM IN FAVOUR OF THE NEW PARKING SCHEME, MY ONLY CONCERN IS WHO IS GOING TO ENFORCE THE RESTRICTIONS, AS I HAVE NOT SEEN A TRAFFIC WARDEN IN YEARS	
Sig [REDACTED]	Date 2/3/2024





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Address	[REDACTED] BELL LANE DITTON AYLESFORD KENT ME20 6BT
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	

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Comments	
I am concerned that allocated parking will be put across the end of my driveway, where there is a dipped curb, as I need access to my driveway at all times.	
Signed	Date 27/02/2025





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditton Bell Lane  
**Date:** 05 March 2025 12:41:49

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**Re: 'New residents parking scheme Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise''**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I cannot say yay or nay to this proposal largely on the grounds that it will not affect me (I have off-road parking) and have no wish to give away the rights enjoyed by others in the area who have lived here longer than the 20 or so years that I have.

I do understand that there is an obvious problem at the A20 end of Bell Lane, where the installed double yellow lines have no deterrent effect whatsoever at certain times of day, and cause a dangerous situation for exit into and entry from the A20.

There seems to be little if any policing of the yellow lines so I wonder how you would propose to police the parking permit scheme?

I would be interested to know the percentage of residents that have requested the introduction of this scheme, given that, until now, I have been unaware of it

yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-05 Ditron - Bell Lane  
**Date:** 01 March 2025 22:55:39

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As a resident of Bell Lane, i write with reference to the proposals to introduce parking permits for Bell Lane and Fernleigh Rise. Whilst I am not against the proposal if it helps with the issues, I would raise the point that the problem with parking on these roads is not really during the hours of 8am and 6pm. The issue is from 3pm onwards, when residents or visitors start to return from work etc.

To my mind the issue is the fact that many residents have more than one vehicle, the roads are narrow and the houses are close together, particularly in Bell Lane. Also, if people with driveways actually used them, it would be less of an issue - if the proposal goes ahead, it would be helpful if people with driveways that can hold 2+ cars, were not allowed permits - probably a controversial suggestion, but I can't see that anything will change otherwise. Also it might help if parking bays were enforced to prevent people from parking across two spaces, either because they want to be parked outside their own home or saving space for others. I am happy to pay for a parking permit, but not if it is just a way of making money for the council and does nothing to solve the issue.

I would ask the question as to whether anyone has actually visited during the hours you are considering putting parking restrictions in, I don't believe the parking problems are really caused by non residents parking on the streets, it is unfortunately a sign of the times with households having more cars and no space for them to go. As a woman, I would really like to be able to park close to my own home when I return home late at night as it would make me feel much safer, but again I don't think putting in permits will make this possible as it will still be first come first served.

As a community, a great suggestion would be for those who have large drives which can hold several cars to allow other local residents to "rent" space on their driveway, which would help everyone all round. Though I don't suppose this is something anyone would be recommending.

In conclusion, I am not against permits being introduced and welcome anything that might help resolve the parking problems.

Regards

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