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To: [Roger Roud](#); [Andy Bracey](#); [Michelle Tatton](#)
Cc: [Martin Coffin](#); [Andy Edwards](#); [Robert Styles](#)
Subject: Re: Parking Action Plan - Phase 15
Date: 18 February 2025 22:34:10

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Hi Andy,

Firstly, to partially answer Trudy's question, we have two areas in The Rocks Road that were put forward for consideration for yellow lines - this one to the east and another further west. I had hoped they would both come forward at the same time but accept they were not submitted together. The other one is likely to be more controversial.

As for this one, my reason for requesting yellow lines was to deal principally with parking on the bend partly and sometimes wholly on the pavement, creating visibility issues for drivers and meaning pedestrians have to step into the road. What I hadn't anticipated was such a widespread set of lines. We do need to ensure some parking is retained for the residents in the cottages who have no offstreet parking of their own. Historically they have parked on a triangle of land outside Paris Farm Barn at the start of the public footpath but that cannot accommodate vehicles for all residents. I have already spoken with some of the residents about this as they are very concerned at the potential for a total loss of onstreet parking when this is not necessary given the only issue is on the bend.

I attach a plan on which I've added some detail. The section of lines I had envisaged is marked in purple; the dotted yellow and blue section represents the area where I would suggest yellow lines are NOT installed as this is wide enough/far enough away from the bend not to present a hazard. This would stop east of the entrance to the Old Coach House as occasionally there are issues with visibility for residents exiting there. The turquoise blue colour represents an area that could potentially be left without yellow lines but I would like to take another look at the width of the road. I'm not aware that vehicles park here currently but occasionally vehicles park outside no. 142 and 144 and if there is insufficient parking as a result of the yellows they may end up further west. So if I may I'll take a look at that turquoise section, discuss with Roger and Trudy, and come back to you.

Michelle

Michelle Tatton
TMBC Cllr - East Malling, West Malling & Offham

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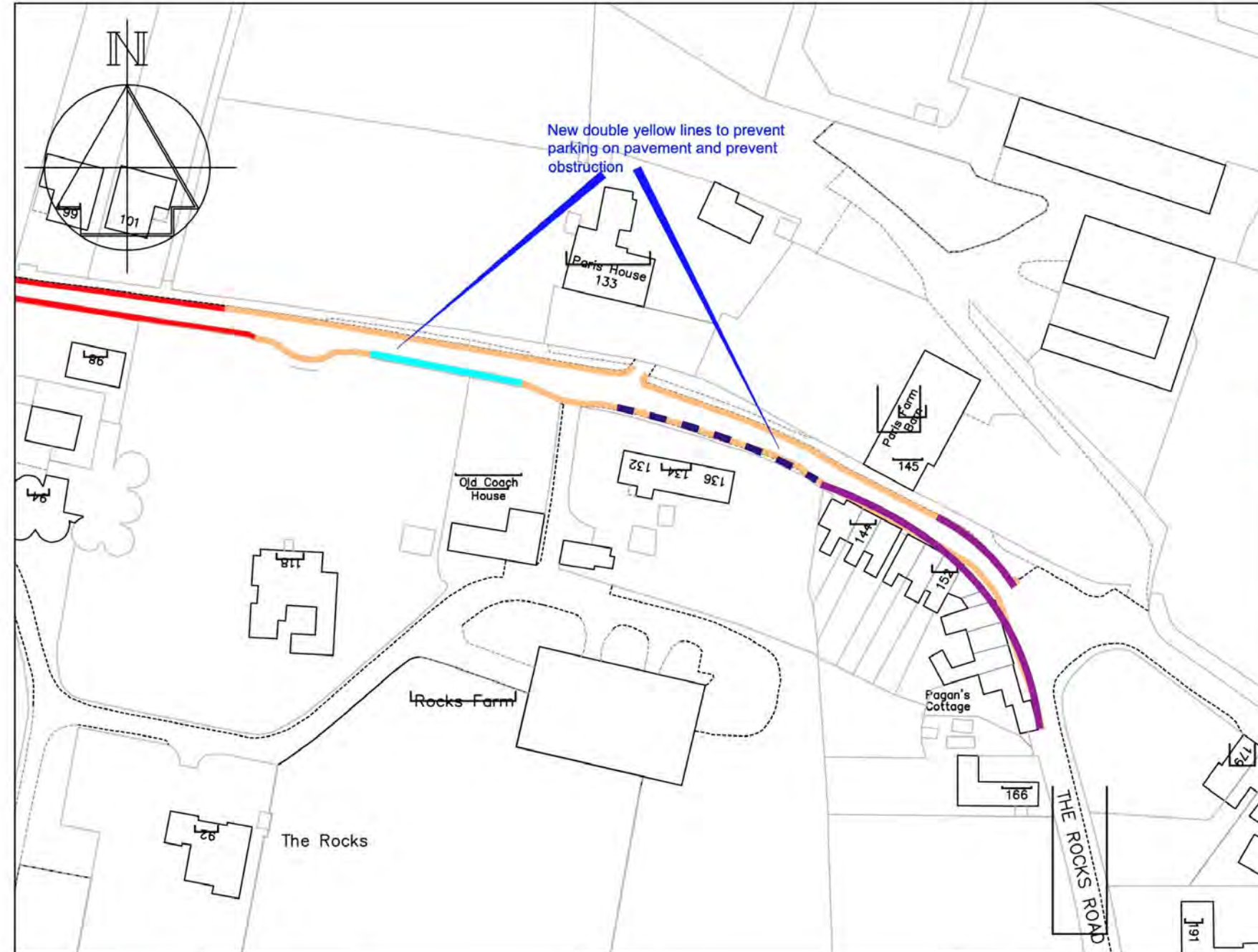
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Key

- Existing 'No waiting at any time' (double yellow lines)
- Proposed 'No waiting at any time' (double yellow lines)
- Essential new lines
- - Required to be retained for parking
- This section or part of it could be retained for parking



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Project Title

Parking Action Plan - Phase 15
Informal consultation

Drawing Title

East Malling
The Rocks Road

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Drawing No. DD/607/08		Rev -

Location – East Malling - The Rocks Road

Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-277

I object to the proposed changes for East Malling - The Rocks Road

Comments

I reject it, due to the fact that there is immense pressure on parking already since there is not enough available for residents who do not have their own drive. I feel it is discriminatory that those who do have a drive can ask for and get double yellow lines put in, to the detriment of the rest of us. We would love to have the money for our own drive but sadly we are in a position where we must rely on what is publicly available. This is a village location without easily accessible amenities and it is not viable to live here without a car. I would advocate for residents parking permits towards the station end of the Rocks Rd, as currently we have none, unlike other areas of the village nearby. So any extra cars parking here make life very difficult, as any newly displaced cars would do. There is nowhere for us to park further away from the houses we live in as these have permit schemes that we are not allowed to access. Residents are not parking obstructively, and unfortunately yellow lines will not stop the numerous white vans from parking on or mounting pavements. Please consider all of us and not just the people in the big houses. Parking pressure can create significant stress and impact community cohesion.

Location – East Malling - The Rocks Road

Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-174

I object to the proposed changes for East Malling - The Rocks Road

Comments

I reject the proposal, because the ability to park is very difficult under normal circumstance. With the yellow double lines, this will reduce the space available to park, and in itself create new problems.

Location – East Malling - The Rocks Road

Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-135

I object to the proposed changes for East Malling - The Rocks Road

Comments

Double yellow lines in this location will drastically reduce our resident parking. Of which is already very limited.

The lines need to be further up on the left hand side as you travel up the road by the pavement outside the row of cottages opposite Paris Farm Barn to stop people parking on the pavement and forcing pedestrians (I've personally witnessed the elderly, families and parents pushing prams and buggies) into the road to pass on a blind bend that drivers speed round. Vehicles (specifically vans) can block the chevron road sign warning drivers of a sharp bend.

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Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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* *delete where not applicable*

Comments	
Our drive is difficult to get in and out. Our window cleaner park here. Also our family that visit share cars, but sometimes have to park here	
Signed	Date 7.3.2025

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Parking Office](#)
Subject: DD607-08 East Malling - The Rocks Road
Date: 09 March 2025 19:11:07

Good Evening,

I'm writing to oppose the new yellow lines on The Rocks Road. This section of road has a high density of housing with very little parking. There is room for cars to park long the stretch of road where the yellow lines are being proposed without obstructing passing traffic. There aren't safety concerns with pedestrians crossing and in the 7years we've lived here there has never been an issue with cars parked in this area.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Rocks Road
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To: [Parking Office](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: DD607-08 East Malling - The Rocks Road
Date: 02 March 2025 18:03:42

Hi Parking team,

Names: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] The Rocks Road, East Malling, ME19 6AX
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

We are **not in favour** of the Borough Council's proposal for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for The Rocks Road, East Malling, shown on plan DD607-08.

Comments: We moved to this area in September 2024 and we have never had an issue with obstructive parking in this area of The Rocks Road. The plan proposes double yellow lines outside the front of properties 142 - 164 but we have never encountered vehicles parked on this stretch, so we really don't think this is necessary.

The area marked on the plan for potential new double yellow lines also includes the stretch of road outside of properties 132 - 136. This is clearly a valued parking area for other residents, as cars are often parked here. In our experience, and we do drive our vehicle along this part of the road regularly, the cars are always parked considerately and there is plenty of space for cars to pass.

There is no regular bus service in East Malling so residents such as us have to rely on personal vehicles. Many properties in the area, including ours, are older and do not have driveways, so on-street parking is hugely valuable. If this proposal for additional double yellow lines does go ahead, it would put additional, unwanted pressure on the other on-street parking areas along The Rocks Road and will likely cause more problems than this proposal seeks to solve.

All the best,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Rocks Road, ME19 6AX

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Comments	
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Signed	Date

OUTSIDE 132-136 THE ROCKS ROAD. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHERE WE ARE EXPECTED TO PARK ?? OBVIOUSLY DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON THE FOOTPATH SIDE MAKES SENSE. WHAT ABOUT DROPPING OFF SHOPPING ETC LIKE I HAVE SAID THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VERY ELDERLY RESIDENTS THE PROPOSALS ARE TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL!!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Parking Office](#)
Subject: DD607-08 East Malling - The Rocks Road
Date: 16 March 2025 18:58:19
Attachments: [1000038765.png](#)
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Dear Andy Bracey,

Thank you for writing to me with your letter dated 18th February 2024 (which I think should be 2025) and the proposal for double yellows due to concerns for parking on the pavements.

I have lived at [REDACTED] The Rocks Road for over fifty years and in this time, I have observed the change in people's lifestyles with the increase of family cars within households, the development of extra properties, the increased demand for people needing to commute to work has all taken its strain on parking on the Rocks Road. That said, I think some of your proposal would be unreasonable and it would cause parking issues for residents. Could I propose the below as an option please?

Further down the west end of The Rocks Road (near the railway station) I saw an introduction of marked out bays and double yellows get instigated a few years ago which has helped with the managing of parking within this area all be it the lines have somewhat faded. See picture below:



Could the same method be considered in part of your proposal please? I have attached a drawing and marked the area in pink along with the below image where I would suggest parking could still happen. The remainder of the double yellows as drawn in your drawing seems very sensible. Also there is slightly more room to pass than there is down the bottom end of the The Rocks Road. This would then still allow parking but also manage the areas where it would be unreasonable to park.



I really hope you will consider this proposal as I believe without this parking area, it will cause parking issues for the residents.

Kind regards,

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Comments	
<p>If these proposal were put in place, this would mean there would not be enough parking for residence who don't have driveways. Residence from 142 to Ragan's Cottage use the parking area by Paris Farm, but this area is not sufficient. This is because this area is used by other residents around this area who have their own drives but still use this area. In addition, ^{occasionally} people who catch the train or are visitors in the surrounding area also use this parking area.</p>	
Signed	[REDACTED] Date 20-02-2025

This means we need to use the road parking from just after 144 down to the end of 132-136 (leaving room either side of their gate then down as far as the entrance to the coach house, no one uses the pathment. Note, this area also gets used by ^{occasional} travellers during the day. There is one occurrence opposite 154 where someone regularly parks on the pavement which could be dealt with by a letter to the individual to stop doing this, rather than causing major issues to all residence. pto

Where do TMBC believe residence should park;
if they enforce this. We have a number of
residence that are elderly or have disabilities
and need parking close to their homes.
We strongly oppose this proposal and would
suggest that local residence do park respectfully
ensuring pavements are not obstructed

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Comments	
<p>It is almost impossible for us to exit our drive due to cars parked opposite it - this is especially the case if trying to turn left or if in any small or larger car/van/lorry. Turning out our drive from the west is also very difficult</p>	
Signed	Date 25/2/2025

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Comments	
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Signed	Date 11-03-2025

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ME19 6AX
11th March 2025

Dear Mr Bracey and Parking Team,

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Reference DD607-08**

We welcome TMBC's request for comments on the proposals for double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking in The Rocks Road to the east of the current parking restrictions. We have provided our views in the following pages. These are primarily but not exclusively with regard to issues of **safety and obstruction**.

In 2014 we wrote to TMBC to give our views on their proposals at that time for additional parking restrictions in The Rocks Road, including in the vicinity of our house The Rocks 132-136. In the ten years since then the issues we reported have become worse as traffic and parking have increased. This letter uses some of the information from that last response and adds further comments and additional photographic evidence.

We trust that this information is useful to TMBC and fervently hope that this time some action will be taken to reduce the danger and destruction in this part of the East Malling Village Conservation Area caused by obstructive and inconsiderate parking.

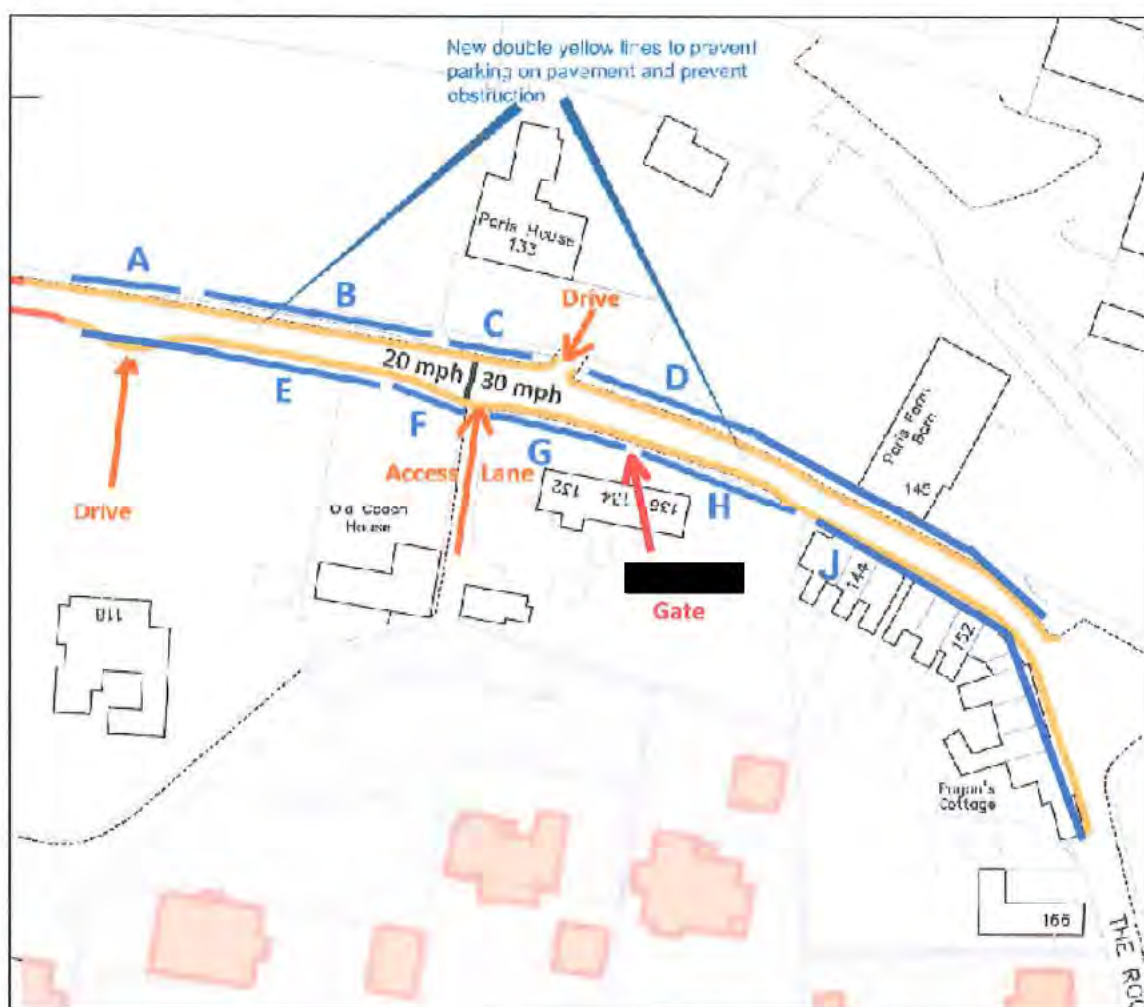
We support all the proposals in your letter but have highlighted those sections that impact upon vehicular and pedestrian access to our property where we feel implementation of your proposals is **absolutely crucial** even if you decide not to implement all of them. (See the Sections marked **C, F, G** on our enclosed plan).

Yours Faithfully



Annotated Plan

Below is an annotated extract of the plan provided in your letter received recently. That plan is dated 09/2024 but is out of date since it omits both the housing estate to the south that was built in 2018-19 and the two new houses built more recently to the south-east. We have superimposed these on the plan below for completeness, since they have obviously contributed to increased traffic and parking in the area.



We have shown **in red** the shared Access Lane from our property and to our neighbours' property [redacted]. We have similarly highlighted the [redacted] to the road, the Drive to Paris House 133 and the Drive to Rocks Farmhouse.

All four of these access points to The Rocks Road are currently impacted by uncontrolled parking.

We have annotated **in blue** different sections of the road with the letters **A to J** and have provided comments on, and relevant photos of these sections below.

Sections F and G - Each Side of the Access Lane

We very strongly support these areas becoming no parking areas.

Safety and Obstruction of Access Lane: These are the areas where parking currently greatly impacts on us, causing a significant safety hazard, making it difficult (and occasionally almost impossible) to enter or leave our property, and also causing ongoing damage to the grass verge. Some of the photos that we have taken over the years showing these issues are included in subsequent pages.

The parked vehicles can include large vans and have also included camper vehicles and occasionally lorries. While the majority appear to be associated with the cottages to the east, this area of The Rocks Road is also sometimes used for parking by train commuters, by those servicing the new houses that we have shown on the plan, by railway or road maintenance teams and by dog walkers. (Although we do not park vehicles on The Rocks Road, we occasionally get asked to move vehicles parked outside our property!)

Parking in these areas not only makes vehicular exit from the lane hazardous due to poor or no visibility of approaching traffic, it also makes it physically difficult and can sometimes necessitate shunting to and fro across the road to leave or enter.

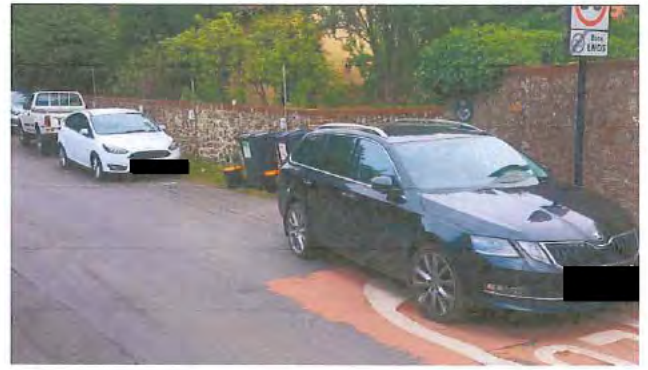
As we were compiling this letter a van parked right across the access lane delivering to the new housing estate to the south. Another van then parked behind it and people got out with a large number of dogs on leads and walked off towards the village. The first van was gone when this photo was taken, but this is just the latest example of how such parking affects the safe use of the access lane.



This photo and others below show the common practice of parking on the 20mph road marking, making it invisible to drivers approaching the limit. (We do not understand why this limit does not extend beyond the cottages to the east whose front doors open directly onto the narrow road. Those travelling east are "invited" to speed up just as they reach the area of most hazard. This cannot be sensible).

The necessity for us and our neighbours to put out our waste bins at the end of the access lane adds to the problem. We try to place bins on the grass verge a little way from the end of the lane, but parked vehicles sometimes prevent this. Moreover on occasions bins have been moved nearer to (and in one instance into) the lane by those wishing to park. (Also, we often find that after collection the bins are left in the lane so we have to "park" in the road to move the offending bins to the side).

Some photos below show vehicles parked in area G opposite the drive to Paris House 133, which we understand makes exit / entry to that drive difficult. The drive is on a steep slope up to the road which adds to the difficulty. (The "wide angle" effect of the photos suggests more space than there actually is).





Obstruction and Safety re our [REDACTED] Gate: At the east end of area G is the [REDACTED] gate to the front door [REDACTED]. Vehicles are often parked close to the gate and on occasions right across it (in breach of the Highway Code) making it difficult and sometimes impossible to use the gate. Bellow are two examples:



Since there is no footpath on the south side of The Rocks Road it is necessary to cross the road after exiting this gate. Visibility both ways is often restricted by parked vehicles. This is particularly difficult to the right (east) due to the curve in the road at that point. The situation is made more hazardous because once drivers have negotiated past the cottages they tend to speed up as they see the road widen - notwithstanding that they are about to enter the 20 mph limit !

Destruction of the Grass Verge: This part of the Rocks Road and the adjacent land is part of the East Malling Village Conservation Area. The Conservation Area Appraisal Document explicitly refers to the grass verges in The Rocks Road identifying such verges with no kerb-stones as a positive feature of the village.

The verge in area G is frequently being damaged by inconsiderate and selfish parking (as in "protecting my car is more important than protecting the verge"). The verge has also been used as a convenient place to empty car ash trays.

Boundary stones are located at about half the width of the verge to try to persuade drivers to respect it. However the verge is constantly being eroded back to (and sometimes beyond) these stones. (The arrows in the photos below indicate the full extent of the verge)



Section C - Opposite the Access Lane

We strongly support this becoming a no parking area.

Vehicles are occasionally parked in this area to the north side of the road right opposite the access lane. This can make it impossible to exit or enter the lane without shunting to and fro across the road. We presume that it can also make the use of the drive to Paris House 133 more difficult.

Section H - East of our Personal Gate

We would very much like this to be a no parking area. We appreciate that there is limited parking available for the cottages to the east, but a better parking solution should be found for those dwellings.

We would however recommend that the Council re-instates the grass verge which has been completely destroyed by ongoing parking, which on occasion has also led to expensive damage to our adjacent stone wall.

Section A - From existing yellow lines to Rocks Farmhouse Drive

We support this becoming a no parking area. However we would defer to whatever are the views of the owners of Rocks Farmhouse on this matter.

Were this to remain an unrestricted parking area a solution must be found to prevent parking on the pavement at this point, as shown in the photos below.



However, the following photo, taken just to the west of the ones above, demonstrates that yellow lines alone are insufficient to achieve this objective!



Sections B and E - from the Rocks Farmhouse eastwards
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We support this becoming a no parking area, It is probably not possible to park in this section without completely blocking the road.

Section D - east of the Drive to Paris House 133

We support this becoming a no parking area.

Section J – adjacent to the Row of Cottages
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We support this becoming a no parking area for safety reasons. However we would defer to whatever are the views of the owners of those cottages.

End of Document

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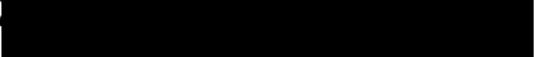
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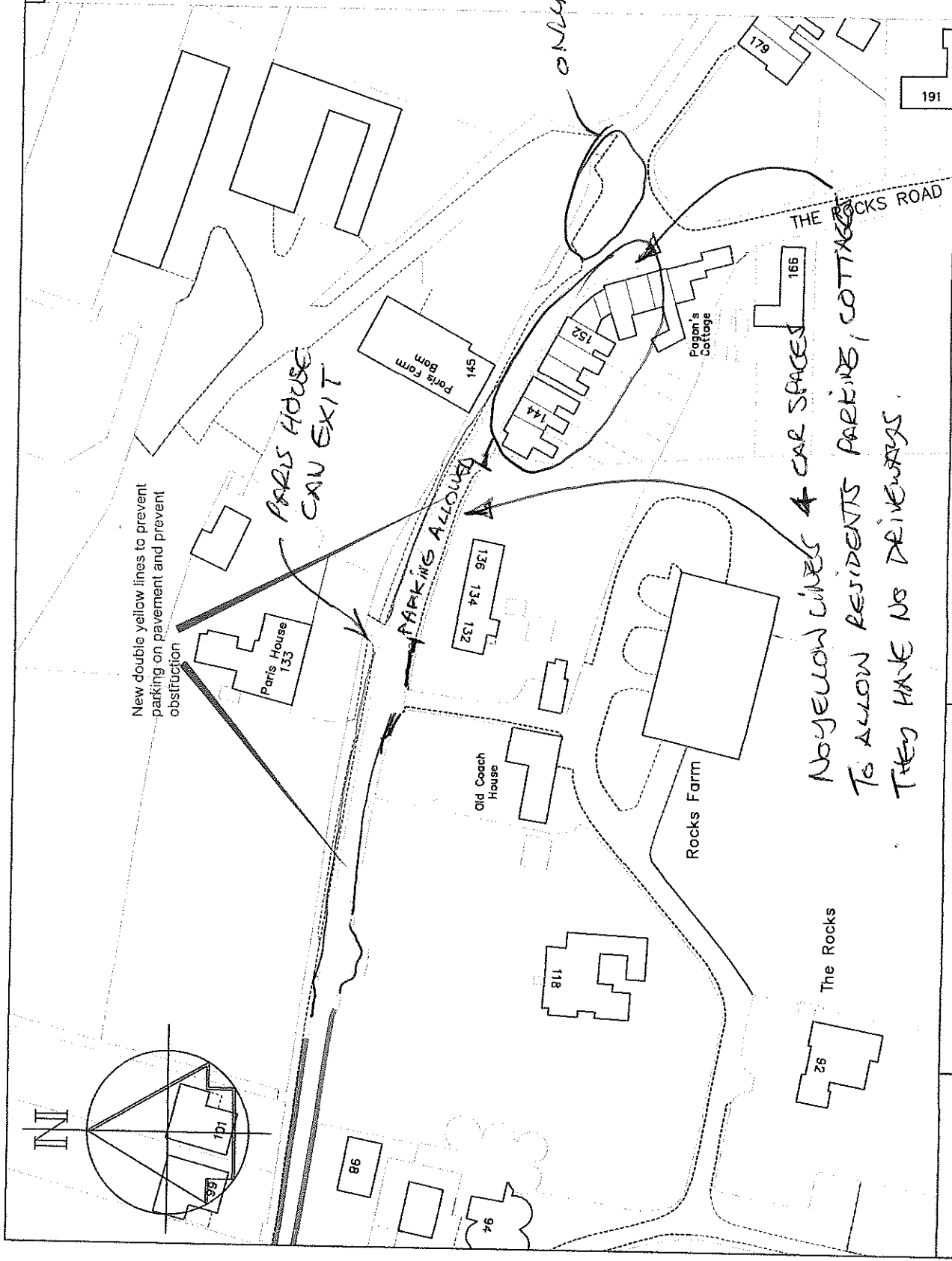
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Comments	
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Signe 	Date 10/3/25

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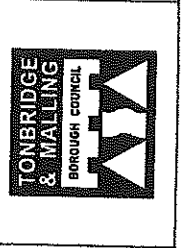


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Whilst in general agreement, I do believe there is not enough parking space on the triangle opposite the corner cottages. A limited number of residential parking bays may have to be provided outside Nos 132-136, but somehow protecting the grass verge from damage. The parking spaces should be set back from the lane beside Nr132/Old Coach House to ensure safe egress.	
Signed	Date 1/3/25