

**From:** [James Lark](#)  
**To:** [Andy Bracey](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Shipbourne parking issues  
**Date:** 28 March 2025 08:18:10

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Sorry Andy hit the wrong button !

I attach a section of the e mail sent to me and I can only say that I have witnessed appalling parking on that junction.

Hopefully we can add the site to those visited by the CEOs

Kind regards

James

I wanted to write to you because, of course, we will still have a significant problem with parking in breach of the rules in the village, and this is likely to get worse as the summer and better weather approach. The worst problem in terms of safety is people parking on the double yellow lines close to the A227.

I wanted to request that traffic wardens employed by the Council could make visits to Shipbourne at weekends to address this, including in early evenings. I am confident that if there is well-publicised issuing of tickets for this offence then the problem will gradually dissolve (especially if accompanied by advertising to this effect within The Chaser).

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**From:** James Lark  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 8:15:12 AM  
**To:** Andy Bracey <Andy.Bracey@tmhc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Shipbourne parking issues

Hi Andy

Trusting you are well.

There does appear to be parking problems on the Upper Green Rd/A227 junction opposite the Chaser . Pe

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**From:** [James Lark](#)  
**To:** [Andy Bracey](#); [Steve Crisp](#)  
**Cc:** [Martin Coffin](#); [Andy Edwards](#); [Robert Styles](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Parking Action Plan - Phase 15  
**Date:** 14 February 2025 14:16:46

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Andy

Very many thanks and I know the problems in both these areas well . I am supportive of your suggestions And will await the results if the consultation

Kind regards

James

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**From:** Andy Bracey <Andy.Bracey@tmbc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 1:52:13 PM  
**To:** Steve Crisp <Steve.Crisp@tmbc.gov.uk>; James Lark <James.Lark@tmbc.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Martin Coffin <Martin.Coffin@tmbc.gov.uk>; Andy Edwards <Andy.Edwards@tmbc.gov.uk>; Robert Styles <Robert.Styles@tmbc.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Parking Action Plan - Phase 15

Dear Ward Members for Bourne

### **The Street, Plaxtol**

Residents have expressed concerns about obstructive parking on the south side of The Street, near No's 17 & 19.

To address this we are proposing double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking. Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-11 Plaxtol - The Street.

### **Upper Green Road, Shipbourne**

Concerns have been raised about obstructive parking on Upper Green Road and parking close to the bus stops.

With this in mind we are proposing new bus stop clearways and new double yellow lines to prevent parking on the north side of the road, to prevent parking around the junctions and to provide passing places. Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road.

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** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-471

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

parking does not cause a problem and installation of yellow lines would affect the local economy as people would be less likely to visit, specifically the Farmers Market would suffer. People who are able may park in residential roads or more likely not bother to visit

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-354

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will move the parking problem, not solve it. People will struggle to park for the farmers market.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-221

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Farmers' markets are vital and parking restrictions will discourage potential and existing customers

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-246

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The changes suggested will significantly impact on the Farmers Market( I have been an attendee for 20 years) if people can't park they won't come and the market will cease, a valuable asset to the surrounding areas. The viability of The Chaser to function will also be affected as will the church congregation. If all three go, the village will die.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-238

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I regularly attend the Farmers Market, in the Church, parking is already at a premium, further restrictions would be a severe deterrent on my regular attendance. Such a shame, when the market attracts a lot of customers, and utilises the church in such a community spirited way.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-335

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This proposal will have significant impact on the functioning of the excellent Shipbourne Market which takes place every Thursday.

I would request that this proposal seeks an exemption for the time that the Market operates every Thursday

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-139

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

As freeholder of the Chaser Inn, which is operated by Brian Whiting of Whiting & Hammond, Greene King objects to the proposed double yellow lines along Upper Green Road. Restricting parking along this stretch of road will have a detrimental effect on the business at a time when pubs are under huge amounts of economic pressure as it is. Many customers use this stretch of road for parking, if it is not available for use it will increase pressure on other parking spots and force customers to walk for long distances to visit the pub, thus putting them off (especially elderly guests) from making a visit. We urge you to reconsider these proposals.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-234

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This will affect the market in Thursdays which is a valuable local resource. Also the impact on The Chaser Pub at a time when pubs are suffering under the swingeing tax burdens and increase in business rates. A very bad idea to restrict trades and affect walkers who get value from the walks in the area.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-415

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Adding yellow lines to this road to stop parking is going to affect the market drastically probably leading to it's closure - the market has been opened for over 15 years and is a vital part of the village and the locals weeks.

It would also affect the business of the pub - we are supposed to be supporting local not trying to shut it down!

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-213

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I visit the Farmers Market regularly at the Church.

The Farmers Market supports local farmers and producers.

The double yellow lines will make it difficult to visit the market as I have reduced mobility and wouldn't be able to park further away and walk a greater distance.

If the yellow lines are needed 24/7, please post signs allowing parking during the market times, Thursdays 9am to 11am.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-331

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Shipbourne market is a much loved local amenity, particularly for the elderly, which will be destroyed by this proposal.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-344

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The double yellow lines will affect parking for the Thursday morning farmers market, parking is difficult and limited already and a lot of our customers are elderly and need to park near to the market, it will also affect other businesses like the Chaser pub and the church, the road is very wide and I see no reason that parking on the side of the road can cause issues.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-218

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

That is the safest option for parking - for the farmers market, church and Chaser Inn. To prohibit parking along Upper Green Road would be so detrimental to the village.

Surely a more sensible solution would be to make it a 'One-way-road', enabling patrons and villager alike to go up the road, but not back down it. There is easy return access to the Tonbridge Road via Back Road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-212

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The Farmers Market on a Thursday will be adversely affected with onerous parking restrictions. The council needs to be supporting essential local events, both for attendees (I drive to this from my home) stall holders and the local community. Please do not make this difficult to attend. Let us support our local producers and community.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-305**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The parking is essential for community events & because it narrows the road it slows traffic down as it cross

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-431**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Parking is essential for the farmer's market (Thursday morning 9-11am), The Chaser Inn (particularly at weekends) and attendees to church services (which are particularly busy at Christmas and Easter and of course for weddings and funerals). Double yellow lines would affect all these essential local amenities for no really measurable gain.

If there are problems at particular times of day, would it not make more sense to either expand available parking or ensure that a police officer (whose job is also to foster community relations) be present at those times in order to deal with issues that arise?

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-220**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It would be absolutely disastrous for Shipbourne Church, the Farmers Market and the Chaser! It would destroy the whole village! The church would not be able to run services, weddings and funerals. The Farmers Market would not be able to exist as stall holders and the public would not have anywhere to park. The Chaser pub would lose a huge amount of business as the parking in the pub is very restricted. Ramblers and dog walkers would not be able to enjoy all the beautiful walks from the green. All in all none of these things would survive. PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-276**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This would have a huge impact on the Chaser inn which is a very valuable asset to. Local residents throughout the area . It would end the viability of the farmers market as many customers could not walk great distances to and from having to park elsewhere.. it would deter attendance at St Giles church , weddings, funerals , Christmas , Easter etc.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-424**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This will have a negative impact on various groups in the area: St Giles Church, The Chaser Inn and Shipbourne Farmers Market. All vital to many in the local community.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-226

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

I am church warden at St Giles and also help organise the Shipbourne Farmers Market. There are many elderly or disabled parishioners who rely on being able to park close by. Funerals and weddings require numerous parking spaces. The annual summer fair (a major source of income for the church) would probably not be able to happen. The Farmers Market which had run for over 20 years giving the only retail outlet in Shipbourne would be very harshly hit, possibly making it unviable. The Chaser Inn would be very hard hit. There are problems for maybe 5 - 6 weekends a year for a few hours on each occasion whereas yellow lines would adversely impact the life and soul of the village all year long. A one way system along upper green road would suffice.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-330

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

A thoroughly pointless and thoughtless exercise which negatively impacts people's lives, and the time wasted is a complete waste of taxpayers money.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-272

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I am a volunteer at the award winning Farmers market held every Thursday between 9:00 and 11:00 at St Giles Church. My responsibility is to make sure shoppers cross the busy A227 safely and also to arrange parking for blue badge holders in Church drive. I have been carrying out my duties for almost 20 years and in that time there has never been a problem with parking on Upper Green Road. If these ill thought out and totally unnecessary proposals go ahead it will have a serious impact on not only the market but also the Chaser and people using the Church especially for weddings and funerals. It will also effect the Church fete held on the common in August and also the school bonfire/fireworks party in November which attracts well over 1000 people. Furthermore due to the lack of parking cars will park on the A227 which will be extremely dangerous...there is a 30 limit through the village but based on my observations on a Thursday hardly anyone keeps to it.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road



**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-461**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Putting double yellow lines along the proposed stretch is a dreadful idea. It will stop members of the public being able to go for walks (good activity when 63 % of the population is obese or overweight) , stop people using the common for picnics, stop people parking for the Chaser Pub as this is packed at week ends and as there are so few pubs left AND pubs need customers. Wedding guests will have nowhere to park and neither will customers for the market on Thursdays at the church or those who play tennis on the courts. this area is a well used amenity and is really popular amenity.

I play tennis at Shipbourne and I can see the problem -mainly on sunny Sundays and drivers don't seem to be able to reverse these days or consider others and this sledge hammer proposal will make many people VERY angry -me included.

A better proposal is to have ONE small stretch about 4m long to allow ONE passing place along the length on the LHS leading towards the tennis courts - maybe near the brow of the slope and that is all that would be required. You can't do something as daft as this just because a few people don't use their common sense and consider others. I use the road passed Poult Wood a lot and it begs belief, what some people do. You can't put double yellow lines along Upper Green Road, just because of a few silly people and we have watched them from the tennis courts.

**Location – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road**

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-275**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will really impact the church visitors for funerals, weddings . It will have a massive impact on the Chaser where customers who drive there will then find somewhere else to eat and drink if there is more substantial parking . This is very shortsighted of the council.

**Location – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road**

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-427**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposed reduced parking availability and general inconvenience is likely to have considerable adverse impact upon:

The Chaser, The Farmers Market, The Church, The Tennis Club, St Giles Fair and The Village Hall

**Location – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road**

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-418**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We need more car parking spaces to easier enjoy the countryside there and access and support for the farmers market.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-417

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Parking required for weekly farmers market and pub visitors (the Chaser)

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-366

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I have been a weekly shopper at the Shipbourne Farmers Market since 2003. I am concerned that the proposed parking restrictions will reduce the number of parking spaces available and as a result reduce attendance at the market as many of the customers will not be prepared/able to carry shopping for a much greater distance, thereby potentially imperilling the future of the market.

As someone who also on occasions visits both the Church and the Chaser I can also see that they could be similarly adversely affected.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-351

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposed 'solution' to the Sunday parking problem has the following flaws:

- a) It reduces the number of cars that can park compared to the current parking situation;
- b) It forces cars to be parked further north in front of the Village Hall and in front of houses on Upper Green Road;
- c) It impacts mainly on the elderly and disabled who are forced to walk in the centre of Upper Green Road back to St Giles, the Farmers' Market and The Chaser Inn (as there is no footpath);
- d) The solution parks cars on the opposite side of the road which will cause confusion unless signs are strung on this side;
- e) Wooden bollards are strung every 2-3m on this side of the road which requires cars to be parked in a specific point so doors can be opened (again, reducing car parking spaces);
- f) The parking problem is confined to Sundays from approx 11am onwards and comprises mainly walkers wishing to use the three popular walks. However the solution also impacts on all those who wish to park outside of these hours (Church congregation, Farmers' Market and Chaser Inn customers);

g) A much cheaper solution would be to i) re-paint the existing yellow lines so they are obvious ii) sign post to the existing rural car park at Dene Park on Puttenden Lane;

h) As there is little, if any, chance of being caught for incorrect parking on a Sunday, many will take the risk and park on the double yellow lines.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-252

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We attend Shipbourne Church and rely on parking in Upper Green Road as the church car park is not nearly large enough. I am also the Verger and have to attend weddings and funerals. If there is limited parking it is likely that the church would have to close down with no Sunday services.

Customers of the Chaser would not be able to use the restaurant/pub if they were unable to park and therefore the proposed double yellow lines would not use this establishment, so it would have to close.

We also help run the Farmer's Market, so if the double yellow lines were to be put down it is likely that the Market would be forced to close down.

I see that there are no parking restrictions on the main road between Ightham and Tonbridge. This road passes the end of Upper Green Road, so I presume the TMBC would wish any customers of the Farmers Market, the Chaser or the congregation of St Giles Church to park there, although this would be extremely dangerous for pedestrians. At a recent wake at the Chaser there were so many people attending that there were literally dozens of cars parked along the main road in front of the Chaser. This had a severe effect on the traffic using the road.

Please could I be advised as to how many complaints have been received by the TMBC about the parking in Upper Green road in the past year?

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-321

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Disruption to the farmers market. Parking not causing real issues atm

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-350

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Visual Impact and Rural Character:

The proposed line markings are inconsistent with the aesthetic of Shipbourne, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The introduction of such urban features would negatively impact the village's rural charm.

#### Enforcement Challenges and Existing Issues:

Despite the presence of existing double yellow lines at the junction of the A227 and Upper Green Road, parking violations persist during peak hours, creating safety hazards.

Past attempts by Parish Councillors to address these violations have been met with the acknowledgment that enforcement, particularly on weekends, is not feasible.

It is understood that parking enforcement by TMBC is limited between Saturday midday and Monday morning.

#### Ineffectiveness and Unjustified Expenditure:

The implementation of the proposed restrictions would incur unnecessary costs and disruption, especially considering the lack of reliable enforcement.

#### Impact on Local Economy and Events:

Enforcement, if implemented, would likely be restricted to weekdays.

The primary weekday parking challenge occurs on Thursday mornings during the Farmers Market.

Strict enforcement, leading to fines or limited parking, could deter shoppers and jeopardize the market's viability.

The following will most likely be negatively impacted:

The Chaser pub.

The Farmers Market.

The Church.

The Tennis Club.

St Giles Fair.

The Village Hall.

#### Potential for Displacement and Increased Problems:

The restrictions may displace parking to other areas, including the bend near Wellhampton House, verges, Village Hall access roads, Stumble Hill access roads, and the common.

Increased parking on the A227 itself is a realistic concern.

This displacement would result in heightened inconvenience, pedestrian safety risks, verge damage, and general disruption.

#### Suitability of Existing Arrangements:

While not without occasional issues, the current parking situation generally functions adequately.

Peak-time congestion and inconsiderate parking, primarily during weekends and holidays, are not severe enough to justify the proposed measures.

The proposed restrictions are unlikely to effectively resolve either traffic flow or parking issues.

Residents of Upper Green Road, and those adjacent to the common, have the ability to use back lane to avoid most congestion.

General Comments:

There are occasional issues but the cure proposed is far worse than the problem you are trying to address. Actually go and talk to the parish council and the residents but don't force a solution onto a problem that the residents currently understand and use their own mitigation for. Additionally, don't kill off the local businesses struggling enough under the current circumstances.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-300

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposed 'solution' to the Sunday parking problem has the following flaws:-

- a) It reduces the number of cars that can park vs the present situation
- b) It forces cars to be parked further north in front of the Village Hall and houses on Upper Green Road
- c) It impacts mainly on the elderly and disabled who are forced to walk in the centre of Upper Green Road back to the Church, Farmers Market and Chase (as there is no footpath)
- d) The solution parks cars on the opposite side of the road which will cause confusion unless signs are strung on this side.
- e) Wooden ballards are strung every 2-3m on this side of the road which requires cars to be parked in a specific point so doors can be opened (again reducing car parking spaces)
- f) The parking problem is confined to Sundays from approx 11pm by walkers wishing to use the 2 popular walks. This then impacts on all those wish to park outside of these hours (Church congregation, Famers market and Chaser customers).
- g) A much cheaper solution would be to a) re-paint the existing yellow lines so they are obviuos  
b) sign post to the existing rural car park in Puttenden Lane
- h) As there is little, if any chance, of being caught for incorrect parking many will take the risk and park on the double yellow lines

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-304

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

1.This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and double yellow lines would be totally out of keeping with the village.

2. It would have an enormous impact on village life, making it impossible to park when attending

Church services (chaos when there is a wedding, funeral, baptism especially), the weekly farmers' market, the Chaser Pub or any functions being held in the village hall.

3. There is a danger that cars would therefore park along the main A227 which would be extremely dangerous.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-308

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

1. This proposal would cause irreparable damage to the Farmers Market, as the much reduced parking would cause many people to stop coming to this. Indeed. it might even result in its closure. The Shipbourne Farmers Market provides an essential service for elderly people living in the village which does not have a shop. It has won many awards, and not very long ago was rated the best Farmers Market in England.

2. It would also have a significant impact on St Giles Church which has a congregation of 40 to 45 people at its 9.30 service every Sunday. A large part of the congregation is elderly and nearly everybody arrives by car. This requires up to 25-30 parking spaces as a lot of people are on their own. The proposed scheme would not provide sufficient parking, particularly as many of the existing spaces are used by walkers and patrons of the Chaser Public House

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-323

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This will not improve the parking situation but make it worse by pushing the cars further up the road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-348

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Will have negative impact on farmers market, pub & look of village

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-498

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I do not think it is necessary to have further parking restrictions, but the existing yellow lines should be more obvious.

As you will be aware, people park on the common/green in order to walk, go to The Chaser, or to St.Giles's Church and the Farmers' Market. There is also the question of access to the Tennis Courts and St..Giles' Fair in August.. Unfortunately, we have no designated car park and so people may find other roads in the village for parking. If people cannot park, all these activities will be affected which will, in turn, materially affect life in the village. The Farmers Market may fade away for lack of customers, likewise The Chaser. So many customers come by car. It was the KCC itself which issued a map some years ago of the available walks here, and these became very popular during COVID. A lifeline for people, which would not have been possible with such unnecessary restricted parking.

If it is a question of congestion, perhaps a one-way system could be instigated - particularly for the buses - using Back Lane.

I have lived in Shipbourne for almost 40 years and have very seldom had a problem with traffic across the Common. Very occasionally, we have had to wait or give way, or back up. Never a confrontation.

Finally, I am astonished to learn that the Parish Council was not consulted about this proposal. For shame.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-465

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Any benefits are outweighed by disadvantages. Unnecessary expense to install at a time of tight budgets; enforcement will be expensive or not happen at the highest impact times eg weekends; businesses may be damaged - pub farmers market village hall use. We welcome visitors in Shipbourne and do not want the actions of a few inconsiderate individuals to mar the AONB for others and residents on quieter days. Cars will end up parked in worse places.

Perhaps one or two passing places would be helpful but not wholesale urbanisation!

Have the Parish Council been consulted?

Thank you.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-102

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The parking on some days is awful especially on Thursday when the farmers market is held in the church grounds also on Fridays and the weekends when The Chaser get busy, the cars are even parked on the double yellow lines and the bus has to stop in the middle of the road.

The drivers won't take notice of the parking restrictions unless there are tickets issued.

I do a lot of walking around Shipbourne and it gets quite dangerous in that area.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-78

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I've lived in the village for almost 20 years and walk the village 7 days a week. The worst days are Thursday morning due to farmers market visitors. Friday Saturday and Sunday due to The Chaser customers. They ignore current yellow lines and the already designated bus stops. As a pensioner I use the bus and the driver has to stop in the road to let people on and off. There are also ramblers who park their cars. With no footpaths we have to risk walking in the road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-265

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Double Yellow Lines will just encourage people to abandon their cars elsewhere and could cause chaos. Also, we only have The Chaser and Thursday Market, which is fairly well attended, double yellow lines will put people off coming, the last thing Shipbourne needs is to lose the two places people go to meet up and spend money, they are the only two businesses here.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-432

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

There is nothing wrong with the yellow lines at the moment although they definitely need repainting. So many people park illegally on the double yellow lines at the weekend it is often them causing dangerous situations on the junction with the A227. Better policing would help prevent this.

Fewer spaces would impact the church, farmers market and The Chaser all very important parts of our local community.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-333

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

It reduces the number of cars that can park compared to the current parking situation

It forces cars to be parked further north in front of the Village Hall and in front of houses on Upper Green Road



The existing arrangements, whilst not ideal, do generally work. From time to time, mainly at weekends and bank holidays, there are problems with the traffic flow and inconsiderate parking, but it is far from excessive and does not warrant the measures outlined in the consultation proposal which will not resolve either traffic flow or inconsiderate parking.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-405

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I disagree with the proposal for a number of reasons: (1) there is no need for the new clearway/double yellow lines. The existing double yellows are sufficient (and the issue seems more to be that they are not enforced) and the road is only busy on a weekend or Thursday, and even then doesn't cause a problem. As a result, in these days of limited council resources, these funds could be better spent elsewhere. (2) From a personal perspective, removal of parking will result in people parking on our own private drive (which is currently infrequent, but does happen on busy summer days). (3) The key social hubs of the village (which otherwise is very pretty, but with little in the way of utility) are the Chaser and the Farmers Market. The availability of parking is important for these cherished institutions. (4) Our biggest traffic problem in the area is speeding in the 30mph zone on Stumble Hill outside of the School and the Chaser. If you were minded to spend funds in our area - a speed camera would be a better use of resources, preventing accidents and reducing the risk of a speed related death.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-421

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We have had the pleasure of looking after The Chaser Inn under my stewardship for over 25 years. Any additional restrictions to parking in this area will have a massive impact on the business and clearly put jobs in jeopardy. Hospitality is still having a well documented torrid time post Covid with additional increased costs especially from the up and coming budget in April. Additional business rates are being levied on the business and this will have an impact on over £50,000 on The Chaser Inn. We have always worked closely with the local community ( often being the 1st job for the younger people on the village) we have contributed in the past to the costs of the car park at the Church next door and we work closely with the Farmers Market so people selling their goods can use our car park during this time so this does not impede on the parking needed for all of us to survive.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-342

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I live right next to the church and pub, with parking permission for my car in the church car park where parking is already being infringed by visitors to the village. The pub only has a few parking spaces, so their customers also rely on parking in Upper Green Road and the layby on that road.

The same parking needs apply to the Farmer's Market, Church, Tennis Club, Village Hall, as well as local village events. Whilst I agree that on busy days due to warmer weather and local events, the parking can be very congested on Upper Green Road, where there are few places to pass two cars, I nevertheless think the proposed yellow lines and changes do not address the issue and would kill village life and businesses. I also have to rely on parking on Upper Green Road when the Farmer's Market is on or when the church need their car park for services, weddings, and funerals. The proposed plans only help the bus, but do not address the parking needs of the village. Moreover, all it would do is push parking further down Upper Green Road as it bends around Wellhampton House, which is even more dangerous. It would also push people onto Back Lane, which they would not welcome. Some walkers, church visitors, and pub visitors, are elderly or have mobility issues, so this would put them off visiting local businesses and events, as well as deprive them of a beautiful outside space. Why not consider a one way system from Upper Green Road and around to Back Lane? This would permit the parking but not impede the bus or drivers. I understand that this would affect the bus route slightly, but surely this is better than destroying Shipbourne's identity and heart? I wholeheartedly object to this proposal. I used to work in local government, and as usual, there is no thought and understanding of the village and its needs in this proposal. It feels as if whoever designed this proposal has not even been to Shipbourne or spoken to those who understand the parking challenges. There are no other roads to park on beyond Upper Green Road and Back Lane, so has nobody thought about where people magically put their cars if this proposal goes ahead?! Ultimately, the local amenities and events would fail/close due to lack of people willing to come due to no parking. Nobody enforces the small areas of existing yellow lines either, so don't tell me that suddenly someone would police any new lines anyway. Please rethink this proposal given the needs of the local community.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-301

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I refer to a letter of the Parish Council on the matter.

Overregulation is a bad thing for Shipbourne and you will chase people away from the few things that make it a community. If you feel you have to, then paint the yellow lines on the South side of Upper Green Road, so as to provide more parking and adhere to where people already are parking, which is the North side of the road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-215

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Double yellow lines in our rural community and designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is ridiculous and unacceptable urbanisation. I live in Upper Green Road and the parking is not a problem, particularly on our popular Farmers Market day, when customers from local areas need their cars to be near the church when carrying heavy shopping. Also walking groups and

families from further afield come to enjoy Shipbourne for recreation and park along the north side of the Green and occasionally up to the end of the Green where our house is. However, I would rather have that than double yellow lines on the Green. I would rather suggest having a one way system whereby traffic is routed across and over Upper Green Road and down the hill, turning right into Back Lane bringing you back to the A227 that way.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-378

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I strongly reject the proposal for double yellow lines on Upper Green Road, Shipbourne as this is totally unnecessary and if the proposal was accepted it would be chaotic. People would have to park further up the road, either side of my cottage driveway, which would make it unsafe for me to get out of my drive! I wouldn't be able to see cars coming across the common or round the bend at Welhampton House. It would make it very dangerous. The road gets busy on a Sunday with walkers or Thursday morning for Farmers market, but the current situation works very well. If you put double yellow lines across Upper Green Road it will have a very adverse affect on The Chaser, The Farmers Market, The Village Hall, The Church, Tennis Club, and the Village Fetes as parking would be restricted and that would be damaging to the village as these places are all very important to the village.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-163

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

More parking problems anticipated at my property. Fairlawne donated some of the green for us to park outside 1-4 Grange cottages. This is shown on land registry. There is no indication that it is residents only parking so we have visitors to the green use them. This causes so many problems for the residents. Could we please have lines on the road to indicate this residents parking? This would help greatly and would alleviate our worries regarding the planned double yellow lines.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-473

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This would change the issue to one possibility worse, but certainly not achieve any overall benefit. Local residents know to avoid the limited times of congestion on Upper Green Road, by going via Back Lane.

We don't want people parking everywhere else, which would likely be more difficult to avoid.

I am also strongly opposed to the damage this proposal would inevitably do to the Farmers Market and the Chaser, both valuable local amenities.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-477

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

People will be forced to park on other roads in the village to go to the Chaser, Farmers Market, walking etc. which will affect other households.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-324

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We reject the proposal outright.

Extensive parking restrictions will disfigure the village with yellow lines, and have a negative impact on the farmers market, church services, weddings and funerals, the Chaser, school sports day, and the many walkers who park here. They would result in cars being parked in front of houses and the village hall, causing a nuisance; currently parking on the green is not near any houses.

The only times parking can be a problem is Sundays and some evenings when there would be no enforcement and yellow lines would be ignored. Local residents know to avoid driving across the green at busy times by using Back Lane.

Limited parking on the south side of Upper Green Road makes no sense...the north side has been used traditionally, is easier to access from A227, is flatter and safer for children, dogs etc exiting cars and there are no wooden bollards on uneven, high verges.

All that is needed is to repaint the current yellow lines at the corners and maybe to create a passing place on the north side of Upper Green Road on the brow of the hill.

The TMBC website should direct walkers to park at Dene Woods and not give details of walks starting from Shipbourne.

The village does not need these parking restrictions.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-311

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Eyesore - we love the countryside-feel of our village and the lines would detract from the natural beauty

Trade restrictions on the chaser and the farmers market which residents love

It is only an issue on weekends and would likely not be enforced on those days

People would park in more inconvenient / dangerous places

There is the perfectly viable route via Back Lane to access all areas accessed by UPG

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-468

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Currently any problems are only very occasional. We believe the proposed changes will result in more frequent issues as well as to parking spreading further down Upper Green Road, around the village hall, and on verges.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-307

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Putting in place parking restrictions in the village will negatively affect the farmers market, village hall, Chaser Inn and church by putting people off from attending these venues. The Farmers market in particular is a thriving part of the village and relies on people coming from outside the village and parking on Upper Green Road. If you take away parking spaces, people will likely go to other farmers markets instead. Likewise, the village hall needs the bookings to thrive and people need to be able to park nearby to unload their cars for events, etc. Taking those spaces away will impact bookings. As residents who live on Upper Green Road, we do not mind the cars parking, in fact, we love that the village is busy and people choose to come here for multiple reasons.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-392

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I feel that double yellow lines on upper Green Road will cause huge disruption to the village. Parking will only move further down the road, probably just outside our house and impact negatively on the pub, village hall and aesthetic of the village.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-326

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The existing DYLS on the corner of the A227 and Upper Green Rd are mainly ignored at weekends by ignorant drivers, there is generally no problem the rest of the week.

Additional DYLs will only exacerbate the problem, pushing parking further up Upper Green Rd with inconsiderate drivers parking in drives, on corners and verges which will become ruined.

Increased DYLs will have very serious adverse impact upon the Chaser public house, the weekly Farmers Market, St Giles Church, weddings, funerals and general services, the village hall and the local residents.

Market shoppers would be forced to walk further carrying heavy shopping. This will result in less shoppers and ultimately the Market may well close.

The application of DYL's as set out in the proposal is not in keeping with Shipbourne's rural AONB setting and would bring about increasing unwelcome urbanisation.

I cannot see a single point that would bring about an improvement in the parking arrangements in the village through the adoption of the proposal, there are numerous negative results.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-306

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

They won't help anyone, completely the opposite. Adverse effect on the Farmers Market, the Chaser, the Village Hall, the tennis club, walkers. We need more spaces to park, not less. If you can get Fairlawne to create passing spaces - now that would help! On days when UGR is congested, locals use Back Lane. Who would police illegal parking? No one does at the moment. A definite no from me and everyone I've spoken to.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-81

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Here are my concerns about the proposal.

There are currently double yellow lines around the entry to Upper Green Road from the A227. Cars regularly park on them especially at the weekends and there is no enforcement to stop them. Without enforcement the yellow lines proposed will be disregarded. Please make enforcement a regular event at weekends to help the problem.

If the proposal is taken forward then it is critical that there is double yellow lines put on outside of the bend in the road outside Wellhampton House as this is a very dangerous corner especially in the winter. In the past there has been a 222 bus slip off the road into the ditch. If cars are restricted from parking on the Green then they will be more likely to park on this dangerous corner and that should be prohibited.

I approve of the concept of having passing places on the road to allow 2 way traffic.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-343

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

I consider the lines will cause more disruption and will have an adverse affect on the village for the following reasons

1. The lines will not reduce the number of cars so the cars will simply park in alternative places in particular further along the Upper Green Road on the bend outside Wellhampton House. This is dangerous and there have been accidents in the past here as it is a corner with poor line of sight and in addition it causes a blind spot and a danger to walkers (including many families with children) exiting the footpath to Home Farm who will then end up crossing the road on the corner between parked cars. In addition visitors cars are likely to block the narrow roads around the village hall and in particular outside Little Court and Grange Cottages. Furthermore drivers will be tempted to park on any verges causing mess and mud and blocking driveways around the village hall roads.

2 The proposal would be detrimental to the farmers market (an important village social and environmental asset) which is only results in increased parking on Thursdays between 9.00 and 11.00 and so is not a serious issue. It would also be likely to be detrimental to the Chaser, the Church, the Village Hall and the tennis club which are the heart and important facilities to a functioning village. Due to parking difficulties and distance the attendance at these key village facilities will be reduced.

3. The parking is busiest at the weekends and the parking restrictions are never enforced during the weekends (as has been demonstrated by the fact the double yellow lines on the corner of the A227 and Upper Green Road are never enforced) so the proposals are likely to be incongruous for a village setting and costly but also ineffective as they would not be enforced on the weekends which is the key period.

3.Finally, in any event I dont understand the logic of the proposed yellow lines on the north side of the road and the reduced car par spaces on the south side of the road. Most of the traffic comes in the direction from the Chaser across the Green so cars would be attempting to park on the opposite side to their direction of travel and likely causing disruption and delay to oncoming traffic.

I conclude although the road across the green is busy on a Thursday morning for 2 hours and at the weekend the current parking system is the most practical and safest option and the proposals would cause increased disruption, could be dangerous and would be detrimental to the core and life of the village.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-451

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-434

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-429

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We have lived in the village for over 40 years so are familiar with the occasional congestion across upper Green Rd in particular the area between the A227 and the Village Hall. This only occurs in the early morning on the Farmers Market Thursday, unusual but seldom large attendees at the Church and on August Bank holiday annual fete. All locals are aware of the market and the unofficial one way system but even so any blockage is very temporary. The proposed yellow lines will probably have a major effect on the market and reduce numbers to the point of closure. The other activities are very occasional. This is a rural village and the painting of double yellow lines will destroy some of the open character. People from outside the village enjoy the common and the limited parking will deter them.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-361

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Its the countryside, an area of outstanding natural beauty, yellow lines are not going to stop people parking (its not monitored now). It will have a big effect on local residents, the village hall, the church (what about funerals and weddings not to mention less able people to access places), the chaser pub, the tennis club. The parking issue is mainly weekends and bank hols and firework night. Shipbourne village was put on the map during the covid period where due to social media it became the place in the countryside to go.

And it hasnt stopped. Why would we villagers want unsightly yellow lines spoiling our village.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-235

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I believe this is long overdue.

The parking all along that road is extremely dangerous and creates a lot of congestion at weekends and bank holidays.

This scheme will allow for designated parking places (56 if my maths is correct) and passing places which seems eminently sensible.

I don't believe the yellow lines will detract from the beauty of the surrounding area as no-one lives along that road anyway.



Also having less cars parked along that road might discourage outsiders from coming to the pub, thereby encouraging more local clientele to frequent the pub, which is the way a village pub really should be.

As the church services, farmers market and summer fair occur infrequently, I can't imagine the new parking scheme would have too detrimental effect on these (or affect parking for the tennis courts either).

As for the idea that people can use Back Lane as a diversion, this idea seems to neglect the fact that there is a school on this road, and that the volume and speed of traffic on Back Lane is already excessive.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-171

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Everyone parks on the left, same side as car park, why change it to the right?

Why even the need for full double yellows?

Just use the intermittent double yellows along the left side for passing places & also at the bus stops. This would majorly impact our sleepy little village and further force cars to park within residential areas.

Have any of you planning people actually been along and seen how this will work?

What about the impact this will have on the farmers market?

The chaser inn?

The primary school/village fetes etc

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-370

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Changes are not needed. There are no significant parking issues at the location.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-373

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposed lines would be unsightly at the centre of this rural village. The additional restrictions would create extra, possibly dangerous, pressures on parking. The present arrangements generally work well. Enforcement of existing double yellow lines would be a more effective measure.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-336**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This scheme is completely unnecessary and would significantly be of detriment not only to the rural and unspoilt aspect of the AONB and Conservation area, but also to the many who use this location for the purpose of visiting our local pub, the village hall, the farmers' market, the church (particularlry during sensitive family occasions such as funerals and for weddings) and the responsible walkers who use the parking area and then the pub for exercise and social benefits. The so called 'problem' that this is designed to alleviate will make parking worse by moving vehicles onto the residential area further up Upper Green Road and onto the bend. This will bring damage and danger to totally new and unsuitable area. It is well known - and I was, as Parish Clerk, instrumental in the early discussions with Fairlawne and the construction the current off road surfaced area, - that enforcement of the existing yellow lines around the Chaser junction is non existent. I would be interested to know just how many PCNs have been issued there during evenings and weekends. Probably very few if any, please let me know. So why do the architects of this unwanted and somewhat bizarre scheme think that without a radical rethink to out of hours enforcement, that there will be any integrity in the scheme? Further more, to now attempt to shift parking to the other side of the road is counter intuitive. Most vehicles enter from the Chaser direction and will park facing oncoming traffic. The posts erected by Fairlawne some years to prevent vehicle access to the Common, will prevent the opening of car doors and so a larger gap will need to be left between vehicle and verge, causing further obstruction. There is no good that I can see that can come from this scheme and therefore I strongly object to it and would like to know what has prompted its appearance. How many complaints has TMBC had and who from. Please let me know this. This proposal is a waste of resources, not required and not wanted.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-332**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

There are really only two occasions when the parking is busy, Thursday mornings for the Framers Market and Sundays when lots of people come to Shipbourne to enjoy the local walks and The Chaser Pub. If the parking restrictions are expanded this will have a massive effect on both of these especially the Market. If the parking is going to be further from the market this will deter customers and instead of encouraging people to buy locally and support the community they will go to a National Supermarket where parking is easier.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-315**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Your ill thought out proposals will affect Shipbourne church attendances and probably lead to the closure of The Chaser Inn and the Shipbourne Farmers' Market and much reduced attendance at the Church Summer Fete.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-233

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Increased parking restrictions will discourage attendance at the Shipbourne Farmers Market. I suspect it would not take much to threaten the viability of the market which attracts customers both from the village and further afield who need to drive and park. As well as encouraging people to buy local produce this is an important day for the local traders and the local community to meet and it would be a big loss for both if the market ceased.

Drivers who regularly use Upper Green Road as a through road know to avoid it between 9 and 11 on Thursdays mornings and it can easily be bypassed on Back Lane. Occasional users unaware of the market are therefore only very occasionally inconvenienced.

Yellow lines are not in keeping with a rural village and also would be an expensive sledge hammer to crack a small nut. It is only really between 9 and 11 on a Thursday that Upper Green Road can become congested and for not even the whole 2 hours.

Perhaps a more cost effective solution is for the market organisers to put up temporary "No through road except for access" signs or similar at each end of Upper Green road for the two hours of the market. As already mentioned its easily bypassed via Back Lane. Alternatively expand the existing car park further along the road or make a new one on another part of the green.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-245

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The Farmers Market might become unviable if the parking restrictions are increased. It is difficult as it is when a walking group meet there at the same time as the market. Not all the customers are able to walk long distances and parking is an issue already.

For church events and on weekends all the parking across the green is occasionally used. If there were fewer spaces across the green, cars would just park further along the road.

People already park on the double yellow lines near the main road and there seems to be no enforcement. The law abiding would be penalised with an increase of double yellow lines.

If parking were restricted to one side, the wrong side seems to have been chosen.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-210

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The imposition of double yellow lines as specified would cause untold damage to The Chaser

Inn and would kill off the Thursday Farmers Market at the church. Both are valuable resources for the local rural community, with not many other alternative resources available. The imposition of these parking restrictions would be highly discriminatory to the many elderly people in the community who rely on the weekly market

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-160

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I have lived in Shipbourne since 2001. There are always certain times of peak busy (eg. Thursdays when it's Farmers Market; certain popular Sunday mornings for Church; Saturdays in the run up to lunchtime at The Chaser in the summer when walkers also nab lots of parking) when a car going one way along Upper Green Road will have to be patient and wait for a gap in order to proceed in the direction they want to travel. However, all locals will be aware that there is a simple alternative at these times. Instead of trying to go from The Chaser end to the Village Hall end of UG Road you can drive a short distance down Stumble Hill to the junction by Shipbourne School, turn left onto Back Lane and then left (or right depending on your intended destination) at the yellow door cottages junction onto Reeds Lane and so towards Upper Green Lane. Be patient or do the work around!

We don't need Yellow Lines we just need more people to be less impatient. Yellow lines will spoil the village for the people who live here and make very little difference for those who can't wait to move through it at speed.

If TMBC are desperate to use some yellow paint in Shipbourne please keep it to a minimum. ie. just paint three 10m passing spaces along the whole stretch, each on the north side of UG Road. One half way between the junction with the A277 and the area where there is a 'parking bay' for about 12 cars parking Northy/Southy. The other two 10m passing spaces between the other end of that parking bay and the turning left towards the Village Hall one just before the peak of the slight rise and the other over that rise (which limits ones' view ahead) and the Village Hall turning. By keeping the south side of UG Road free of parking altogether cars can drive from West to East confident that they can maintain their speed. Cars coming from East to West will be able to pause by a passing place to allow cars moving in the opposite direction to 'dive in' as they have the best view of the traffic ahead.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-386

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposed changes will materially reduce parking available in the village. It will make it difficult to park in the village, and deter some people from coming at all. This will greatly damage the business of the Chaser Inn, and have an adverse effect on the Church, the Farmers' Market, the Tennis Club, St Giles Fair and the Village Hall. These are all vital parts of the village community.

The proposals could result in drivers deciding to park dangerously on the A227.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-387

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

The proposed changes will materially reduce parking available in the village. It will make it difficult to park in the village, and deter some people from coming at all. This will greatly damage the business of the Chaser Inn, and have an adverse effect on the Church, the Farmers' Market, the Tennis Club, St Giles Fair and the Village Hall. These are all vital parts of the village community.

The proposals could result in drivers deciding to park dangerously on the A227.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-291

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Utterly pointless waste of time and money and will severely adversely impact trade at our farmers market and local pub. Will cause chaos with drivers attempting to find alternative parking.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-449

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will affect the trade for the farmers market if cars are not permitted to park along the roadside, trade for The Chaser pub and for those parking to enjoy the green and walking from the village. Yellow lines could be on one side of the road only, but motorists only park on the right side of the road (going towards the A227 anyway. There is no benefit to the village by adding yellow lines

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-367

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Not appropriate to establish double yellow lines in an AONB.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-368

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

Double tellow lines on Shipbourne Green would look entirely out of place. This is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-372

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

Restrictions of double yellow lines would have a detrimental effect on local residents as they endeavoured to carry out out their normal activities in the village.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-355

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposal will impact the village in a negative way. The farmers market and the public house will receive fewer customers due to restrictive parking. Walkers may choose to park nearer the residential areas in the vicinity of the village hall causing congestion and inconvenience to residents.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-459

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The yellow lines are excessive and unnecessary. It would only serve to push the parking further into the village and therefore causing congestion in the residential hub. In addition the lines are likely to negatively impact the number of customers going to The Chaser. This could ultimately cause the landlord to close the pub with the associated loss of employment and local facility for the village. Other negatively impacted facilities would be the church, the tennis club and the village hall. Please leave the village alone.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-259

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

My main concern is that the double yellow lines would push the parking further up Upper Green road with people parking dangerously on the bend in the road - or worse - on the A227 itself.

The current double yellow lines close to the corner with the A227 (where the real danger is) aren't enforced at weekends so it is likely that people will continue to park dangerously here anyway.

The proposed double yellow lines would have a negative impact on local businesses and village facilities such as The Chaser pub, the Farmer's Market, the Church, the Village Hall and the Tennis Court.

Double yellow lines running all the way along the common would not be in keeping with the rural charm of the village, which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-314

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I believe should these additional parking restrictions go ahead it will significantly effect local businesses adversely. The occasions where parking is a problem are far outweighed by the access provided to The Chaser and the Farmers Market on a Thursday. Add to that access the the tennis courts, the church and the village hall and the proposals do not stack up to be of benefit to the local community, quite the opposite. And to date, even the small amount of current parking restrictions are not enforced when needed!

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-290

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The PC's concerns are:

1 The painting of lines is incongruous with Shipbourne's rural setting which is designated as an Area of Outstanding

Natural Beauty (AONB).

2 There are existing double yellow lines on the corner of the A227 and Upper Green Road yet despite these, at peak times

cars are parked on them posing a danger. Parish councillors have previously attempted to have these lines enforced but

have been advised repeatedly that enforcement is not possible particularly, at weekends. Indeed, the PC is aware that

TMBC do not carry out parking enforcement between midday on Saturday through to Monday morning.

3 The cost and disruption to implement the proposal are unwarranted and pointless if the restrictions are not enforced.

4 If enforcement is carried out it will only be done during weekdays. The only weekday upon which there is any degree of

a problem is Thursday morning for a few hours, when the Farmers Market takes place. However, if tickets and fines are

issued to shoppers or shoppers are unable to park, they will not bother to come to the market and it will start to fail.

5 If the proposal is adopted, the reduced parking availability and general inconvenience is likely to have considerable

adverse impact upon:

- a. The Chaser
- b. The Farmers Market
- c. The Church
- d. The Tennis Club
- e. St Giles Fair
- f. The Village Hall

6 It is likely that at peak times visitors will park further along Upper Green Road, on the bend by Wellhampton House, the

verges, the village hall slip roads, the private access roads to the houses on Stumble Hill, and the right-hand side of the

common. It is not unrealistic to think that they will also park on the A227 itself, all of which will cause significantly more

inconvenience, danger to pedestrians, increased damage to verges, mess and upset.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-425

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The parking works very well as it is. To put double yellow lines as per the proposal will only confuse people, especially locals, and will not provide a satisfactory alternative arrangement. Even reducing and certainly displacing parked vehicles to be further away from the intended destination of the occupants.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-447

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Parking is horrendous and is not in balance with local need ... spread the parking over a bigger area to stop compression and reduce traffic accident risk

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road



**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-412**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This proposal will severely affect the Farmers Market every Thursday held at the parish Church. If people can not park they simply will not go, which in turn will make the Farmers Market not viable. Also the restriction of parking will just push motorists to park further up the road on a blind bend and beyond onto a country lane making it hazardous for motorists, pedestrians walking along the lane, cyclists etc etc

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-409**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Over urbanisation of a rural area, not necessary and waste of resource to police. Damage to local business (the chaser) will push parking further into shipbourne.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-408**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

I have already submitted a response with reasons, but wanted to add:

The proposed yellow lines, barring traffic on the north side but leaving some limited parking on the southern side of the road, does not follow the currently accepted protocol of parking on the north side of the road as a preference. If there is any restriction to parking, of which I am not in favour, the restriction should be to the south side of the road to maintain the locally accepted customary parking.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-407**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

\*This is a rural area and extensive double yellow lines would present an urbanisation in an ANOB

\*The road is a minor country land and parking presents no risk to pedestrians or other road users. Nor is it impacting residents as the area is on the common rather than directly outside residential property.

\*The village is very active and sociable and needs short term extended parking for fetes, pub traffic, church events (weddings, funerals and weekly services) all of which are essential to village community.

\*Restriction of parking on this road will necessitate parking elsewhere. All alternatives will be much less convenient (for both parked cars and residents) and will be on roads presenting a far greater obstruction.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-322

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

What a waste of time & money. Everyone will park on the other side of the road. What is the problem anyway?

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-53

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I run one of the longest running stalls at Shipbourne Farmers market.

I fear these changes will make it harder for customers to pull up, park and shop. The customer base does have a higher proportion of senior residents who benefit from being able to get closer to the market. The blue badge provision is already quite limited due to space. So spreading the parking further from the church and the Chaser I worry will impact the market.

On some market days parking can be taken up significantly by walkers which is fine. But it means the parking distance for customers and traders can be significant.

It would be good to see if more off road provisions could be made with the land owners. Helping provide parking for customers, walkers and all those that want to enjoy Shipbourne.

A more minor point but Shipbourne is a beautiful area and I feel double yellows are quite urban for such a country scene with the pub, green, telephone box.

Kind regards,

Tom

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-320

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Our family uses the current parking arrangements on Upper Green Road for the Thursday farmers market and also for our family membership at the Plaxtol Shipbourne tennis courts. The proposed changes will adversely affect parking for local people like us.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-83

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It is often dangerous and difficult to drive along the road with so many cars parked. Also emergency vehicles could have problems with access. Cars frequently park on the double yellow lines at the start of Upper Green Road from the main road. This is obviously dangerous but the restrictions need to be enforced.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-497

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We object on the grounds that the proposals for extensive double yellow lines would have an urbanising effect on the rural character of the Shipbourne Conservation Area and Kent Downs AONB, and be contrary to related planning policies. As the weekends are the most popular times for large numbers of people to park along Upper Green Road, and no enforcement is carried out at that time, the double yellow lines may not be respected and therefore be pointless.

Furthermore, the proposals would be likely to worsen, not improve the flow of traffic along Upper Green Road, as the reduction in the number of spaces would push traffic further down the road, potentially leading to dangerous parking near and on the sharp bend of Upper Green Road, and reduced visibility for access in and out of New Cottages and/or problems for residents to park near their homes. The intermittent passing bays would also probably lead to dangerous weaving in and out, potentially leading to accidents or road rage if it is unclear if the bays are free and/or how many cars there are room for. This could make it more dangerous for pedestrians. Restricting parking is also likely to have an adverse impact on the community facilities in the village, including the Farmers market, The Chaser, The Village Hall and the Church.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-269

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Because we need more passing places as its a nightmare to get out of the road sometimes but by putting the yellow lines in you will need to put some on the corner futehwr down as so many people park there an makes it very dangerous to pass round the corner

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-183

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Unneccessary to put Double yellow lines there causing futher constriction when passing bays would be better use of government money..

## Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-263

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

Good idea

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-507**

I support the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

The rampant parking of cars on the green creates a safety issue. There are no pavements on upper green road. Due to the lack of passing places it is not unusual to see cars having to reverse long distances along a narrow road towards pedestrians and cyclists etc. Passing places would alleviate this problem if enforced.

The bay parking on upper green road in the proposal indicates 24 parking spaces. This is a 63 bay area which means 24 x 2.4 meter parking spaces. These however are not marked out - when full last week, there was only 20 cars parked there. Marking these spaces could negate concerns of lost parking spaces from these proposed passing places.

I would also advocate for a feasibility review of parking on the A227 itself, which could help to slow traffic through the village and the busy road crossing between the village green and the church/pub. Maybe even a zebra crossing.

I firmly believe that local transport within the village largely incentives travel by car. I see this proposal as miniscule step in making the village safer for local residents to get around by foot or cycling, but certainly much more can be done.

My only concern with the proposed changes is that of enforcement. Parking around Shipbourne is only a problem when it's busy, often sunny weekends. People regularly park in the double yellow lines on the turning onto upper green road, and there is never any enforcement. Why would this not happen for these passing places? Maybe some street furniture could help (there are currently no places to lock a bicycle in Shipbourne)

I'd be happy to expand on any of my opinions voiced here, feel free to contact me.

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**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-416

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will only move the current bottle neck further into the village and potentially cause problems for home owners.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-388

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It would hurt two local businesses -The Chaser pub & the farmers market. People would just park further down upper green road and cause more problems for villagers parking on the road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-285

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This is totally unnecessary and a waste of money. We are meant to be supporting our local businesses and this can only be detrimental to businesses, church and recreation. The times when more cars are parked there is limited and a very minor issue. There are no immediate houses this could affect therefore why are there complaints?!! Please spend council money on something more useful and not threaten local amenities.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-253

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

This parking is needed to support the church ,the farmers market ,the pub and anyone coming to walk nothing more to say ! It speaks for its self .

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-230

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

As a regular attendee at the Shipbourne Farmers Market and an occasional visitor to the Chaser Inn, these proposed additional parking restrictions are totally unnecessary and will lead to a decline numbers at both these places, but they will also affect the attendance at Shipbourne Church and lead to additional inconvenience to the wider community in the area.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-283**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-239**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Parking is important for all that come to the market to do their shopping and I am one of them. The Council should be facilitating and promoting the hard work of the tradespeople that provide the community with their fresh produce and not making it impossible for them to trade by introducing double yellow lines. I urge the Council to take the decent approach opposing to the double yellow lines.

Thank you.

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**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-222**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

THE parking is needed for the very popular Thursday Farmers Market, the thriving pub, walkers, runners and visitors. Reducing the parking would decrease the trade of the the above and limit visitors to this welcoming community.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-292**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The extension of parking restrictions along Upper Green Road would have a very serious effect on the weekly Farmers Market. I shop there every week & have no choice but to drive there & find somewhere to park. The population of Shipbourne is not large enough to keep the market viable without shoppers coming from further away. All of them need somewhere to park. If they can't & they stop coming, the market could fail.

In addition, extensive double yellow lines are inappropriate in a rural area like Shipbourne & pointless if they are then not enforced, as would be the case at weekends. The church, the village hall & the Chaser Inn would also be adversely affected by increased parking restrictions. This proposal suggests taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut & is in no way sensible.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-423**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

The proposed double yellow lines along the whole of Upper Green Road would be very damaging for Shipbourne Farmer's Market which takes place every Thursday, from what I can see on your drawing. No other parking of sufficient size available and the market is an extremely important hub for small producers to sell to local people.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-339

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The yellow lines will completely change the nature of Shipbourne Common, an environmentally attractive area. The issues raised by poor parking do not generally arise and visitors (walkers, market shoppers, visitors to The Chaser, village hall and other social events) are respectful. In the case of the Thursday market, there is a maximum of two hours required only with visitor parking for only short periods of regularly changing cars which does not cause a problem. Yellow lines will kill the welcome social activities enjoyed by local residents and visitors, and completely change the nature of the community. The knock-on effect will be parking in other incongruous, dangerous and unwelcome places nearby. This seems an expensive sledgehammer to crack a nut and without any regular enforcement will have the effect of making the parking demands even more dangerous and a nuisance to local residents.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-341

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

This is a very damaging, dangerous and pointless proposal.

Damaging because it will

1 adversely affect the ambience of a beautiful AONB

2 adversely affect the viability, possibly to the point of making them unviable, of at least two valuable institutions - The Farmers' Market and The Chaser - which I use on a regular weekly basis

Dangerous because it will

1 cause parking in far more dangerous and inconsiderate locations

Pointless because it will not

1 resolve a 'problem' in that the only times that the parking is an issue is for 2 - 3 hours on a Thursday morning which, in my experience, is not a problem as it is easily self-managed by drivers without restrictive compulsion and

2 because it will not be enforced at weekends when other car-borne visitors leave their car on, or alongside, the road for far longer periods of time.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-216

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I am one of many customers who attend the Shipbourne Farmers' Market on Thursdays between 0900 and 1100 hours. It is an award-winning institution. There are a limited number of spaces in the parking area in Upper Green Road and drivers are requested to keep them free for those attending the market. This is however entirely voluntary with no means of enforcement. The number of customers attending the market far exceeds the available spaces. This proposal is unnecessary and disproportionate. The so-called obstructive parking referred to by a "local resident" is grossly exaggerated. There are no residential properties that immediately adjoin the area of the proposal and the market functions for only 2 hours in each week. This proposal is likely to have a severely detrimental effect on the market and may even lead to its eventual closure. This will be a loss to the traders who attend the market and to the wider community. I endorse the Parish Council's concerns

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-268

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The parking restrictions will have an adverse effect on the highly successful Farmers Market and The Chaser Pub.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-414

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I am a blue badge holder and use Shipbourne Market on a Thursday morning. Please do not make parking more difficult. Thank you.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-219

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I go every Thursday to the farmers Market. Parking is already very difficult on Upper Green Road on Thursday mornings and at weekends because of walkers. If there were more yellow lines the farmers market wouldn't be able to continue as customers and stallholders wouldn't have enough space to park. The farmers market enables local businesses to sell their goods and



local people to support local businesses and buy high quality goods and meet up with friends for a walk or coffee after shopping. During the pandemic it was a lifeline for many people. Now it gives a lot of joy to a lot of people and there is no reason why more lines are needed

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-346

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We are regular shoppers at Shipbourne Farmers Market on a Thursday morning.

The proposed parking restrictions for Upper Green Road will be unhelpful to stallholders and shoppers and will inevitably lead to the market's decline if people are unable to park within a reasonable walking and carrying distance of the market.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-369

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

My principal reason is as someone who attends Shipbourne Farmers Market. The suggested parking restrictions would impact severely on the Market which takes place every thursday from 9am to 11, with stall holders arriving earlier to set up. I attend the market, and formerly was a supplier to the market, which is a flourishing part of the community and larger area and commands wide support, not just as a market but also as a social hub. Such restrictions would deter many customers from coming to the market and probably lead to its being non-viable.

In addition to the market, other institutions including St Giles Church, the Chaser pub, the Village Hall and the annual St Giles Fair, would suffer the same consequences. They could amount to a hollowing out of the social life of the village and community. The suggestion runs counter to both social and commercial aspirations for the area. It should be rejected.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-396

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I have attended the Shipbourne Farmers' Market and The Chaser Inn regularly for many years. During this time even when the market is particularly busy e.g. Christmas I have never been unable to park or encountered an obstruction in Upper Green Road. Any restriction on parking in this area can only be prejudicial to the survival of both these valuable institutions in these difficult times and is totally unnecessary. They are vital to the lifeblood of this beautiful village. Proper enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit on the main road would be far more beneficial.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-229

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

## **Comments**

I strongly object to this proposal not just for myself and family but on behalf of St Giles' Church, The Chaser Inn, Shipbourne Farmers' Market, St Giles' Fair, Shipbourne Village Hall and the Plaxtol and Shipbourne Tennis Club and walkers.

I live in Ivy Hatch and regularly use the church, market and The Chaser Inn. I have no alternative but to park in the car parking area allowing for 24 cars. If this area is full, I have no alternative but to park on the Upper Green Road but if you were to go ahead with your proposal, I would have no alternative but to park further up the Upper Green Road, slip roads or on the A227.

The painting of yellow lines is not in harmony with the surrounding area which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The painting of yellow lines will do nothing for the The Chaser Inn and will we see the closure of yet another pub in our local area?

The painting of yellow lines will do nothing for the Shipbourne Farmers' Market. This is well attended every Thursday but if parking were to become even more difficult it will drive attendees to Hildenborough, Penshurst and beyond. Talk about killing local trade.

The painting of yellow lines will do nothing for St Giles' Church where I recently attended a funeral rammed with elderly and mobility challenged mourners needing to park as close as possible to the church. I guess they will be able to park on the yellow lines. St Giles' was built well before the houses in Upper Green Road.

Reduced parking availability due to double yellow lines is not the answer to the residents' complaints who should be encouraging a thriving pub, market and church.

TMBC do not carry out parking enforcement between noon on Saturday through to Monday morning so what is the point of the cost and disruption when the existing arrangements work?

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-362

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

## **Comments**

No benefit for the community if this parking restriction is implemented. Why would any council consider such an idiotic idea

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-310

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

## **Comments**

This is a rural location with many walkers and people visiting the farmers market and the chaser inn. I have lived here for 10yrs and never had a problem with the parking situation. Yes

sometimes you have to wait or reverse to let a car past when it's exceptionally busy but this is rare. Imposing restrictions is just an unnecessary overstep of council regulation/interference with a problem that doesn't exist. I support more freedoms, not less. These restrictions would pose a significant problem for both The Chaser (which is a valuable community resource, and there is little else around) and the Farmers Market which is a valuable hub for people and business and country life to meet. I am therefore strongly against these restrictions being imposed.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-254

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I am a regular user of the Farmers Market that runs in Shipbourne on Thursdays. I do not attend the church or the pub or start walks after parking in the area.

I live in Ivy Hatch and I do know how frustrating it can be when individuals do not recognise the need for those with private driveways to be able to exit from their land in case of emergency or other planned need. However when faced with this problem, I have used the services of PCSO's to help break a cycle of parking across private entrances.

The proposed solution for Upper Green Road is flawed, as Shipbourne Parish Council have pointed out, as any problems occur most frequently at weekends when there would be no enforcement personnel available. Currently it is fairly obvious that those who park on the yellow lines in Upper Green Road do so because the yellow lines are rarely, if ever, enforced

In Borough Green there are often problems with parking on yellow lines, even with the occasional attendance of parking wardens. The cost of the proposed solution seems out of proportion to the problems caused. Has the following been tried - notices in front of driveways affected along the lines of those used by the Fairlawne Estate, "Access required at all times, please do not block the driveway"?

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-255

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

1. No alternative parking is proposed following the restriction. Plan reduces parking spaces on Upper Green Road making it more likely that residents further east, just beyond the proposed restrictions, and on Stumble Hill, will suffer even more and worse problem parking. I cannot see it reducing numbers visiting the pub or starting walks from there on a weekend. They will park elsewhere assuming they obey the yellow line restrictions.

2. Sadly though, it may reduce numbers visiting the Farmers Market, as the vast majority are elderly and will not be able to carry their shopping to the nearest parking places.

3. There are limited and predictable occasions when problems occur. Thursday morning Farmers Market and Weekday lunchtime and evening pub visit time. On these times locals

might find it easier to use the alternate route via Back lane and avoid Upper Green Road at busy times.

4. The yellow signs will disfigure this historic beauty spot.

5. I note no alternative parking is proposed by TMBC, simply a reduction. Very naive. A solution would be to recognise the inevitable use of car transport to attend Pubs, Churches, the Farmers Market and a well known walking route meeting point and extend or create other parking lay-bys on Upper Green Road to allow more efficient perpendicular parking and increase the number of parking spaces.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-394

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Availability of parking is being reduced without providing any alternative parking. This will have knock-on effects in 3 areas:-

1. Adverse effects on the weekly market , church attendance and The Chaser.
2. Parking will be displaced to roads where there are no restrictions i.e. the A227 and further east along Upper Green Road .
3. Pedestrian safety - as there are no pavements, people will have to walk in the road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-214

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I go to the farmers' market every Thursday. I often have to park quite far away. If you take away more parking spaces then I might not be able to park at all. I would have for the farmers market to lose custom as it is such an important service to the surrounding community.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-347

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

They represent 'overkill', and will severely inconvenience those attending our award winning Farmer's Market, socialising and have coffee there, The Chaser customers and walkers. People manage with the current arrangements, and behave sensibly on the whole. I have never heard of any serious accidents? Perhaps a short phase one -way system for that morning would work? Putting this plan into place will increase distance to walk and be difficult for the elderly and those with small children, coming to the Market, which was originally opened by the then Vicar, Susan Ramsaran, as all the local shops were closed, and the bus service is very poor to town for the elderly - it has been very useful to many of us ever since.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-337**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I share the concerns expressed by operators of the weekly market and The Chaser

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-278**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I object to this proposal not only on behalf of my family, but as a customer at the Thursday Market, a churchgoer, and a visitor to the The Chaser Inn. I also object on behalf of St Giles' Church, The Chaser Inn, Shipbourne Farmers' Market, St Giles' Fair, Shipbourne Village Hall and the Plaxtol and Shipbourne Tennis Club and the many walkers that arrive by car to enjoy the surroundings.

I live in Ivy Hatch and regularly use the church, market and The Chaser Inn. I have no alternative but to park in the car parking area which only allows for 24 cars. If this area is full, there is no alternative but to park on the Upper Green Road but if you were to go ahead with your proposal, I would have no alternative but to park further up the Upper Green Road, slip roads or on the A227.

The painting of yellow lines is not in harmony with the surrounding area which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The painting of yellow lines will do nothing for the The Chaser Inn and probably we would then see the closure of yet another pub in our local area. Is this really what the TMBC wants?

The painting of yellow lines will do nothing for the Shipbourne Farmers' Market. This is well attended every Thursday but if parking were to become even more difficult it will drive customers to Hildenborough, Penshurst and beyond. This would contribute to the end of this local trade.

The painting of yellow lines will do nothing for St Giles' Church where there was recently a funeral attended by so many people, elderly among them, needing to park as close as possible to the church. Some at least would be able to park on the yellow lines, but not all.

Reduced parking availability due to double yellow lines is not the answer to the residents' complaints - who should be encouraging a community coming together from the surrounding villages to attend Shipbourne's thriving pub, thriving market and thriving church.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-312

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

The sustainability of the local Farmers Market will be put into question.

The local enjoyment of the walks that either begin or end at Shipbourne will just move the parking further into the residential areas of Shipbourne - which would not be welcomed by residents.

The trade for The Chaser Inn would be dramatically reduced leading to loss of local employment.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-399

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Adverse impact on

The Chaser

The farmer's market

The church

The tennis club

St Giles fair

The village Hall

Risk that people will park elsewhere along Upper Green Rd, or on the verges/common, or even on the A227

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-398

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

This would be yet another restriction on freedom, and would without doubt impact on the viability of the Chaser pub and even more importantly the Farmers' Market. Pubs are already struggling against the tide of regulation and taxes, and the local council should be doing everything possible to aid such important local amenities. not damaging their viability. The Farmers Market is an important local event, and is to be encouraged. For someone to suggest (as they have on FB) that restricted parking would put off non-local visitors to the pub, is astonishing - the pub won't survive with just very local clientele. I believe yellow lines would also adversely affect safety - at present, because the road is often narrowed by parked cars, people drive very slowly. With the proposed yellow lines it is highly likely that people would drive much faster, which would be dangerous to the many dog walkers, cyclists, hikers and others who come to enjoy the beautiful open space of Shipbourne Green. Not only would there be yellow lines, there would doubtless be the endless signage that would accompany them, adversely impacting the visual beauty of the area. Putting in place the yellow lines and a few additional parking spaces will also doubtless cost a great deal of public money and contribute to the ever increasing Council Tax - it would be completely unnecessary expenditure. Please let common sense prevail. People are generally sensible and responsible and don't need regulating to their graves by overbearing bureaucracy and regulation.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-329

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Where will I park my car when attending services at St. Giles Church? Parking is already a problem for churchgoers, patrons of The Chaser and walkers. TMBC should be seeking to increase parking, not reduce it. An approach should be made to the Fairlawne Estate to increase the width of Upper Green Road thereby allowing parking along the entire length whilst allowing two way traffic to be free flowing. If that is not possible, make the road “one way”

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-209

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I object to the proposed painting of double yellow lines on Upper Green Road. It will result in a loss of business for both The Chaser and the Farmer's Market, will make it more difficult to park to visit the Church and Village Hall and further threaten the loss of any sense of community in general, which is something that I strongly believe should be protected.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-316

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Do not restrict the number of parking spaces available , false economy it's not broke don't meddle

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-241

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

1) Unnecessary. The current arrangement works. 2) Eyesore. 3) Damaging to Shipbourne Farmers Market, Church and Chaser, as it will put people off going. 4) As regards the Church, many of the congregation are at the older end and have difficulty walking. There is insufficient parking space by the church (which is already sometimes clogged up by Chaser customers), so attendees have to park on the Green. The proposed double yellow lines would cause utter chaos for special events like the annual Carol Service, weddings, funerals etc. There would simply be insufficient parking space within a sensible distance of the Church.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-286

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Existing arrangement works well most of the time, and enables local residents from surrounding villages to support the businesses operating around Shipbourne Common, such as The Chaser and the Farmers Market.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-443

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

There is limited parking currently for The Chaser pub. Parking doesn't impact the use of the road.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-236

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

As a regular visitor on Thursdays for both the Chaser and the Farmers' Market, I fail to understand any complaints regarding parking. If the transient shoppers who are visiting for 30 to 60 minutes, are able to manage the flow of traffic, why can't anyone else? Who is making the complaint? Perhaps they need to learn how to drive properly.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-426

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Additional double yellow lines in this area will have a serious negative impact on Shipbourne



Farmers Market which has been going for many years. I have worked on this market and there are a significant number of elderly who visit and they would have to walk further. I also think that a reduction in parking or having to park further away would impact the footfall to the market.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-270

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will make going to the wonderful farmers' market very difficult. Parking is vital to this

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-266

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Double yellow lines in this location would make it impossible for people going to the farmers market to park probably causing the market to close. It would also impact people going to church and to the Chaser Inn. Of course people may well park on the A227 causing all sorts of problems.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-395

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-192

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposals will have a detrimental effect on the businesses of The Chaser and the Shipbourne Farmers Market, both of which provide local employment opportunities.

Well-established fundraising events held on the Green will also become unviable.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-371

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

We write to express our strong opposition to the proposal to put double yellow lines on Upper Green Road, Shipbourne.

We understand that the parking problem primarily occurs on Sundays after 11 am and is mainly caused by walkers parking, to use the three popular walks. We believe, as will other local residents, that TMBC does not carry out parking enforcement between midday on Saturday and Monday morning, so this problem will persist even if double yellow lines are added, as there will be no risk of being caught.

The proposed solution to this problem will however, impact and inconvenience those who park more responsibly on other days of the week:

- People attending services at St Giles' Church earlier on Sunday mornings i.e the regular congregation at St Giles' Church.
- Those attending baptisms, weddings and funerals or other occasional services at the church.
- Those attending the very popular and long-established Farmers Market on Thursday mornings.
- People drinking and eating at The Chaser Inn (particularly during the day).

Many people who attend the above events are elderly and sometimes disabled.

The proposed solution will lead to parking in more dangerous situations:

- Create confusion by changing the side on which cars currently park, quite safely.
- Cut the number of parking places compared to the present, forcing people to park in front of the village hall and in front of houses further along Upper Green Road, causing great inconvenience.
- Also encourage parking on the main road (A227) despite the double yellow lines.
- The wooden bollards on the southern side of the road will force drivers to park further into the road, so that car doors can be opened, making the road more dangerous.
- It will make the walk much longer and more dangerous along Upper Green Road for anyone elderly or disabled people or with young children, particularly if carrying shopping, as there is no footpath.

We strongly oppose this proposal as being unnecessary and very ill thought out. If there is an issue with parking on both sides of the road, a better solution would be double yellow lines on the south side.

John and Jenny Webster (regular farmers market attendees for 16 years)

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-281

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

### **Comments**

At busy times, people park along one side of Upper Green Road and there is room for traffic to pass in one direction. Traffic takes it in turn to pass the parked cars and, in my experience, there

is never a hold up for more than a couple of minutes. If the cars were prevented from parking then the Farmers Market, the Chaser, village hall visitors and church congregations would suffer, resulting in loss of use for these facilities and businesses. There is also a chance that people would park in the neighbourhood of the local houses instead, which would not solve any issues but move them elsewhere.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-391

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Shipbourne Parish Council objects for the following reasons: Adverse impact on local businesses and amenities such as the Chaser, Farmers Market, Tennis Club, Church and Village Hall. DYL are incongruous with the rural setting. Existing DYL are not enforced. There is nowhere else to park safely in the village, so it is likely to lead to visitors parking elsewhere in the village or A227 adversely impacting other residents. Around 30 residents attended our Parish meeting on 10th March to object to the proposals. We have a petition signed by residents who object to the proposals, this will be delivered to TMBC Offices.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-325

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposed parking restrictions will reduce the number of parking spaces available to users of Shipbourne amenities - the church, The Chaser pub, and the Market. During the week the only time there is regularly any congestion is the 2 to 3 hours when the market is in operation, but reducing parking spaces and making those who come have to park further away will be a great deterrent especially to elderly people and those with limited mobility and is therefore likely to reduce the numbers of people attending which could make the market no longer viable. This would be a great loss as this award-winning market is a great asset to the community and an important outlet for small local producers.

On Sundays there are more cars parking, with attendees at the church, visitors to the pub, and walkers, but as parking restrictions are never enforced on Sundays they yellow lines are certain to be disregarded - the lines already in place on and near the corners of the A227 are regularly ignored so simply adding more lines seems unwarranted.

Additionally, yellow lines are not appropriate in an AONB and should be used to an absolute minimum, placing them along Upper Green Road would be unsightly.

The current parking arrangements generally work adequately so why make this change which would deter people from coming to Shipbourne? It seems someone has a vague idea that car parking should be restricted, but with no other available means of travel in the area this type of restriction will result in driving people away. If there were regular and frequent bus services over a variety of routes in place to encourage people to use public transport instead of cars there would be some logic.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-228**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-345**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The proposal to add double yellow lines to this road will hugely impact business in The Chaser as well as the weekly market held in the churchyard.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-363**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-481**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No comments

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-309**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will destroy the Farmer's market - a vibrant opportunity to support local sustainable small businesses which is at the heart of the village. If we had a viable bus service people could use instead of roads safe enough for cycling, with marked lanes, I'd be all for reducing parking. But we don't! Please don't do this. Or find a way to allow parking during the market - they manage this for markets in France so I'm sure some creative thinking can come up with a solution.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response – Phase 15 Online-242**

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

Duplicate response

**Comments**

You will kill the chance of older people attending church or the Farmer's market. They do not have the physical capacity to walk long distances to the church.

The church in its rural setting is a life saving gift for the older generation who don't have any other social life, and see church as their one outing a week. The lines would cut off this chance of seeing people as they can't walk the distance to the church. My mother who has attended this church for 20 years would not be able to attend anymore with yellow lines.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-217

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Unnecessary and will detract from local market viability

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-318

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

Reducing the number of parking slots along this road will impact both the weekly Shipborne market and the Chaser pub/ restaurant. Both popular, bringing successful trade to Shipborne. But without parking visitors will reduce. I go regularly to both so know the current arrangements work ok. Why change what works ok to make it clearly worse?

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-353

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

No need of this and you will destroy the weekly market.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-261

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

if the proposed yellow lines are used it will cause people to park in other unwanted places, the answer could be to ask Fairlawn estates to extend the present car park.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-211

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

As a regular visitor to the farmer's market and to the Chaser Inn I think any further difficulties

with parking, such as the proposed double yellow lines, will probably mean that I will stop using those facilities which I think will be a great shame and another erosion of rural life. I hope you will think again.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-225

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I fully endorse the concerns raised by the Parish Council as highlighted in the consultation document

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-422

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The changes would have an adverse impact on the viability of the weekly Shipbourne farmers market. Parking would be restricted for both stallholders and patrons alike and would likely lead to lower market attendance. I am a regular stallholder at the market which has been a feature of the community for 20+ years. These changes, however small would be detrimental to a community without any local shops where the market provides weekly fresh provisions.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-458

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

I lived in Shipbourne for many years, and still go to the church and Farmers Market weekly and The Chaser. The proposed double yellow lines would make access for attendees at these venues much more difficult and could lead to the closure of the Farmers Market. When cars are parked on Upper Green Lane, The bus can still get through as can all car drivers. It is a pleasant, much loved rural location . Yellow lines would push parking to outside people's houses which would not be acceptable.

It is only a few days a year when the parking goes across the Green and local residents know they can go round via Back Lane to avoid the parked car.

I object most strongly to the proposal.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-159

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

There is limited parking in the area for the church, farmer's market and Chaser pub. Only very

occasionally is Upper Green Road very busy and mostly people park respectfully. To remove the possibility of parking here will detrimentally affect the church, farmer's market and pub. Worse still, the restrictions will force people to park on the A227 which will endanger lives as it is a busy road with a blind hill. This is an area of Outstanding natural beauty and the yellow lines would also be an eyesore.

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-328

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

The wooden bollards stop people parking beside them already limiting parking distances between cars ( as you can't open doors beside those bollards).

The existing yellow lines simply need repainting.

You will kill the Chasers as their visitors- often family groups with elderly won't be able to walk long distances to the pub.

The church will lose most of its elderly attendees as they can't walk that far.

The farmers market won't have the same support as visitors won't want to walk so far if just popping by to grab local produce.

You will kill a bustling rural hub .

Please don't make the proposed changes .

**Location** – Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Consultation response** – Phase 15 Online-208

I object to the proposed changes for Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

**Comments**

It will inevitably lead to the loss of amenities such as the Farmers Market, The Chaser. Obtrusive yellow lines would impact on the natural beauty of the area.

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2 March 2025  
Your ref: Phase 15-inf-DD607-13  
Shipbourne – Upper Green Road

Dear Mr Bracey,

Thank you very much for consulting us on proposals to introduce new double-yellow lines and bus stop clearways on Upper Green Road, Shipbourne. I live close-by and would be directly affected.

I will explain my views in detail below, but my summary position is that you should not proceed with the proposed changes: painting some lines on the road would be ineffective; there would be adverse consequences which have not been addressed; and there are much better solutions.

The consultation states that “Concerns have been raised about obstructive parking on Upper Green Road and parking close to bus stops”. I set out below my own understanding of each of the problems and suggest alternative solutions. The central issue is that Upper Green Road is quite narrow, with the effect that car parking on one side leaves space for only a single line of traffic adjacent.

#### The perceived problems

##### 1) *Parking close to the A227*

Too often, cars are parked on the double-yellow lines on Upper Green Road close to its junction with the A227. This is the most serious problem. Sometimes it is impossible to turn into Upper Green Road from the A227, if vehicles have ignored the double-yellow lines and also if a vehicle is travelling west on Upper Green Road with a view to joining the A227. Painting more lines on the road would make no difference to this problem.

A solution:

Proper enforcement of existing highways regulations is needed. Parking on double-yellow lines is unlawful, and the restriction should be enforced with officers sent out to issue tickets at known busy times: the word would soon get around and the problem would ease. I also recommend negotiation with The Chaser Inn asking them to display clear notices there which indicate the importance of avoiding parking on the double-yellow lines, and the illegality of parking that close to junctions in any event. Despite numerous requests over



decades there has been no enforcement of the highways rules on Upper Green Road. Summer evenings and weekends will find many culprits, who can't be bothered to park further away and walk the extra distance to The Chaser Inn.

2) *Parking in the bus stop on Upper Green Road (eastbound)*

Currently car parking does indeed take place in the area reserved for a bus stop on Upper Green Road eastbound.

A solution:

I agree with the consultation proposal that if the bus stop area was marked more clearly it may deter people parking there.

3) *Continuous parking along Upper Green Road*

Currently parking takes place all along Upper Green Road on one side, which can have the effect at busy times (good weather and summer weekends) of leaving long stretches of road where cars can easily meet head-on and one will have to reverse. This is inconvenient, especially when cars back-up in both directions. Indeed it can be damaging to the bus timetable, as buses can be held up. I also consider it extremely worrying in terms of access for emergency vehicles, and for large vehicles like oil delivery tankers and refuse collection vehicles. There is no option to come off the road to make space for the passage of emergency vehicles, as there are posts or a ditch lining the edges of the road.

My assessment of the consultation proposals:

The proposal in the consultation to restrict parking to one side of Upper Green Road but to limit this to sections with passing places between, will not work! Having lengths of double-yellow lines, then parking, then double-yellow lines repeatedly along the road would be far too complicated: drivers would generally simply carry on parking wherever they like on the side of the road where parking is designated. I am concerned that the double-yellow lines (marking the passing bays) would largely be ignored in the same way that they are near the junction with the A227.

The consultation plan identifies parking along Upper Green Road with spaces for 6 cars, 9 cars, 9 cars and 10 cars, with double-yellow lines between these. I do not understand how this can be achieved. Would there be marked bays for that number of cars (more paintwork and suburbanisation of the village) or is it assumed that drivers will naturally arrange themselves in the most efficient manner? Drivers don't do this: parking along Upper Green Road is fairly random, fitting in around the first car that arrives and often leaving large gaps between vehicles (but insufficient for other vehicles to park in). There would also be the added problem of vehicles parking to avoid the posts when opening doors on the south side of Upper Green Road (where the proposals indicate parking areas), meaning parking would be even more random.

The complex pattern of line marking proposed would restrict parking completely on the north side of Upper Green Road. This is currently and through long tradition the side used for parking. The current arrangement has some merit because the off-road parking bays on

the Common are on the north side and, at this section, no-one ever parks on the south side of the road. This means there is a large holding area available for cars waiting their turn to pass eastwards along Upper Green Road beside the line of parked cars.

A solution:

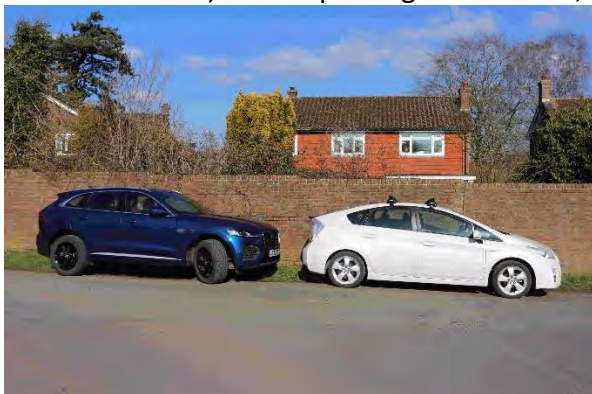
Instead of the consultation proposals, I suggest that Upper Green Road should be made one way only eastbound from the A227 to its junction with the lane to the Village Hall. Double-yellow lines should then be inserted, on the south side, for that whole distance, (allowing the status quo for parking on the north side) and on one side of the road outside the Village Hall and nearby (to avoid diversionary parking). There would be no conflict of vehicles as everyone would be travelling in the same direction (east). Drivers could then leave Shipbourne by travelling to the junction with Back Lane, and either heading east on Reeds Lane or turning right there and travelling back to the A227. All vehicles travelling west on Reeds Lane would need to follow Back Lane if they wished to join the A227, which is what most do at present (not use Upper Green Road): advance warning signs would be needed.

This arrangement would be excellent for just about everyone, including TMBC for whom it would be cheap and effective. It would keep parked vehicles on the Common away from residential property. Buses could travel easily east along Upper Green Road and west along Back Lane, though there would need to be a west-bound bus stop near the School in a safe layby (instead of on Upper Green Road opposite The Chaser Inn). Emergency and large vehicles could always get through. The main losers would be a very small group of people, including this household, wishing to leave Shipbourne on the A227 northbound: we would be obliged to travel to Back Lane and then turn right onto the A227 (rather than, as at present, drive along Upper Green Road to The Chaser Inn and turn right). There would be a small increase in the amount of traffic on Back Lane, but probably not noticeably as this is already a significant rat-run. I would be prepared to accept this for the wider village benefit.

#### 4) *Overall parking provision proposed*

It appears that the amount of legal car parking along Upper Green Road between the A227 and the Village Hall would be reduced under the consultation proposals. This would have more serious knock-on consequences which this consultation fails to address.

At busy periods, the volume of traffic seeking to park on Upper Green Road already causes parking to take place all the way to Wellhampton House (on the major bend at the east end of the Common). If this parking is restricted, it will go elsewhere. In particular more



vehicles would wish to park on the narrow lane outside the Village Hall (off Upper Green Road to the north). If this was on both sides of the lane, it would again cause problems for access by large vehicles and emergency vehicles. It is also the case from time to time that vehicles already park both sides here and along the underside of the wall (beyond the Village Hall), and even come around the corner into the residential area where we live (risking the same problems for large and emergency vehicles). The occasional problems we experience would be highly likely to become more frequent under the consultation proposals. The photograph above was taken today (2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025), a sunny Sunday.

A solution:

If the consultation proposals were to go forward, it would also be necessary to mark double-yellow lines along the west side of the N-S road outside the Village Hall and along adjacent roads, to prevent parking that has been displaced from the larger road across the Common. Based on my knowledge of the extent of actual parking on Upper Green Road on sunny summer weekends, double-yellow lines would also need to be extended on one side of the road further east from where they are proposed in the consultation, at least to the bend outside Wellhampton House.

5) *Parking by the junction between Upper Green Road and the lane to the Village Hall*

The consultation proposes that new double-yellow lines would be inserted on the N-S road outside the Village Hall, but only close to the junction where it meets Upper Green Road across the Common. The note on the consultation map states that this is to “prevent parking near the junction”. However parking here is already disallowed. Rule 243 of the Highway Code already states: “Do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space”. (I take the point that this rule is also ignored close to the junction of Upper Green Road with the A227.)

A solution:

The extra painted lines might deter some drivers, but once again this is simply a matter of enforcement of existing rules – conspicuous by its complete absence. However, I suspect that a belt and braces arrangement of line markings would have little added effect until drivers parking unlawfully are booked for their misdemeanours.

*My conclusion*

In the short term I conclude that the ‘do nothing’ option is superior to your consultation proposals. Beyond that, Upper Green Road should be made one-way only eastbound between the A227 and its junction with the lane to the Village Hall. Additional double-yellow lines should be marked in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

If you would like to discuss this further, I should be pleased to assist.

Kind regards,



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New & Amended Parking Restrictions  
Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge**

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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 Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge shown on plan DD607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

\* delete where not applicable

Comments	
<p>The Common should be enjoyed by as many people as possible. Parking along the Common is great for churchgoers, Pub users, tennis players, hikers + dog walkers. Double yellow lines will not only look ugly,</p>	
Signed	Date 19/12/25

they will discourage community, and the full participation in Shipbourne. While on occasional busy days, it can be inconvenient, the demands of double yellow lines FAR outweigh the benefits.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DC607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road  
**Date:** 15 March 2025 15:26:39

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I am writing to oppose to the captioned proposal. Putting yellow lines will not result in a change. These will be ignored and given there is no enforcement in Upper Green Road this would be a waste of time and tax payers money. The yellow lines already in place in Upper Green Road are ignore everyday and enforcement is ever enacted. Also, this will have a detrimental impact on the public house and on the Farmers Market. If the yellow lines were observed in other areas around the area and parking will be on grass verges which are already ruined by ignorant parking and churning of the verge's destroying the beauty of the area. If the proposal was to go ahead I would like details of what enforcement would be applied and the regularity so that I can check that monies have not been wasted.

Best Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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*Received 21-02-25*

\* delete where not applicable

Comments	
<p><i>The space where you are proposing double yellow lines is used by people visiting the church, Farmers market, and the Chaser inn. As you know Hospitality industry is struggling so to do what you propose would have bad impact on The Chaser and Farmers market and the church when funerals are taking place. Where there are already double yellow lines these should be enforced by traffic warden, instead of having two walking about together in Tonbridge</i></p>	
Signed	Date <i>22-02-25</i>





**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Reference DD607-13 shipborne - upper green road.  
**Date:** 24 February 2025 12:08:13

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I am not in favour of the proposals as it will affect local businesses ramblers and other visitors to our village and could push people to park in our resident's car park .

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Name (please print)	[REDACTED]
Address	UPPER GREEN ROAD SHIPBOURNE TONBRIDGE KENT TN11 9PH
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 Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge shown on plan DD607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

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Comments	
<p>Do Not urbanise this much valued rural family space with yellow lines / parking restrictions (existing yellow lines with A227 are seldom enforced). We live on Upper Green Road and access via Back Lane in busy times. We confirm, at present, the existing car park is adequate week days. Tight parking along the north of the road only occurs at weekends when families come to Shipbourne for rural recreation; visit the Chaser Inn; to enjoy a Sunday walk around the scenic loop by Back Lane. It will kill our market!</p>	
Signed	Date 28/2/2025



From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Parking Office](#)  
Subject: Attn. Andy Bracey Ref: DD607-13 Shipbourne  
Date: 08 March 2025 12:31:58

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**Ref: DD607-13 Shipbourne-Upper Green Road**

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The above proposal is ridiculous in so many ways.

- Most traffic turns from the A227 into Upper Green Road (UGR), so to park on the right-hand side of the road is completely counter-intuitive. The wooden posts bordering the verge would make opening a car door on the driver's side prohibitive and cars would park further out from the verge
- Restrictions (never actually enforced where it does cause a problem on the corner of UGR & the A227) would just push the problem further down the road to where there is actually a bend
- Shipbourne is an AONB, so yellow lines and limited signage should reflect this. Let's keep our village a village
- Detrimental to the village in aspect (AONB) and to the weekly Farmers Market, to the Church and those attending funerals, the Tennis Club and general enjoyment as a much used starting point for walking, picnics and play on the Common and other leisure activities
- Bus 'clearways' are pointless as buses don't run at weekends, the only time there is congestion

Solution:

To make a 'Passing Place' between the existing parking area and say the tennis courts. The appropriate length could be marked simply by a painted white line on the tarmac and a post.

In Scotland, passing places on single-track roads are marked with either square or diamond-shaped white signs that say "Passing Place," or sometimes with black and white striped posts. These signs indicate where vehicles can safely pull over to allow oncoming traffic to pass. I attach a photograph

More difficult to apply would be a one way route at peak times so that drivers would return to the A227 via Back Lane however this would necessitate unwanted signage and education of those visiting . Residents know to do this anyway

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Shipbourne  
Kent  
TN11 9QB  
[REDACTED]

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Shipbourne Parish Council  
Shipbourne Village Hall  
Upper Green Road  
Shipbourne,  
Kent TN11 9PL

13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Andy Bracey FIHE  
Parking Manager  
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council  
Gibson Building, Gibson Dr,  
Kings Hill, West Malling  
ME19 4LZ

Dear Mr Bracey

**Re Consultation – Proposal for Double Yellow Lines along Upper Green Rd, Shipbourne.  
Parking Action Plan – Phase 15 – Drawing DD/607/13 09/2024**

Please find enclosed a signed petition that was prepared in response to the above consultation.

The petition is against the proposal and is in addition to the responses that have been invited via your website and the link provided.

Whilst we thank you for your consideration, the proposal and consultation in response to complaints that have been made, we sincerely hope that the proposal will not be approved.

The reason why there have been complaints made about the parking is due to inconsiderate individuals who choose to ignore the existing double yellow lines on the junction between the A227 and Upper Green Rd, park on them and the verge and in so doing cause obstruction on the junction. The problem mainly occurs on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when walkers and visitors to the Chaser can't be bothered to park further along Upper Green Rd but instead choose to park illegally on the corner.

If there was enforcement of these existing parking restrictions the problem would not exist. However, we understand that there is no enforcement from midday Saturday through to Monday morning.

Without enforcement at the weekends the problem will not ease and indeed the inconsiderate parking may well result in an accident.

The introduction of increased double yellow lines will not resolve the issue but will further exacerbate it and simply push traffic and parking further along Upper Green Road where inconsiderate drivers will park on private roads and drives, ruin the verges and cause obstruction.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and try to find a solution that would be acceptable to TMBC, Shipbourne Parish Council and residents.

Yours sincerely

**For and On Behalf of  
Shipbourne Parish Council**

Valerie Redman  
Chair

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [Parking Office](#)  
Subject: Your ref. DD607-113 Shipbourne-Upper Green Road  
Date: 13 March 2025 18:06:16

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Dear Sirs

We do not support your proposals for new yellow lines on Upper Green Road Shipbourne. as this is unnecessary urbanisation of a beautiful rural area where we have lived for 40+ years.

Our comments on particular aspects of your proposals are as follows:

- The existing yellow lines on Upper Green Road near the junction with the A227 are regularly ignored and never policed. There is no point introducing yet more lines if no change is going to be made to the policing arrangements.
- There is a valid argument for introducing a short yellow line on both sides of the road at the crest of the hill near the tennis courts. The hill obscures the view of oncoming traffic travelling in either direction until just before the crest of the hill. Allowing cars to pass each other at the crest of the hill should avoid traffic jams arising; these can only be resolved by one side backing down and one or more drivers on that side having to reverse some distance before the oncoming traffic can pass them.
- Why the fixation on the north side of Upper Green Road? . In the case of the section of Upper Green Road from the White House to Brambleside drivers currently park on the north side of the road. They do not need yellow lines to tell them to do this; it's just common sense. The drivers do not trespass off the road on to The Green on the north side as there is a low bank and a ditch that prevents this. The south side of the road has three egresses, serving 9 households, on to Upper Green Road. Forcing cars to park on the south side by putting yellow lines on the north side would mean that all these households would find their view of Upper Green Road traffic obscured when they leave home and try to get onto Upper Green Road. Furthermore the reaction of the landowner of the land on both sides of Upper Green Road would be to erect yet more unsightly 'dragon's teeth' to prevent drivers parking on his grass on the south side.

Best regards

  
Tel:   
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** DD607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road  
**Date:** 13 March 2025 08:53:59

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**Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Address:** [REDACTED], Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, TN11 9PH

I am NOT in favour of the Borough council proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Upper Green Road.

Currently, even the short yellow lines at the bottom of Upper Green Road near the church is not being enforced and people still park there. We have tried to get traffic enforcement officers to come but council has repeatedly said they're unable to provide one, especially on weekends. I see the proposal as a huge waste of time and money as it won't be enforced and will also make parking worse for the common and people will park on the grass and our turning circle.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Shipbourne,  
Tonbridge, Kent  
TN11 9PL

24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Mr Bracey,

Thank you for time on the telephone recently regarding car parking on Shipbourne Green.

Your proposal of 18<sup>th</sup> February only takes into account  $\pm 58$  cars whereas on fine weekends up to 100 cars park on the Green. The remaining  $\pm 42$  cars will have to find parking in the village resulting in the problem moving into a more unsatisfactory location with double yellow lines outside houses.

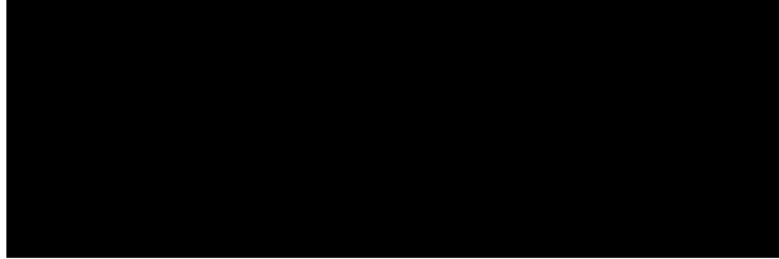
Perhaps supplementary parking can be provided in Back Lane.

I have written to our MP in



the hope he can help with  
the situation

Yours sincerely,



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Telephone	
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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 Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge shown on plan DD607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road

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Comments	
<p>Please ensure that there is no car parking each side of the brow of the hill.</p>	
Signed	Date 25/2/25



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Upper Green Road Shipbourne  
**Date:** 26 February 2025 16:30:53

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Ref: DD607-13 Shipbourne

Dear Sirs,

Regarding your letter dated 18th February concerning proposed double yellow lines on Upper Green Road.

I am not in favour of this as it will have an impact on our village businesses and amenities.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Comments	
While I am in favour of the new bus stop clearways I am not in favour of the new double yellow lines - Shipbourne is a beautiful village and I am against urbanisation of the rural setting. I cannot see how the parking restriction will be enforced at the weekend when the problem is greatest. It will impact the Farmers Market, services at the church eg funerals and weddings - we need passing places rather than no parking. cars will start to park in other parts of the village and may even park on the A227.	
Signed	[REDACTED] Date 5/3/2025



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Double Yellow Lines on the Upper Green Road Shipbourne  
**Date:** 07 March 2025 12:19:24

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have lived in Shipbourne for 48 years and have seen a lot of building in and around Tonbridge and Malling including the airfield at Kings Hill. Shipbourne is still a beautiful place to visit. That is why we have so many visitor's cars parked on the green. The proposed parking is not enough.

1. There are many footpaths around Shipbourne.
2. Many families park on Upper Green Road to walk them.
3. Ramblers come from Kent and other counties to walk the paths and park on the green.
4. Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers start some walks from here and park on the green.
5. Cycling clubs park their cars on the green to start their cycle from there to cycle in the lanes here.
6. People come from far to go to the Farmer's Market and park on the green.
7. People get married in the church and park on the green. The Council can't expect the elderly members to park a long way away because there aren't enough parking places.
8. The same for the elderly attending a funeral.
9. Shipbourne has a village Fair.
10. Many people come to the Chaser and park on the green

Where are all these people that come to Shipbourne, which is in an Area of Outstanding Beauty, meant to park?

1. What is needed is more parking off the road.
2. Instead of Double Yellow Lines along the road with spaces for cars to park. Is to have two more off-road, 24-car spaces. It would still allow people to park on the road. And would give two more spaces for cars to pull over to allow the oncoming traffic to get through.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Cc:** [jhm.themorrison@gmail.com](mailto:jhm.themorrison@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** DD607-13 Shipbourne - Upper Green Road  
**Date:** 21 February 2025 17:22:07

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We are very much in favour of these proposals. We are often very inconvenienced by the current parking. We would also suggest adding double lines to one side of the segment of the road passing outside the Village Hall ("Institute Surgery") in the direction of Bear Manor Oast etc. With regard to the execution of the plan, we think it would be preferable to put the double yellow lines on the south side of the road as vehicles will be arriving mainly from the western end of the road and so would be parking on the "usual" side of the road and would not have to carry out extra manoeuvres to park. This is the current custom, and seems to work satisfactorily.

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Upper Green Road  
Shipbourne  
Tonbridge  
Kent  
TN11 9PL



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** Phase 15-inf-DD607-13  
**Date:** 24 February 2025 11:03:45

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Dear Sir or Madam

Following on from your letter regarding New Double Yellow Lines and Bus Stop Clearways, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne,

Whilst I am in favour of this new proposal, and that it goes ahead, my concern is that will there be any monitoring of this area.

At present, where the existing double lines are, and the numerous times I have reported illegal parking, will this be enforced?

Over the years I have taken photos showing how on many an occasion, cars are parked where they are butting onto the A227, a very fast road, even though there is a 30mph sign, which is ignored, and each time I've reported this I've been told that TMBC don't monitor rural areas, and especially at weekends !!!

So, whilst I am in favour, what guarantees are/will there be to enforce this?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

■ Lady Vane Close  
Shipbourne, TN11 9PD

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Parking Office](#)  
**Subject:** yellow lines Plaxtol and Shipbourne  
**Date:** 05 March 2025 12:05:34

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Hello,

I wish to comment on your proposals.

Best, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]