From: Sue Bell
To: Andy Bracey

Subject: Re: Parking Action Plan - Phase15

Date: 03 March 2025 15:01:58

### Good afternoon Andy

I have one query and that's Charles Close. I am surprised these residents have requested double yellow lines or even Residents Parking Permits.

It's a nice close and most homes have a driveway. I assume some people must be parking there from other roads which is a shame, but I can't see either of the above schemes will help them.

They might not be clear about what either scheme will involve. Double yellow lines require enforcement and again if they have parking permits.

Kind regards Cllr Sue Bell Snodland East and Ham Hill Ward

#### Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: Andy Bracey <Andy.Bracey@tmbc.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 2:00:52 PM

**To:** Angus Bennison <Angus.Bennison@tmbc.gov.uk>; Paul Hickmott <Paul.Hickmott@tmbc.gov.uk>; Sue Bell <Sue.Bell@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 - Phase15

Dear Ward Members for Snodland West & Holborough Lakes and Ward Members for Snodland East & Ham Hill

#### **Booth Close**

Residents have raised concerns about obstructive parking on the bends and narrow sections.

With this in mind we are proposing double yellow lines to prevent obstruction (in accordance with the Highway Code). Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-16 Snodland - Booth Close.

#### **Brook Lane**

Residents have raised concerns about obstructive parking in Brook Lane

The proposal is for new double yellow lines (in accordance with the Highway Code) to deter obstruction. Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-14 Snodland - Brook Lane.

#### **Charles Close**

Residents have raised concerns about obstructive parking in Charles Close, so we are proposing double yellow lines (in accordance with the Highway Code),

Residents have also requested a resident permit parking scheme to deter non-resident parking, and we are proposing the introduction of such a scheme. It should be noted that resident permit parking schemes incur

new costs on residents who wish to park on the road. Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-17&18 Snodland - Charles Close.

#### **May Street & East Street**

Concerns have been raised about parking around the junction.

We are making proposals for double yellow lines around the junction (in accordance with the Highway Code). Accordingly we are asking those in the local area for their views.

Details of the proposals are shown on the enclosed plan reference DD607-15 Snodland - May Street.

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 - Snodland - Charles Close

Consultation response - Phase 15 Online-289

I support the proposed changes for Snodland - Charles Close

#### Comments

We have lived in Charles Close since 1974 and over the years parking for residents has been getting progressively worse. The amount of non residents using the close for parking is out of control. Often people use the close as a long stay carpet while away on holiday or leave un taxed vehicles in the close as it is not on the main road, I have lost count of the number of un taxed vehicles I have reported to the DVLA over the years. Also the number of non residents parking their work vans is increasing. The parking by non residents is not the best, either parking halfway on the path and therefore blocking path for pedestrians, parking right up to residents driveways or sometimes blocking driveways, or filling the turnaround at the bottom of the close in so doing reducing the ability to turn. Parking both sides of the road therefore blocking access for delivery vehicles or emergency vehicles. If yellow lines are put down one side of the close there would be no need to park on the path.

Location - Snodland - Charles Close

Consultation response - Phase 15 Online-360

I object to the proposed changes for Snodland - Charles Close

#### Comments

Most people park allowing ease access to driveways...restrictions will make parking space so much less for vistors and workmen and residents...the extra cost is something i do not want tp have to pay to park outside my own home..and i cannot see how it will be enforced ..it will cause more problems than its worth ..Thankyou

From:
To:
Subject:
Parking Office
DD607-17&18

**Date:** 21 February 2025 13:49:48

Hi I live at number Charles close and am Not in favour of parking permits.

However I am in favour of parking bays that are sensibly marked out that do not obstruct access to driveways

Drivers carelessly Park with the front or rear of the vehicle hanging over the drive as there are no road assisted instruction like a white lined parking bay

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From:
To: Parking Office

Subject: DD607-17&18 SNODLAND- CHARLES CLOSE

**Date:** 09 March 2025 10:14:13

### Morning

We live at Charles close and we are not in favour of yellow lines or parking permits.

The yellow lines will not make any change for those surrounding residents using the road as the times would not make any difference.

I don't feel us as residents should need to pay for permits. The only way we would agree with this, is if no fee would apply to having a space for people with 3 vehicles over our crossovers with a list of vehicles per household that can you it.

I believe the resident that has put in for these restrictions do ,not work and is only looking out for himself and not what the wider residents want.

No change would be the best way forward.

Regards

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From:
To:
Parking Office

 Subject:
 Phase 15-inf-DD607-17&18

 Date:
 06 March 2025 15:47:00

#### Good Afternoon,

I am in favour of the proposals for changes to on street parking arrangements on Charles Close Snodland. I live at Notice of the corner. At this very moment there is a car parked half on the kerb half off, been there for 3 weeks now, owners lives on Birling Road, he also has another car parked down the road in Charles close. The dust cart sometimes can't get down the road, also an ambulance had a struggle a few weeks ago. I'm honestly not a curtain twitcher, but I do get fed up with people knocking on my door, or putting a note through my door, to say the cannot pass or can I move my car!!.

Your proposed "permit Holders only, would be a good idea. We do have No 2 & No 10 who PERMANENTLY have one of their 3 vehicles parked out side their house.

Thank you

Sent from my iPad

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Address	CHARLES CLOSE SNODLAND KENT ME6 5EB	
Telephone		
Email		

I am (in favour / net in favour)\* of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements for Charles Close, Snodland shown on plan DD607-17&18 Snodland - Charles Close

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Comments
The principle of the proposals we strongly agree with However the time of the restriction needs to extend to either ban-midnight or even
124 hours, 7 days a week as the key concern is non residents painting
in the evenings and at weekends. The very southern-most area of the proposed new double yellow lines should be removed as this is a
access and the loss of this would compound the parking issue.
Signed Day's could be marked out.
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Comments
How will this be enforced? There are cars parked on the existing double yellow lines at the flore of the close ouready. How will visiter permit passes be issued?
Signed Date 20.02.25

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From: <u>Customer Services</u>
To: <u>Parking Office</u>

Subject: FOR THE PARKING TEAM - REFERENCE DD607-17&18 SNODLAND, CHARLES CLOSE

**Date:** 23 February 2025 11:02:42

Dear team

Please see the below and respond accordingly

Many thanks

Regards
Stephen
Customer Service Advisor
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

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From:

**Sent:** 23 February 2025 08:18

**To:** Customer Services <customer.services@tmbc.gov.uk>

Subject: FOR THE PARKING TEAM - REFERENCE DD607-17&18 SNODLAND, CHARLES CLOSE

Please pass this on to the Parking Team

Name:

Address: Charles Close, Snodland, ME6 5EB

Telephone:

Email:

We are in favour of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements as shown on plan DD607-17&18 Snodland.

#### Our comments are:

We would like a Yellow line to be put across the road opposite where we live at No. It is constantly being used for abandoned vehicles and by people who do not live in Charles Close. It is difficult for friends and families of the residents to find parking spaces when they visit us. Also there has been a white van parked for over a year by

someone who does not live in Charles Close. It has been moved once by the mother who turned the van around when the matter was looked into some time ago.

Also the walkway between Charles Close and Portland road is often blocked by a vehicle who lives in Portland Road. This makes it difficult for mobility scooters and wheelchairs to get through.

People are often parking on the double yellow lines on the corner of number 30 Charles Close. Again, this makes it difficult for us to get to our drives when there are other vehicles parked on the opposite side. People seem to be parking on the double yellow lines opposite number 30.

Ambulances have had problems in the past when they have been called to attend some of our elderly residents.

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PROPRIE FROM BERMLEY RD USING CLOSE
Signed Date 21 - 2 - 25

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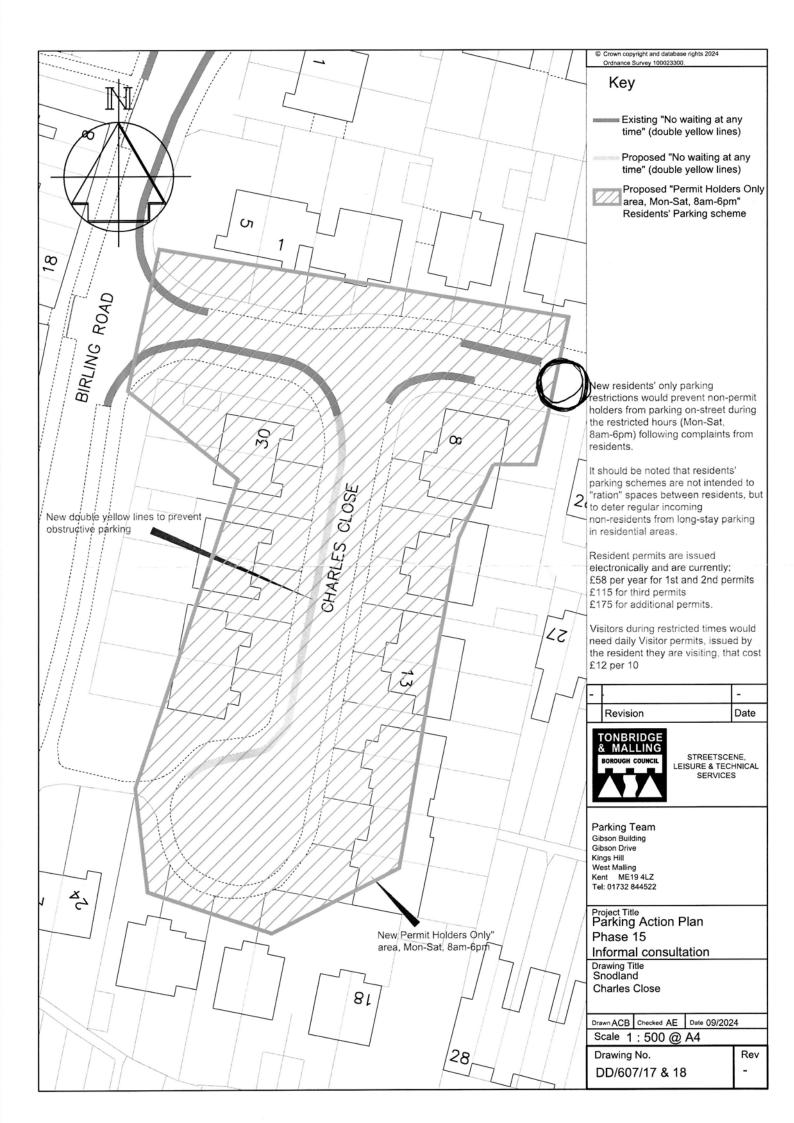
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Comments	
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resident permit holders parking free of ch that the Charles Close in for Residents or	nt live in Charles Close (1 to 30 houses) are given the narge, as we all live in the close and pay council taxes and nly and non-Residents won't be allowed to park there and display a residents permit holders free of charge.
Signed	Date 20 Feb 2025.







From:
To:
Parking Office
Cc:
George

Subject: DD607-17&18 Snodland - Charles Close

**Date:** 26 February 2025 08:45:05

### To whom it may concern

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing in response to the letter we received about the proposed double yellow lines and permit holder-only zones on Charles Close in Snodland. Before I can provide our formal feedback, I would like to address a few concerns and seek clarification on certain aspects.

We are residents of Charles Close, and as illustrated in the attached image (Scan\_1.jpeg), there is an area of land in front of our house and driveway that is not a traditional road or footpath. This area does not appear to be included in the proposed permit holder-only zone. Given that it is technically not part of the "road" but rather a public footpath, we are concerned that this could present a potential loophole in the new enforcement measures.

We have encountered an ongoing issue with a non-resident, specifically from Portland Place, who is using this space to park a car and a van. The car is regularly parked in this area, only being moved once or twice a week for short intervals, while the van is left permanently parked with a dead battery. I have attached two photos that show where these vehicles are typically parked, including one where the van was briefly moved next to the fence line.

This parking situation causes several significant problems:

- 1. It obstructs access to the alleyway leading to Portland Place, making it difficult for prams, mobility scooters, and wheelchair users to pass.
- 2. We frequently receive complaints from the public, who ask if the cars belong to us and request that we move them.
- 3. It severely hampers our ability to park and maneuver our own vehicle, often requiring a complicated 5+ point turn to exit our driveway.

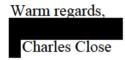
Despite attempts to engage with the vehicle owner, we have not been able to resolve the issue. Furthermore, when we sought assistance from the council, we were informed that it was not a council matter, but one for the police. We are hesitant to escalate this issue unnecessarily and wish to avoid wasting police resources.

Given these ongoing challenges, we would appreciate clarification on the following:

- 1. Who will be eligible to purchase a permit under the new regulations? Will it be limited to Charles Close residents, or will residents from nearby roads such as Portland Place be able to apply?
- 2. If the permits are exclusive to Charles Close, will this prevent non-residents from parking on the footpath area in front of our property?
- 3. Would it be possible to extend the double yellow lines to cover this particular area to prevent further parking issues?
- 4. Could a sign be placed on the footpath to clearly designate the space as permitholder only, thereby preventing unauthorized parking?
- 5. Will the permit-holder spaces be clearly marked with bays to ensure that parking outside these designated areas is not permitted?

We are reaching out in the hope that you may be able to assist us in finding a solution to this persistent problem. Any additional measures you could consider, stopping this area being used for parking, would be greatly appreciated. We see this as a crucial opportunity to address the issue once and for all.

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns. We look forward to your response and hope to work together to find a resolution.



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From:
To: Parking Office
Subject: Parking Charles close
Date: 25 February 2025 13:31:39

## Dear |Sirs

Thankyou for the recent correspondence reference Parking restrictions to Charles Close. your reference 15-inf-DD607-17&18.below are listed my comments which I hope you will take into consideration when reaching the final out / decision.

Any increase in yellow lines is, and has proved to be a negative approach as tends o drive people / drivers elsewhere to park. Which i suspect is the major cause for over flowing parking in Charles close.

Yellow lines are only of use if they are monitored regularly by a traffic warden, and tickets issued all of the yellow lines in Charles close are regularly parked on.with no penalties notices issued

Parking permits will only be of any use if they are at least 9 AM to 9 PM which will deter people parking.

It would also be useful if someone who lived in the close was trained and able to issued tickets.

Yours sincerely



From:
To:
Parking Office

Subject: DD607 17 &18 Snodland Charles Close

**Date:** 26 February 2025 08:36:53

#### Hi to all

After looking at the revised map that was re-sent to 12 Charles close my opinion has slightly changed.

I do agree to adding yellow lines and permit holders only BUT each household should get 1 FREE permit for visitors or a first car.

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From:

Parking Office

To: Subject:

DD607 - 17&18 Snodland - Charles Close

Date:

02 March 2025 12:54:03

Importance:

High

### Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving my wife and I an opportunity to respond to your parking/permit proposal for Charles Close, Snodland, ME6 5EB.

Firstly, thank you for sending a second letter with the correct map enclosed, this did make us laugh as the map is exactly the same version as the original map received, however the template of your accompanying original letter is incorrectly dated with every reference to the date being 2024 not 2025, so can I assume that this application is now out of date?

We have lived in the close for 25 years and during that time parking issues have obviously increased, however we would like to add that we have not to our knowledge had a problem where traffic has been obstructive to emergency vehicles, bin collection vehicles etc.

Having said that, parking in and around the mouth of the junction of Charles Close and Birling Road can be more of an issue as the sight lines can be totally obscured by parked vehicles (usually out of hours/overnight), some of which park across the tactile paving provided for VIP's which make exiting the Close a frightening and somewhat dangerous experience on occasions.

Regarding the extension of the double yellow lines, whilst we are not completely against them in principle, we are well aware of the lack of punishment/issue of PCN's especially as the majority of cars parked are once residents return home from work, when sadly no enforcement officers are on duty it would appear.

The other issues presented is that so many people have more than one vehicle and parking is already a problem throughout the borough, look at Rocfort Road car park, it is constantly full, yet the private car park off Bingley Close is virtually an open space (could something be arranged with the owner, anything would be a help)

With regards to the residents permit idea, surely, we need to be understanding to the situation, we all have to park somewhere and by preventing our neighbours we are only going to push the problem further afield. Also, what would be the point of enforcing the times suggested as Monday to Saturday 08:00 to 18:00 as during these times (with the exception of Saturday and Sunday parking is not an issue, it can become busy after the local residents come home from work etc as previously

mentioned.

Saturdays and Sundays can be difficult, but that is because most residents are not at work, to actually make the permit system work you would have to make the restricted hours 24/7 furthermore why does Charles Close deserve special treatment?

Finally and this is a massive issue for me is the lack of any enforcement to illegal parking, it is not worth spending the money on the application of thermoplastic paint if the enforcement officers are not patrolling the Close frequently or at the right time of day/evening, I would hazard a guess that getting your enforcement officers to work unsocial hours necessitates an enhanced pay rate which in the current climate is clearly money that isn't readily available,

Parking generally is appalling with cars being parked on bends, (bottom of Birling Road) double parking (again on Birling Road) but the further provision of double yellow lines is not the answer unless it is effectively policed.

Perhaps as part of the JTB decision making your elected members would like to you visit us, we would be more than happy to show them the reality of the situation.

Ultimately you will do whatever you want to do, and we would have wasted our time trying to explain the pitfalls of living in a location where we have too many properties and too many cars, but I doubt that impacts on many of you (welcome to 2025).

Thank you for listening to our frustrations.

Yours Faithfully

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