Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 489

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Comments

Adding parking restrictions will just cause parking to be pushed out to roads without restrictions. I've not experienced issues with parking in the last few years I've lived here but with restrictions I can see myself having to constantly move my car around as I won't want to pay for a parking permit as they cost a lot of money. This will affect visitors to the area and local businesses in a negative way too. I don't see the benefit of this at all.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 401

Location

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Comments

All these yellow line restrictions will simply push cars into other adjacent roads causing more danger and obstructions to those residents, with more pavement parking during evenings and mornings. This is already a big issue and will only become worse. At least 12 cars from Church Road and Mount Pleasant needing to find somewhere else to park overnight.

It will cause friction between village residents and inconvenience to many who live in the heart of the village, including the elderly and families with children having to walk in the road and much further to their cars with shopping etc.

The roads in the village centre are narrow and small and not designed for this level of parking - our Close part of Knowsley Way is only wide enough for 1 vehicle and there is a passing area which will inevitably be used for parking. People already obstruct the whole pavement with their cars/vans and the corner is often blocked which is also contrary to the Highway Code and pushes pedestrians into the road.

I'm always seeing elderly residents in our street having to walk in the road because of this; there will be a serious accident one day.

Council lorry's have to mount pavements to get through.

We would welcome Resident Parking restrictions in our road to prevent this.

It is our view that the impact to adjacent roads has not been properly considered by this parking review.

The direction of traffic flow along Mount Pleasant is also a cause for pavement parking in Knowsley Way. Cars entering MP from Riding Lane end can park beside the hedgerow ok as the driver is on the right side. However cars coming from the opposite direction automatically turn down Knowsley Way at the corner bend as they know they'll be on the wrong side to park.

The best option for ALL residents in the village would be to cut diagonal bays into the edge of the village green as it would double parking in the congested area of Mount Pleasant, Half Moon Lane and Church Road. The pavement along the green is completely unusable as full of cars and very damaged. The green is hardly used as it's usually boggy and this idea would only take a couple of metres.

Another improvement would be to paint markings for designated bays along Mount Pleasant pavement as many people leave huge gaps between cars which prevents others parking.

We agree that yellow lines are needed at the top end of Riding Lane by the shops but they do already exist and are ignored by many.

This week alone I've seen 4 people parked on them blocking traffic and half up the pavement.

Other measures should enforce use of the 2 village car parks overnight as they are always 95% empty - I walk around the village every night with our dog and know the regular car parking situation very well.

I have met many villages over the past month from a variety of roads - from Riding Park, Knowsley Way, Mount Pleasant, Tonbridge Road - who are all very unhappy with the proposals as they stand. We all moved to live here because of the village spirit and feel and this is at serious threat from some many unnecessary restrictions rather than actual improvements.

I would be more than happy to meet in person to talk this through and show you.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 80

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Comments

Although I completely agree with the intentions behind these proposed changes, and agree with the dangers of parking near junctions - I think the existing highway code regulations on parking within x meters of a junction suffices and just needs enforcing.

We have a parking problem in Hildenborough and on Mount Pleasant - but the problem is because there are simply too many, and too large cars using a very limited amount of parking space inefficiently. Unless the council can change one of those factors it will continue to get worse, and unfortunately your well intentioned changes will reduce parking space and make the problem worse much quicker.

Since we moved in 3 years ago people have naturally upgraded their cars to larger sized SUVs, and people have naturally bought second cars. Which is normal, but with such limited spaces it means we can fit less cars on the street. Additionally people naturally park inefficiently and often accidently block each others gates.

It feels like a bit of a classic "tragedy of the commons" situation, and I suspect you are best placed to help us manage this overused shared resource. Is the council looking at any options to:

- Reduce or manage the number of cars parked on the street e.g. 1 car per household, additional cars in an expanded village car park.
- Mark individual normal car parking spaces as street parking thus improving efficient parking, reducing the risk of blocking gates as spaces wouldn't overlap front gates, and additionally mean that "super large" vehicles such as vans and pick up trucks no longer fit and are parked in the village free car park overnight.
- Do you have an estimated number of cars which can be parked on the street, and an understanding of how many cars each household on the street has.
- Or more radically to consider creating additional parking near to the houses without risking the village green. It really is an incredibly beautiful street and green that is frankly visually spoilt by the lack of decent parking.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 288

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane) I object to the proposed cha	nges
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Comments

As a resident of Church Rd a parking bay and permitholders only would be better

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 479

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By far too much restriction, don't need all that paint on the roads for people to use the area

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 85

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane) I object to the proposed changes

Comments

Double yellow lines are not needed along Mount Pleasant all the way from Church Road to Riding Lane with the break at Mount Pleasant Court as presently proposed for that side of Mount Pleasant because no-one parks there anyway.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 198

Location

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Comments

Double Yellow Lines aren't necessary in this location, it will impact on the School Run, deliveries and Local Businesses.

Have you considered issuing Parking Permits for long-term parking? Double Yellows will impact on families visiting their loved ones.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 61

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I am very concerned about this . This proposal will mean that those that currently park where you are putting the new lines will now park on Knowsley way . We already have a problem with this on Knowsley way at the end I live number Knowsley way - this proposal will just exacerbate the problem . Already we have cars parked so that driving in and out of our driveways is difficult. This is a particular issue this end . You need to encourage cars to park on the free parking at the rec - not encourage them to park up Knowsley way as this road is narrow and already a cut through between cold harbour lane and riding lane which takes vehicles off the mains road. I strenuously disagree with this proposal

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 334

Location

Comments

I am writing to formally object to the proposed yellow lines on Mount Pleasant, Church Road, entrance to Knowsley Way and Riding Lane. There are sides of the streets included in your proposal that are never used for parking due to narrowness or cars parking on the opposing side, therefore this is an incredible waste of tax payer money and waste of council resources. There have been no noticeable safety or traffic flow problems. The introduction of yellow lines in these area would unnecessarily restrict the use of space that is already clear and would likely displace parking to already congested nearby streets, creating more issues elsewhere.

Given the quiet residential nature of the street and the absence of regular parking violations, I believe the implementation of yellow lines are unnecessary. I would request the council really reconsider this decision as it does not have the support of the residents that reside here, and it is not something I support as a resident on Mount Pleasant.

Reducing the parking on Riding Lane will have a detrimental affect on local businesses, on the elderly/ those with limited mobility who will no longer be able to visit the cafe/ shops with ease. I volunteer at the local farmers market (held in Hildenborough Hall) every Tuesday and many of our visitors are elderly and/ or have mobility issues and benefit from parking on the street, opposite the hall.

I believe the yellow lines on Riding Lane will have a detrimental effect on the safety of the road, especially where the school is situated. The cars that park along Riding Lane act as a natural traffic calming measure.

I would like the council to remember that Hildenborough is not just a village but a community. By restricting parking and driving out custom to other areas, during an already difficult time for many, this can have a severe impact on local businesses, community groups and vulnerable people.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 338

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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 359

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Comments

I have a friend on Mount Pleasant - her family requires two cars for work commitments. It's not ideal now but adding yellow lines will make it a misery for all residents to park and will push more cars into inappropriate parking in Knowsley Way.

Putting in yellow lines would be a complete waste of money.

Perhaps instead the Rec car park could be enlarged to help?

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 10

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Comments

I have reviewed the proposed changes and i must say i am at a loss as to who this is aimed to benefit.

The idea of making the surrounding area a no parking zone appears short sighted, illadvised and to the benefit of nobody but the council seeking further revenue.

There are ten houses on church road and at least thirty on Mount Pleasant that do not have the luxury of affording a driveway and heavily rely on the use of parking in the surrounding area.

As a local resident that would be directly affected by these changes, i can assure you that the proposed changes would have a clear and obvious negative impact on my day-to-day life, as well as my neighbours.

It appears ill-informed to suggest the high traffic in the area lies at the feet of the residents; where else are we to park? There are a comibination of young couples, young families, elderly and disabled people that live in the area that seek to park as close to their property as possible. That is not unreasonable. More often than not, they are able to do so and get to their houses safely as the current parking situation ensures drivers drive slowly around the area.

What considerations are there in place for the elderly, disbaled and vulnerable? To assume they will always get a parking spot at a car park nearly a quarter of a mile away from their home is naive. Furthermore, it's a quarter of a mile away! That is unacceptable for the elderly and disabled.

The high traffic in the area is due to a number of factors that, from what i can see, have not been properly addressed:

- The school drop off/pick up. Not all parents utilise the available car parks and choose to park closer to the school on church road and riding lane. The onus should be on the school to ensure parent use the car parks, not the roads.
- The village hall. There are a number of classes and events that take place at the village hall every night that are fantastic for the community. The issue is that, again, some parents choose to park on church rd and riding lane (specifically on the NO PARKING white boxes) and wait for their children rather than use the car parks. The onus should be on the organisers of the events/classes to ensure parents use the car parks and not the roads. I can assure you that double yellows will not stop parents pulling up and waiting 5-10 minutes.
- Onestop, the pharmacy, ridings cafe all also contribute to the issues but these do not appear to be addressed or considered.

If the proposal is that everyone is to come off the roads to use the car parks as an alternative, then this is naive. There is no space for all the residents, village hall users, cafe, pharmacy, onestop customers and school parents to park there.

The proposed changes appear to do nothing but penalise the local residents and empty the residential roads, which will cause vehicles to speed up and down irrespective of what speed limits are in place.

Furthermore, the value of the houses will surely be negatively impacted if on street parking cannot remain available.

I desperately request that you reconsider these changes and consider the following:

- Church Road can be a one way system, at least by the terraced houses.
- Designate wall-side parking on Church Road for residents to help keep the road clear.
- Put pressure on schools and the village hall to utilise the car parks available. As a resident, i find these to be the main culprits of causing issues.

I find that all the local residents park considerately and appropriately in the surrounding area. To punish the residents seems short sighted and i urge you to reconsider this approach and seek to work empathetically, sensitively and logically with residents, not against them.

The residents you serve and the betterment of their lives in your community should be at the heart and focus of what you do. This plan does not appear to do so.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 143

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I object the proposal as it is not for for purpose, limitations on already limited amount of parking spaces is not helpful for anyone

Response reference - Hildenborough Formal - Online 431

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes

Comments

I strongly object to the proposed changes, not only for Mount Pleasant (Church Road to Riding Lane) DD588-21A, but also for the wider Hildenborough area. While there can be congestion for a short time at school pick up and drop off times, which the proposals may

help, the changes will cause wider issues which overall make living in the area more difficult and dangerous.

For DD588-21A, I do not see any analysis relating to where the current parked cars would be accommodated or any consideration given to the negative impacts of the proposal. Is this not a necessary part of any change being considered? I would make a similar observation for the wider proposals.

My main objections for this location and for other locations are for the reasons below:

- 1. Where does the council expect the cars currently parking in affected areas to relocate to? All this will do is move the problem to nearby residential areas
- 2. Cars being pushed to other nearby roads will block driveways and be a danger to cyclists on the roads and to children crossing between parked cars
- 3. Has the council considered current accident statistics in making these proposals? Has there been any sort of impact analysis undertaken to ensure the changes to not make things worse?
- 4. There will be a negative economic impact on small businesses in the area if parking is reduced
- 5. The council has not set out the cost/benefit of doing this work. Given the current budget constraints is this providing value for money, and who is benefitting? As a council tax payer I do not think this should go ahead
- 6. Elderly and vulnerable residents having to park further away from their houses
- 7. Anything which restricts parking near the station is a backwards step. All this will do is drive commuters to stations further away from where they live, or lead them to drive to work, at a time when more people are returning to the office. We need more free parking to encourage people to use the trains, not less.

In summary, the council has not provided any quantitative analysis evidencing that these changes will improve traffic, and has not considered whether this may increase the risk of accidents or the negative impact these changes will have on surrounding areas.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 416

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Comments

I strongly object to the proposed parking restrictions, main reasons listed below.

- They will significantly reduce the already limited available parking for residents and customers of local businesses. The lack of viable alternative parking options in the vicinity further exacerbates this issue and will disproportionately affect those with mobility needs. The vast majority of the circa 80 dwellings covered by this drawing part of the proposal have no off-road parking. Because many houses are also terrace/smaller, they are often occupied by older residents or those just starting with young families. A significant reduction such as this means they will be forced to try and find elsewhere to park, meaning longer walks to their houses, when they are often less physically able, or have push chairs and shopping etc to carry. The car park in the recreation ground is not an alternative. Not just the uneven surfaces but the crime recorded there has already meant the council having to install CCTV. The related proposal to limit time to park on Tonbridge Rd means that residents can't park there either. These are also often older houses requiring maintenance, by residents who are unable to do the work themselves, so the restrictions would also mean tradespeople cannot

access or park to bring tools and equipment. To go ahead with these proposed changes without a residents' parking permit scheme - which would add significant cost again to the many older and young family residents - is very ill conceived and shows a lack of understanding of the demographics of the local area. If the Council decides to go ahead, a residents' parking scheme is essential.

- The vehicles that are currently able to park in Mount Pleasant and Church Road reduce the speed of through traffic, speed is a much more concerning issue in our village than parking. Banning all parking will make these roads "rat runs" with I fear serious consequences, especially as there are very narrow or no pavements in certain sections.
- I would specifically like to raise objections to double-yellow lines on the west side of Mount Pleasant directly outside our house and all around to the junctions with Riding Lane and Tonbridge Road. I have lived here 10 years and the only time I have ever seen anyone in a vehicle on this side of the road is a removal van. Adding yellow lines (as made clear in the Parish Council's mutiple submissions to the Borough Council throughout this parking review) is unecessary and unsightly. Detracting from the character of the village, especially in what is a conservation area. Furthermore, it costs a lot of money to paint and then maintain them which especially in these times of huge financial constraints on council budgets would be much better spent on the many areas needing funding.

I'd be very surprised if those residents who do not have off-road parking support these proposals.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 316

Location

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Comments

Introducing single yellow lines will impact on residents who do not have drive ways to park their cars on. Some of the neighbouring roads are very busy and so residents have to park their cars on roads which are not outside their house. Many will be parents with young children and if they have to park further away from their homes this will cause a detrimental impact on their wellbeing, and safety.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 285

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes

Comments

Knowsley Way will become a car park for all sorts of reasons. People already drive way too fast using it as a cut through from the school to the main road. Instead of putting double yellow lines around the village I really think the speed restriction should be put in place first. SAFETY FIRST... it should be 20 by Hildenborough primary school and 20 on the main Tonbridge road especially at the junction with Tonbridge Road and Riding Lane to slow everybody down especially in rush hour and when traffic is trying to enter Sackville School and people are trying to cross the zebra crossing. It's a miracle something hasn't happened. I really don't think yellow lines are going to make a difference. It's just going to make life really difficult for everybody in the village generally for those who live here and for those who have businesses here and rely on free parking. But I would love to see everybody SLOW DOWN on all roads around the village and main road.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 493

Location

Comments

On the side of Mount Pleasant you are proposing, yellow lines are unnecessary because by custom and practice residents always park on the opposite side and this has worked for years. There is barely space for a car to drive past, let alone park as this would block the road. So we are saying there is currently no parking problem on theside of the road proposed. Secondly, extra yellow lines in other nearby streets will cause even more of a press of cars in Knowsley Way, where people from other roads already park all over the pavements preventing prams and mobility scooters etc to pass. Thirdly, the more yellow lines and signs that appear, make Hildenborough village look more urban and in time this tends to remove local community cohesion. The more restrictions that appear, the more stressed people parking are getting. Residents of Knowsley Way are already on the receiving end of foul language and aggressive behaviour from drivers who don't even live in this road. Finally, if you insist on going ahead with more yellow lines please paint narrow ones as should be in the Conservation Area part of the village. Thank you.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 207

Location

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Comments

Parking is already insufficient for residents. This will make it horrendous. It's a poorly thought through suggestion and I trust common sense will prevail, before the day to day lives of hundreds of residents is unnecessarily impacted. This will mean vulnerable people, young families, elderly and all others will no longer be able to park within a safe distance of their properties which were purchased with this amenity available to them. A clear impingement of peoples lives and existing amenities.

Response reference - Hildenborough Formal - Online 367

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Comments

Parking is so difficult in this area due to school nearby and a very busy village hall

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 192

Location

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Reducing parking spaces without giving residents permits will make it harder for residents to park.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 193

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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 194

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Reducing parking spaces without giving residents permits will make it harder for residents to park.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 289

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Comments

Regarding all the proposed road restrictions, they seem poorly conceived and detrimental to residents , visitor and business. Has anyone responsible viewed these areas over a 48 hour period? Alterations do need to be made to improve access for pedestrians in some of the roads, that could be achieved with one way systems in a couple of streets only . But by banning parking you will deprive the residents of a major quality of life. On occassion of the main road being closed in recent months Church Rd became a high speed diversion and was dangerous dangerous for householders and those on foot. There is insufficient parking to accommodate all the residents vehicles you are going to restrict from parking , so where do you think these vehicles are going to go?

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 310

Location

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Comments

Road restrictions in this area will force car owners to park in Knowsley Way which will simply move the problem on from one street to another.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 467

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Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Comments

Sadly all that will happen by implementing the proposals is that cars will be parked in Knowsley Way including on the corner of the cul de sac in which i live. Our section of road is too narrow for parking on or by the kerb and it is already dangerous trying to pull out of our cul de sac onto the main section of Knowsley Way. We have had at least 3 (that I am aware of) of near misses with cars entering Knowsley Way from Mount Pleasant and several near misses with pedestrians. There are elderly residents who cannot walk safely along the pavement already with cars blocking the pavement completely. This proposal will only magnify the problem.

The solution is straight forward and one I proposed several years ago when I sat on a planning committee as a parish councillor - namely a section of the village green on Mt Pleasant must be converted for parking , 1/3 of the green converted to parking would solve all the issues that this area of the village face, current legislation allows this to be undertaken and so funds from Section 106 contributions from recent developments could be put to beneficial use.

I am happy to meet with planning officers or highway officials to discuss and demonstrate the problem and solution in person

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 357

Location

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Comments

The double yellows, on the north side of Mount Pleasant at the top of plans (by Riding Lane and the corner with Knowsley), are too restrictive. It reduces the parking spaces. With only one car and two children under two, we often park on the corner of Mount Pleasant where it joins Knowsley.

Your plans would make it harder to park on our street. If you could persuade Clarion to allow us to put in a drive in front of our house that would be far more helpful (so far they have turned us down).

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 453

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Comments

The proposal to introduce more yellow lines in Hildenborough will make parking problems worse not better as it will reduce the availability of on-road parking spaces for residents who need them. The effect will be to encourage such drivers to park on adjacent roads which are so narrow that more pavement parking and more dangerous traffic flow issues become inevitable.

This is of particular concern to elderly residents and young families with prams. I suggest that we

don't need more yellow lines but (1) more parking spaces on underused areas in the village (eg part of 'The Green" and the strip of land behind the hedge on Mount Pleasant) and (2) more encouragement for residents to use our free car parking facilities off Riding lane.

Response reference - Hildenborough Formal - Online 88

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The proposed parking restrictions will push the traffic to other areas, including those parts of Knowsley Way where there are no traffic restrictions.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 4

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Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes

Comments

These changes appear to disregard the needs of residents, particularly those of us living in

the village's older Victorian terraced houses, where parking is already a significant challenge.

The assertion that commuter parking is a pervasive issue across the village does not align with reality. Noble Tree Road is the only location consistently affected by commuter parking. Other areas, such as Hilden Park, see no such activity—who would reasonably choose to walk up Stocks Green Road in the dark, without footpaths, to reach the station?

The consistent busyness of Riding Lane and the main road is not due to commuter parking but rather the village's vibrant local amenities. The shop, pharmacy, café, school, and village hall are all concentrated in a small area with very limited public parking. Moreover, the village hall's popularity for clubs and classes draws many visitors by car, exacerbating the congestion. The proposed changes do not address these issues but instead risk penalising residents who already struggle to find parking near their homes.

As a resident of Church Road, I can confirm that these changes would severely affect daily life for myself and my neighbours. The situation is already challenging, with residents making a concerted effort to park considerately. However, the current proposal, including the addition of double-yellow lines, would leave us with even fewer options.

One logical solution to alleviate these challenges would be to designate parking for residents on the wall side of Church Road, rather than implementing double-yellow lines. This would maximise the limited available space. Additionally, making Church Road one-way from Mount Pleasant towards Riding Lane (at least as far as the terraced houses) would improve traffic flow on this narrow road.

These changes would reflect an understanding of the challenges faced by residents of higher-density areas like Church Road and Mount Pleasant. The current proposal, however, seems ill-considered and dismissive of our needs. My neighbours and I are struggling to understand how these changes would benefit anyone in our immediate area. At best, the proposal seems poorly informed. At worst, it feels like a revenue-driven exercise that undermines the community it is supposed to serve.

Where, realistically, do you expect us to park?

I urge you to reconsider this plan with a genuine focus on the needs of residents. Logical, empathetic solutions are needed to ensure the vibrancy and functionality of our village without compromising our quality of life.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 95

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes

Comments

These changes are unnecessary.

I drive along Mount Pleasant on my way to Riding Lane, and because this is a narrow road, people naturally park on one side. Adding double yellow lines would not make any difference. If there is no problem to be solved, then why change things?

Adding double yellow lines would involve both upfront cost, and ongoing cost in maintenance and traffic wardens for enforcement. If there is no benefit, then this is just wasted expenditure at a time when the council can least afford it.

I think the council's default position should be *not* to spend money unless there is a clear benefit to be had.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 287

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This is likely to cause residents to park along Knowsley Way instead causing issues there.

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This proposal will push the problem further into Knowsley Way, which is also a narrow road. It will result in the misery of numerous cars parking up on the pavement, causing an obstructive and highly unsafe environment for pedestrians in Knowsley Way and will also create many difficulties for residents trying to enter and exit their driveways. There is a large square area of communal grassland in the Mount Pleasant/Half Moon Lane area and also a large area of communal grassland that runs parallel alongside Mount Pleasant Road - if parking facilities were created in these 2 areas, it would erase the parking issues in the Mount Pleasant area and there would be no need for these proposed restrictions. Please could this idea be taken into consideration.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 273

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Comments

While I appreciate the need for safe parking in the areas of concern, may I ask if any alternative parking arrangements have been made for those car owners affected?

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 428

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Comments

Whilst I agree something does need to be done re parking I do not agree we struggle to park by our properties now. There is NOT enough public parking. You looked at taking the green away outside our houses surely this would open up some kind of resident parking? Who is going to police this? I certainly dont see why we should pay resident parking times are hard enough now.

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 29

Location

Mount Pleasant (Church Rd to Riding Lane)	I object to the proposed changes
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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 108

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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 209

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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 216

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No comments supplied

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 232

Location

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No comments supplied

Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 347

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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 412

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Response reference – Hildenborough Formal - Online 462

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No comments supplied

From:
To: Parking Office

Subject: Hildenborough Parking Review **Date:** 27 January 2025 18:56:57

Name:

Address: Mount Pleasant, Hildenborough TN11 9JQ

I am NOT in favour of the Borough Council's proposals for changes to the on-street parking arrangements in the Hildenborough Parking Review (DD-588-21 Hildenborough - Mount Pleasant)

Thank you for your letter regarding the formal consultation. I am pleased to see that you have seen sense and many of the proposals have already been deemed unnecessary.

I notice that you are proposing to put yellow lines around the junction of Mount Pleasant and Knowsley Way. This is probably the widest and safest junction in the area. I have lived here for just over 32 years and I have not known any hold ups or obstructions.

My reasons for objecting to any yellow lines in the village particularly in Mount Pleasant are largely the same as they were in 2009 when I first objected to them. The only difference between then and now is that the cars have generally become a little wider and so residents are parking on the pavement rather than the road. If yellow lines were to be imposed this would of course create a concertina effect in Mount Pleasant and residents would either find themselves spilling over into adjoining roads, competing with those residents for spaces or blocking people in their properties by parking across gateways.

Mount Pleasant is residential so the only people parking here are generally the residents themselves. It is also a conservation area and I don't think they had yellow lines the the late 1800's.

I would also like to point out that Mount Pleasant is safe and the traffic is slow, just how we like it in residential areas!

Thank You

From:
To: Parking Office

Subject: Hildenborough Parking Review **Date:** 31 January 2025 12:35:43

To: The Parking Team, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Re: Hildenborough Parking Review

I strongly object to the Hildenborough Parking proposals to introduce double yellow line restrictions in Mount Pleasant and surrounding areas in the village which will certainly have a detrimental effect on myself and others living in the vicinity. Residents have already objected to similar proposals in the past for the following reasons.

It will place additional burden on local residents who do not have off street parking and it will not solve the shortage of parking places. Adding yellow lines will not help the situation but will exasperate the problems as there will be even less parking for local residents.

I am usually one of the last people to arrive home from work in the evenings and therefore quite often have to park on the corner. The corner is the widest part of the road and there is still plenty of room for cars, delivery vans etc to get through. I am at a loss to understand where else I am supposed to park and I am concerned at the safety aspect of arriving home late at night and not being able to park reasonably close to my home.

Furthermore it is a complete waste of tax payers' money to be putting yellow lines down Mount Pleasant. I have lived here for over 25 years and no one has ever parked on the left-hand side of the road in Mount Pleasant where the proposed yellow lines are shown.

The village school parents use Riding Lane for parking during the school run period. Whilst this can cause congestion during school drop off and pick up times, the cumulative pressure that these proposals will put on other roads, especially nearer the school will be a serious hazard. If the council is concerned about the parking at school times, then maybe they should consider introducing a shuttle bus service for the children who live outside of the village.

I request that this proposal is withdrawn immediately. It is ill thought through with no obvious benefit to the community.

I look forward to your early response.

Mount Pleasant Hildenborough Kent TN11 9JQ

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To: Parking Office

Subject: FW: Parking consultation for Hildenborough Village

Date: 06 February 2025 09:01:54

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Kind regards

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Customer Service Advisor

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

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From:

Sent: 05 February 2025 17:18

To: Customer Services <customer.services@tmbc.gov.uk> **Subject:** Parking consultation for Hildenborough Village

Hi,

We have looked at the consultation documents and would like to comment but we are a bit confused

Are you proposing a parking permit scheme and if so where?

What is posted is contradictory

ie in the statement of reasons

you sayand the resident parking permit parking areas (to deter commuters from the residential streets) are no longer needed

but later you say

The main parking issues that were raised Commuter parking and residents parking

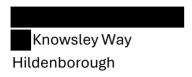
To address the station commuter parking issue we are proposing a two level approach:

1. low-level pay parking restrictions to manage the on-street commuters close to the station and in Noble Tree Road

2. a residents' daytime parking permit scheme in the residential areas to prevent commuter parking

Can you please clarify the situation with daytime parking permits

Regards



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