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To: Parking Office

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Subject: Hildenborough Parking Review - Formal Consultation

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Dear Parking Team,

Your Ref: Hildenborough-Form-7, 8 & 19

I refer to the Hildenborough Parking Review Formal Consultation paper recently received and as a local resident directly affected by the proposals I would like to make the following comments.

The review fails to address the underlying cause of the parking issues in Hildenborough which is the lack of available parking in the village and I believe the proposals outlined will only exacerbate obstructive and illegal parking. Furthermore the proposals have no regard for local residents who do not have driveways to park their vehicles and currently rely on parking on the roads.

I live at Tonbridge Road on the corner with Riding Lane where, despite there being double yellow line restrictions outside my garage and crossover (adjacent to 1 Riding Lane and the parking bays) including up to the junction with Tonbridge Road my access and egress is obstructed by parked vehicles on a daily basis. Not only do owners of vehicles using the local facilities and delivery vehicles for One Stop and Thompsons Pharmacy park across my driveway but also on the double yellow lines up to the junction - often with up to two vehicles parked here at any one time and often on the pavement. The situation is intolerable and dangerous.

In the 20 years that I have lived at my property I have never seen a parking enforcement officer in the vicinity. Therefore the proposal to introduce additional yellow line restrictions 'to prevent parking that contravenes the Highway Code' will be pointless unless there is regular visible enforcement officer presence and the parking contraventions enforced.

I feel this consultation is a tick box exercise rather than a comprehensive review of the actual problem which is the lack of available parking for users of the local facilities and would suggest that consideration is given to extending the car park in the recreation ground in Riding Lane and the introduction of a Residents Parking Permit scheme for local residents and their visitors.

To conclude I am not in favour of the Council's proposals.

Yours faithfully

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