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Ref;DD588-19A

Dear Sir.

In response to the proposed parking restrictions in Hildenborough.

In your letter you state that since the initial reports of problems that traffic patterns have changed.

1; That there are fewer commuters, resulting in less parking in the vicinity of the station. Which you have decided means there is no need for commuter deterrent parking restrictions.

2; That more people are able to work from home. Which has brought you to the conclusion that:

There is also no need for Resident parking permits.

If there are less commuters, because more people are able to work from home, surely that means that there are more cars parked at their homes?

If there are more cars parked at these residences then there must be more cars parked in the village on a daily basis?

Surely this only increases the need for Residents parking and parking permits.

Are these restrictions necessary on Saturday's when the majority of commuters are not at work?

Riding Lane;

The junction of this with the B245 is a very busy and dangerous junction. This is in part to the fact that the existing double yellow lines are constantly ignored and frequently the footpath is also obstructed due to vehicles parking on the pavement as well. Making it extremely hazardous for both traffic and pedestrians alike.

Extending the yellow lines further down Riding Lane would clear the lane of traffic obstructions, but potentially increase the speed of traffic due to there being a clear road. Could additional traffic calming measures be considered e.g. Speed bumps?

The current time restriction in the parking bays outside of Thompson's Pharmacy and opposite at the Ridings Café are 30 minutes. If the bay outside of the village hall and the potential bays outside of Onestop on the B245 and also on the opposite side of the Riding Lane junction, towards Snippets Hair salon and Dexters dog groomers, there would be potentially 10+ short term parking bays close to all the most used facilities and businesses.

In addition, these bays would benefit from adding designated disabled spaces.

B245 London Road (east of Foxbush)

At this time the area in front of 186 – 192 remains un marked. This is causing considerable difficulties due to inconsiderate parking and drivers ignorant of the highway code. We are often unable to access or leave our drive and have to visit various businesses and venues to find the offending driver. The problem was made worse with the removal of the parking space between the drive of 192 and the bus stop (this was incorporated into the bus stop when it was marked after resurfacing.)

Previously there were a potential 4 parking spaces here and 3 residential drives (although your plan only shows 2.)

You propose to put double yellow line along this stretch which will prevent deliveries to the very well-used and only shop in the village. The forecourt is not large enough for lorries to use and to dangerous

for customer parking as this is a very busy pedestrian route at the end of the school day. From between 3 and 5 due to the proximity of the 2 local schools and the bus stops bringing secondary pupils back to the village.

If these 4 spaces were given limited stopping times it would greatly improve the congestion caused at busy times.

If the proposed restrictions are to be implemented 6 days a week, where are the residents and staff that work in our local businesses and facilities going to park?

The village only has 2 small public car parks in Riding Lane if these are going to be used by all the displaced residents where are the users of our local facilities going to park?

The village hall alone includes a Dojo, a dance studio and many different function rooms. These are used regularly by many different groups and associations, even our weekly Farmers market. Birthday parties will be affected as the restrictions are proposed to be enforced for 6 days a week. These events won't continue if there is no parking available. The considerable hardship this will cause to the village and it's businesses, Snippets hairdressers, Dexters dog grooming, the Library, Ridings café and many more will be lasting and irreparable.

PLEASE, PLEASE reconsider the severity of the proposed restrictions.

This objection was written due to the fact that the online form gave no option to object!

The 2 tick boxes both said: I support the proposed changes. (Which we most definitely don't.)

Was this intentional to ensure that the proposals were given the go ahead?

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the person who wrote the letter.