

Details of Each Individual Location for Proposals

1. Arthur Kennedy Close/The Street, Boughton-under-Blean

A request was received from a resident of Arthur Kennedy Close in Boughton-under-Blean for double yellow lines to be installed on the junction with The Street to prevent vehicles parking on the junction, obstructing the sightline for vehicles exiting this junction.

The resident had previously written to the Police on more than one occasion to report sightline obstruction problems at this junction, but there had been little improvement in the situation. It was therefore discussed at the local PACT meeting in June of this year, and the local Councillor for the area suggested that a request be submitted to the Joint Transportation Board for double yellow lines to be installed at the junction.

A consultation took place proposing corner protection in the form of double yellow lines. Of the 17 residents consulted, 12 responses were received, 11 supporting the proposals and 1 objecting. From the comments received, it is unclear as to why the objector has not supported these proposals, and in view of the need to improve the sightline at this junction by removing parked vehicles it is recommended to progress these proposals.

2. Key Street Layby, Sittingbourne

A request was received from one of the Borough Council's Street Wardens for a single yellow line to be installed in the layby to the east of the Key Street roundabout. For some time problems have been experienced with vehicles being parked in this layby for long periods of time, advertised for sale. It was therefore requested that some form of waiting restriction be introduced to enable greater enforcement of these vehicles.

It is proposed to introduce a single yellow line in the layby, with a one hour parking restriction between 10am and 11am Monday to Friday. By installing a restriction such as this, vehicles will be prohibited from parking all day long, whilst minimising inconvenience to residents and other road users who may wish to use the layby.

A consultation took place based on these proposals. Of the 11 residents consulted, 5 responses were received all supporting the proposals. However, an objection was raised by Councillor Randall, with the following comments:

"My reasons are that I am against substantial changes in road use simply to prevent one individual from performing a temporary activity (i.e selling cars).

The fact that one person occasionally offers cars for sale in this layby does not mean that no other road users have a genuine need to park during those

hours (10-11 Monday-Friday), and I am concerned that innocent users would be unintentionally criminalised.

While I appreciate that a change might make enforcement easier, the individual concerned would simply move somewhere else to sell cars, leaving a layby that is unusable by people who have a genuine need to park across these hours”

In view of the support from residents and the minimal time of parking restrictions, it is recommended to proceed with the proposals, but welcome the views of the Joint Transportation Board.

3. Stanhope Avenue, Sittingbourne

A request for parking restrictions was received earlier this year. A consultation progressed in April 2009 proposing restrictions on the north side of Stanhope Avenue. Objections were received and it was recommended that the restrictions not be installed and a further consultation to progress.

A second consultation was undertaken in November 2009 with an amended plan, this included the original proposal of double yellow lines on the north side, with additional restrictions in the form of single yellow lines on the south side. The single yellow lines are proposed to eliminate all day parking by commuters and town centre workers. Concerns were raised from residents on the outskirts of the proposed restrictions in regards to the parked vehicles being displaced into their area. These properties look to have garage parking at the rear of their properties which may be an option if parking does increase in the lay-by. The effect of the restrictions will be monitored and amendments may be made in the future if problems are created by the proposed restrictions.

The consultation took place proposing double yellow lines on the north side and single yellow lines on the south side with a restriction of parking between 10.00am – 11.00am Monday – Friday.

Of the consultation letters sent out, 26 supported the proposals, 11 objected and 4 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed, as they will improve vehicle movements in Stanhope Road. Comments from the consultation are included in Annex B(2).

4. Chalkwell Road, Sittingbourne

A request for parking restriction was received from a resident in Chalkwell Road. The resident informed us that vehicles parked near the roundabout at the north eastern end blocking the pedestrian crossing point, therefore, making pedestrians cross the road in-between parked vehicles further away where visibility of the on coming traffic was reduced.

A consultation has been carried out in regards to the proposed installation of double yellow lines on both sides of the carriageway at the exit point of the

roundabout into Chalkwell Road in line with the pedestrian crossing point. Of the consultation letters sent out 4 supported the proposals, 6 objected and 1 were undecided. The 4 supporting the restrictions were from the Emergency Services and transportation companies, all objections were from the residents. Although residents state that current parking is restricted and restrictions would make it harder to park, it has been pointed out that vehicles park close, if not, over the pedestrian drop crossing making it dangerous for pedestrians to use. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed, as they will improve visibility for pedestrians and remove vehicles that park close to the roundabout. Comments from the consultation are included in Annex B(2).

5. Chalkwell Road Junction Springfield Road, Sittingbourne

A request was received by a resident to introduce parking restrictions at the junction of Chalkwell Road and Springfield Road due to vehicles parking close to the junction. The parked vehicles reduce visibility turning out in to Chalkwell Road and the angle of the junction reduces it further. Double yellow lines were proposed during the consultation to stop parking close to the junction.

Following an on site meeting during the consultation stage with a resident, it was agreed that the restrictions may benefit from be longer on the south side of the junction than what were proposed. Of the consultation letters sent out 10 supported the proposals, 3 objected and 0 were undecided. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions be installed as per the proposed drawing, the site be monitored after installation and length of restrictions be amended if needed. Comments from the consultation are included in Annex B(2).

6. Victoria Place, Faversham

We received a request from a resident in Union Street to install parking restrictions opposite their garage as they were having problems with access/egress. The road is reasonably narrow and parking bays are sited opposite the garage entrance in Victoria Place, including a disabled persons' parking bay.

A consultation progressed with a proposal to extend the double yellow lines at the western end of Victoria Place by approximately 5 metres. This would reduce parking in an already overcrowded area for residents of Victoria Place. Of the consultation letters sent out 5 supported the proposal, 5 objected and 1 was undecided. Of the 5 that supported the proposals 4 were submissions from Emergency Services and travel companies, only 1 resident supported the proposals. All 5 of the objectors were residents. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions not be installed as the loss of an extra parking space will have a significant effect in an already over crowded area. Comments from the objectors are included in Annex B(2).