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Cllr John Wright
Chairman, Swale Joint Transport Board
Swale house
Sittingbourne
Kent

Dear Chairman,

We write to ask that the matter of parking outside Milton Court Primary School, Brewery Road, Milton Regis, be considered by the relevant officers and a report be prepared and presented for consideration by a future meeting of the Swale Joint Transport Board.

We are concerned by the number of parked cars and traffic congestion during the morning and afternoon "school rush hours" and propose the following solutions:

- Extending the zigzag lines in Brewery Road toward the High Street, to a point opposite Cooks Lane.
- Free parking for up to 30 minutes on school days at the nearby Milton Regis High Street car park.
- Double yellow lines in Cooks Lane, at its junction with Brewery Road.
- Conversion of part of the pavement between Cooks Lane and Cross Lane, on the southern side of Brewery Road, to "chevron" parking spaces.

We believe that these proposals would create clearer sightlines outside the school for pedestrians and drivers during the school rush hours, yet minimise the impact on local residents and their visitors at other times.

Parking outside schools is an issue all over the borough, but here we have particular problems with so many children crossing narrow roads, further congested by cars parked on both sides of the street, double parking and parking on the pavements.

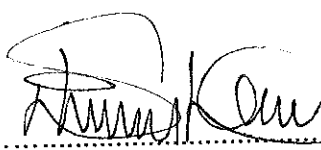
Brewery Road, at its junction with Cooks Lane, is very narrow. Extending the zigzags, and the time restrictions already in place, will help keep this area free during the busy periods at the start and finish of the school day, making it safer for the children. By widening the road on the northern side, we believe there is space for additional (chevron) parking, which would benefit residents and visitors at all times.

Having an empty car park nearby, while the roads are congested with parked cars seems a waste of a resource. We believe that 30 minutes' free parking on weekdays would encourage people to park away from the school entrance. Currently, people have to pay 30p for half an hour at all times from 8am to 6pm.

We look forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,


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