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Dear Councillors Whiting & Lowe

Parking - Outside Milton Court Primary School, Brewery Road, Milton Regis

Thank you for your recent letter, forwarded to me by Councillor John Wright as Chairman of the Swale Joint Transportation Board.

I can advise you that I have now investigated the existing parking restrictions at this location, and following your proposals would suggest extending the existing school keep clear markings to a point opposite the junction of Cooks Lane, and installing double yellow lines on the junction of Cooks Lane and Brewery Road, all as shown on the enclosed plan.

I have discussed your suggestion of free parking for up to 30 minutes at the nearby Milton High Street car park with Brian Planner, but regrettably it is felt that this would not be a viable option due to the high frequency of inspections required to enforce such a restriction.

Finally, with regard to your suggestion to convert part of the pavement between Cooks Lane and Cross Lane to provide additional parking spaces, as this forms part of the Public Highway we would need to obtain the consent of Kent Highway Services to carry out any amendments to the existing footway. However, prior to contacting Kent Highways for the relevant consent, we would first need to secure funding for such a scheme as the Borough Council does not have a budget to carry out works of this kind.

Kent Highways may have some concerns over the suitability of such a scheme in close proximity to junctions, as this could affect the required sightlines, but should you feel that funding may be a possibility I would be happy to approach Kent Highways for their initial views and guidance.

Should you feel that the proposed restrictions shown on the enclosed plan would assist with the parking situation in the vicinity of the school, I would be happy to include the proposals in the next round of consultations to be carried out next spring.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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