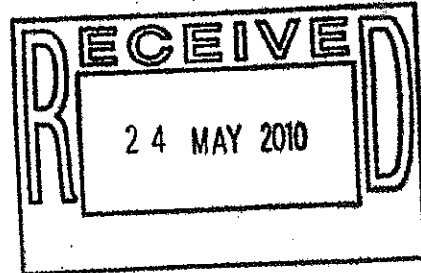


Key Street
Sittingbourne
Kent

20th May, 2010

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Dear Mr Knowles,

Re: Proposed single yellow line in lay-by at Key St, Sittingbourne

Further to our recent conversation and on behalf of some of the residents at Key Street, i.e. numbers 12, 14, 16 and 13, I would hereby like to object to the above, not that we don't want a yellow line there because we certainly do but because the restrictions are not enough to eliminate or even curtail the problem that we have with people selling vehicles from the lay-by.

You may need to look at the notices posted at Key Street as per the original intention letter you sent to us some months ago; the notices only say the restriction is for an hour a day!

On behalf of the residents of Key Street that are affected, we would like you to consider putting a single line there but with the parking restriction between 7am and 11pm, 7 days a week with a 2 hour waiting restriction.

The people that sell cars from this lay-by have been doing so over the last 2-3 years and they are now aware of the 'prohibitions' that might stop them being able to do so, i.e. having the same mobile number on different cars, selling them as a business. They have become wise to what they can and can't do as we see the same people over and over again leaving the cars there.

Not only is there a danger to the traffic exiting the roundabout (as evidenced on the DVD recently supplied to the Street Warden and the Police) with cars cutting across the flow of traffic but we as residents have to put up with people parking on our drives whilst looking at the cars for sale, parking on the paths outside of our houses and just causing a nuisance.

The lay-by should be free for all to use and that's the reason we keep onto the Street Warden to keep it clear. Last year there was a serious accident on the A249 when a policeman was unfortunately killed carrying out his duties. I'm sure that due in some small part to us alerting the Street Warden of the

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cars in the lay-by and the fact they had managed to clear the cars, there was room in the lay-by which allowed the rescue services to park there whilst dealing with the incident.

I'm sure if you speak with Geraldine she will say 'Agree to anything that damned woman wants and get her out of my hair!!!' I fear I am her nemesis! ☺

She and her department (Daniel) have been extremely helpful over the last year or so and we understand that there is only so much they can do but at least now we can see a light at the end of the tunnel, albeit only a glimmer at the moment.

On behalf of myself and my neighbours, we would like you to give serious consideration to our request please. Should we be successful, then hopefully I will never have to darken Geraldine's or your doorstep with my moaning again!

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely