

ANNEX B.

3 November, 2010

Swale Borough Council  
Swale House,  
East Street,  
Sittingbourne,  
Kent ME10 3BR

Keycol Hill,  
Bobbing,  
Kent

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed double yellow lines on Keycol Hill. As far as I am aware the parking problems involve the 6 terraces towards the bottom of Keycol Hill. I am one of the residence of this small group of terraces. The first point I would like to make is that the residence park here not out of choice but out of necessity. We do not have the pleasure of driveways or residential parking.

The roads adjacent to Keycol Hill are either private and do not allow us to park, or we have been met by such hostility by the residence, some of which has been very abusive we feel unable to park for the safety of our vehicles and our selves. So we have been parking on Keycol Hill. I, as many of the residents of these terraces have small children and often walk with buggies up and down the hill. We have never, *not* been able to walk on the path way due to parking. Over the last 18 months we have been in close contact with the local police regarding the problems with parking. I did first approach the council department which deals with residential parking and was told there was nothing they could do. The police have visited myself and the other residences on a number of occasions and have said they are more than happy with how we are parking. They have said that as long as we leave enough room for pedestrian, pram and wheel chair access they are happy for us to park. (We are very respectful of this and on every occasion they have visited, they have not had any worries or concerns about access).

I should also like the council to be aware that the properties 32 & 34 Keycol Hill are currently empty and the home owner doesn't live on Keycol Hill. Therefore it seems unfair for his vote to count.

We are more than aware of the problems regarding our parking and would urge the parish council and Swale Borough Council to arrange a meeting with the residences of these terraces to see what other arrangements can be made.

I was shocked and saddened that we had not been contacted by either council to see if we could not find an alternative arrangement for our parking. I was on the understanding, after a passing visit from a councilor that the farmer who owns the land behind the terraces was going to be contacted to see if he would consider allowing us access to park on the farm land at the end of our gardens. Once again we have heard nothing!

I should also like to raise another point, if the proposed lines go ahead the effect this will have on us will be catastrophic. Our property will be come un-sellable and their value would decrease, costing us hundreds if not thousand of pounds. The impact this will have on us as home owners will be devastating.

Finally, we are more than sympathetic to the other residences frustrations regarding our parking, but what choice do we have. Perhaps they would be able to offer a compromise of some sort?

I look forward to hearing from you, in the very near future.

Sincerely,



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Swale borough council  
swale house  
east st ME10 3BR  
re; proposed double yellow lines  
keycol hill newington/bobbing

[REDACTED]  
keycol hill  
bobbing  
sittingbourne  
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern

I am writing regarding the proposed double yellow lines on keycol hill.

I understand the main problem is the 6 terrace houses. I am one of the residents from these houses. I understand that parking is a problem here and would like to resolve this. The residents of these house have had meetings with the local police and a local mp who agreed that the residents of these houses park allowing enough space for pushchairs and wheelchair users to get passed. We do park here out of necessity as we have no other parking available, We have tried to use is a small layby on keycol hill which the residents made it very hard for us to do so and the residents where quite intimidating, I have a small child and find it difficult to cross the road and would rather off road parking but unfortunately this is not available. I would say all residents feel the same as we have no pathway to walk or park outside our own homes.

I have thought of some solutions that would hopefully help everybody.

1: If double yellow lines are put on keycol hill to have allocated parking spaces on the road

2: The local councillor did suggest that the council and residents try to buy some of the farmers land behind our houses and have parking at the rear of our houses

3: The police suggested that for a small fee we could park on the private road the police never followed this up

I would think that option 2 would be the most appropriate for the residents the surrounding residents and road users.

I hope we can solve this matter in everybodys favour

Hope to hear from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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Keycol Hill  
Sittingbourne  
Kent

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident on Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. It has recently been brought to my attention that the council has proposed the installation of double yellow lines along the length of the road between the Key Street Roundabout and Newington.

I am writing to you in order to convey my objection to this proposal. I live in a terraced house and like my neighbours, have no driveway or off street parking available, this leaves parking on the side of the road opposite the houses is our only option. In the past year I have had visits from police officers who explained that some people had raised the issue of access for buggies, wheelchairs and the like on the pavement and advised me that parking on the pavement was acceptable so long as enough spaces was left on the path for a double buggy to pass, I was more than happy to park in accordance with this as I have no desire to cause an obstruction to passers by.

I was also advised that parking on the road without having one side of the vehicle on the path would not be an option as it would cause extensive problems with congestion as this is a very busy road and doing this would restrict the flow of traffic.

For the residents in these houses we have no other option than to park this way as any close by side roads on Keycol Hill are privately owned and the residents of these roads have clearly expressed that they are not happy with people parking on their land. This means that the closest available place to park would be Bobbing Hill, which again is on road parking, this however is not a realistic option as it is a long way from the houses and with many residents having young children, access to cars is needed.

I trust that my reasoning for this objection will be taken into consideration and look forward to your reply

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Re. Proposed Double Yellow Lines,  
Keycol Hill Newington.

Dear sirs,

It is not a simply whether householders support or object to the above proposal, it is one of correct policing.

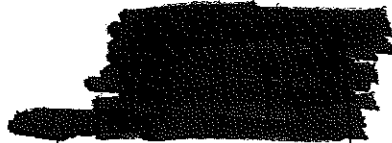
To reduce the costs involved from Swale D.C. funds I suggest double white lines are installed in the centre of the road on the carriageway at the distances on the second plan sent out, this will then be a policing matter for any drivers parking partially on the footway.

The police in turn will then be able to discriminate between those drivers who are simply delivering goods to householders and/or carrying out essential maintenance and repairs to dwellings, against those few pockets of householders who flout the rules.

Whether or not the double yellow lines or double white lines are implemented in either case, I fear that the drivers will increase their speeds considerably, endangering pedestrians some who are elderly and schoolchildren who have to cross the road to/from the bus stops (we have a 14 year old son).

To counter this it should be seriously considered during your consultations that the "double lines" in question should go hand in hand with a reduced speed limit of 30mph at the distances proposed.

Yours faithfully

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## PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

### KETROL HILL

I object to proposal because there will be no parking facilities for residents without their own driveway. Unfortunately not all of us can afford to live in a detached house with our own drive. I am a senior citizen living in an old house which I am trying to maintain. I often have to use tradesmen to carry out necessary repairs and improvements they need somewhere to park. If the proposed double yellow lines go ahead it will be impossible for me to get anyone to call or visit. It will also seriously devalue my house and will probably make it impossible to sell. I would suggest that if these parking restrictions go ahead there must be a parking area provided close by for several vehicles. Perhaps of piece of land at the top of Boyces Hill, in

front of Royal Farm House could be made available for residents and visitors. I would gladly pay for a residents parking permit. I would also like to suggest that if these proposed restrictions go ahead, we must have a 30 mph speed limit and a pedestrian crossing made available because the speed of traffic will definitely increase, making it even more difficult to cross the road. Many drivers do not comply with the present 40 mph limit.

I would also like to add that I often walk along the footpath down to Key Street and have never had any problems getting past vehicles that have used part of the footpath. It seems to me that there are a minority of residents making an unnecessary fuss.

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