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Dear Councillor Prescott

Commuter Parking – Brenley Lane, Boughton

Thank you for your letter dated 21st August 2012.

The modifications to the Waiting Restrictions are due to be made in the next month. The current double yellow line on the west (Faversham) side is to be extended southwards as far as the T junction, this change being made at the request of Kent Police who have observed problems of obstruction caused by cars parking on both sides of the road.

The result of this will be the displacement of the cars that currently park on the west side of the road, both to any spaces on the east side and also to new nearby locations. Brenley Lane will be made safer by removing the obstruction but the security issues will of course remain unchanged.

To prevent all parking in Brenley Lane will almost certainly have the same displacement effect, merely moving the cars into other nearby areas.

The advertisement for the aforementioned change to the Traffic Regulation Order attracted a formal objection on the grounds that it did not encourage car sharing, the objector going on to request provision of designated parking for such commuters, subject to funding and land availability there. Security and enforcement of who was permitted to park there were issues that were also discussed.

I would like to observe the effects of these changes to the Waiting Restrictions over the next couple of months. I have asked that the Swale District Manager, Alan Blackburn, discusses the matter with interested parties including the local PCSO, Shelley Cuthbert, to study the extent of the problem and also the possibility of a viable solution. I have asked that Alan updates us both of his findings.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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