

Initial Responses to Petition for Parking Review – Conyer Road, Teynham

	Petition Comment	Response to Comment
A	A parking resolution was promised after planning was granted for the development of houses behind Bridge Cottages, i.e. Selby Court. This never happened.	SBC's Planning Officer has advised that both planning decision notices have conditions requiring the parking spaces within the development to be kept available for parking by residents of that development, but there is nothing referring to parking for any neighbouring dwellings.
B	A single yellow line has been on both sides of the road, however restrictions only enforced on the opposite side for Monday-Saturday 8.30am-6.30pm.	The single yellow lines were installed on both sides of the road in December 2011 following substantial consultation. If signing has disappeared or lining has faded over time the Parking Operations Team may have deemed the restrictions to be unenforceable until remedial work had been completed.
C	No consultation has ever been carried out with the residents of Bridge Cottages/Conyer Road regarding parking restrictions.	We can confirm that a substantial amount of consultation has previously been undertaken with residents, as detailed in the main JTB report.
D	According to recent correspondence with Glenn Insell, Operations Office (Maidstone Borough Council)..... it was the local Parish Council that requested the restrictions to allow larger farming vehicles to negotiate the junction into Conyer Road to access the farms off Conyer Road.	We can confirm that a request was received from the Parish Council in 2005/2006 for waiting restrictions to be introduced, following reported issues with larger vehicles negotiating the junction and experiencing difficulties accessing local farms.
E	We have not been given the opportunity to have our points of view heard and without warning a new restriction plate has been put up and restrictions have now been applied to the side of the road of the cottages..... This means we have nowhere to park that will not cause inconvenience/congestion in other roads and potential safety risks.	The views of residents were requested and obtained during the extensive consultations which took place prior to the restrictions being introduced. It is acknowledged that residents may have had the opportunity to park on some of these restrictions if signing was not to a standard considered enforceable, but the Traffic Order has been in place since 2011.
F	Whilst we realise the Council's main concern isn't to provide parking spaces outside our houses, but to maintain traffic flow and safety measures, the knock on effect on these new restrictions have done the complete opposite simply by moving the congestion problem on beyond the bridge, and in addition creating potential health and safety issues in this lane.	It is acknowledged that in many areas of the Borough, particularly those with terraced properties, on-street parking is limited and as such any proposed restrictions are carefully considered and consultation undertaken with residents. As previously stated, these restrictions have been in place since 2011, and should safety and obstruction issues occur further along Conyer Road this would be something for Kent County Council to consider as Highway Authority.