

FORMAL OBJECTION 1 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Church Road, Eastchurch

*“I am writing in regards to church road proposed double yellow line extension to 19b. I am a resident of ** church road. The parking in the street is already very restricted and this will cause major problems and cause a tense situations between residents to breaking point. Residents already place bins in the road as blockages to reserve there space. In addition the residents of ** has three large transit vans which park outside 19a 19b and opposite and significantly reduces parking spaces. I am also aware there was going to be a proposed one way system what happened to this idea which would solve the problem? I am a father to a disabled two year old child. We find it increasingly difficult to find a space and carry him with increasing weight from age the length of the street. We are in the early stages of paediatricians etc so are unable to obtain a disabled badge or bay and this would force us to move from our home.”*

FORMAL OBJECTION 2 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Cormorant Road, Iwade

“I would like to make a comment on the proposed double yellow lines between no 16 to 22 Cormorant Road, Iwade.

I cannot see how this is going to help at all? There is already not enough parking around this estate and by putting double yellow lines; this is going to cause even more problems parking. I can understand putting it on the corner of Cormorant Road by number 16 as this is a tight bend to get round but putting them right around to number 22 is a complete joke!

I can appreciate the country is struggling financially and people are trying to find more money but how is fining residents, who are already struggling to park at present let alone when theses lines are put in going to help??

Plus who is going to enforce it????? A private company who will reap all the benefits whilst us residents have to put up with more problems of where to park a car? Cars will be dumped in other estates around the village to compensate for not being able to park in their own street, causing even more chaos then normal. Stupidest idea I've heard in a while. How about taking back half of the green at Sandpiper and turning into a car park to help us out instead of causing more headaches????!!! Most probably because a tin of yellow paint is cheaper than a bit of concrete!! Or opening up the “for emergency service only” entrance so there isn't just one way in and out of the estate. By doing this there wouldn't be such a heavy flow of traffic trying to enter and exit the estate at the same point of the road!

If you haven't guessed already but I oppose this plan.”

FORMAL OBJECTION 3 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Cormorant Road, Iwade

“I would like to object to the yellow lines proposed for 16-22 Comorant Road Iwade. Parking is hard enough without them, i feel if you put them in then all over Iwade village would need them. Cars are already parking on the verges and pavements which make it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to use the pavements. Why are you pinpointing this persific area?

Because one neighbour complains about cars parked opposite her, which is not blocking them, yellow lines are proposed. Do they work for Swale council?”

FORMAL OBJECTION 4 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

“I would like to strongly protest against the proposed double yellow lines and kerb build out to the parking bays opposite the Crown and Anchor, The Mall, Faversham. As many of us have paid for permits to use these parking bays will you be providing additional parking near by to compensate, parking is already overcrowded and in the evenings sometimes impossible to park, by taking away these bays you will only push the problem on to surrounding streets. I understand that the road is very difficult to cross, as we have to each day, but what you are trying to do will not help. You should be looking at traffic calming measures instead, as a lot of traffic speeds well in excess in this section of road, and your proposed location is too close to a blind bend. So for these reasons I am totally against this scheme, along with my neighbours.”

FORMAL OBJECTION 5 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

“Re the above Order and your proposal to install a kerb build out in The Mall with associated loss of residents parking.

As a resident of The Mall for more than 20 years and living within 50m of the proposed location of your scheme, I would like to confirm my very strong objection to your proposal.

There is already insufficient parking for residents at this location and the loss of a further 15m of existing parking bays is unacceptable. The proposed crossing point is clearly not on the direct desire line of pedestrians looking to cross The Mall so would serve no purpose.

I have not seen the plans in detail and would have appreciated it if you had at least consulted those who are directly affected by this proposal on a daily basis. In fact I have only been informed by one of my neighbours. This is an example of very poor communication I would suggest.

Please think again and scrap this scheme now.”

FORMAL OBJECTION 6 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Whitehall Road/Gore Court Road, Sittingbourne

*“I write to object to the length of the double yellow lines. It is only legally required that they be 10 meters from the junction for restriction of parking. The suggestion of 15 meters and 12 is extreme and un necessary. This would mean the double yellow lines fully cover the frontage of my property at * gore court.*

Unless there is some legal reason why you have chosen the measurements detailed then I wish to challenge the amendment you are making. I put to you that the double yellow lines be 10 meters from the junction accross Gore Court Road and 10 meters from the junction down Whitehall road Please respond with an explanation of your suggestions.”

FORMAL OBJECTION 7 – Proposed Extension to Double Yellow Lines – Conyer Road, Teynham

“I am writing in response to the Public Notice displayed regarding the amendments to the parking in Conyer Road.

As you may know, I have been one of the residents involved from the start in the process of petitioning for the amendments. The purpose for this letter is to ask for some discussion on the proposed extension to the double yellow on the opposite side of the road.

As you will have recorded, all the Bridge Cottage residents agreed to the removal of the yellow line but asked for further discussion on the need to extend the double yellow. It would be greatly appreciated if this could be discussed further. We have emailed you footage of lorries making the turn perfectly well with the double yellow lines as they are and with a car parked where the extension is outlined to be. Our concern is that extending it, will effectively remove a space which will mean more cars parking in The Crescent, which, if observed, is a tricky spot for lorries already.

Whilst we still agree to the proposed amendments of removing the single yellow, please could we have some information on how the double yellow extension will help lorries negotiating the turning better? As I/we have said before, we would welcome a Traffic Officer visiting to see the current situation.

Please feel free to contact me on any of the contact details above. In the meantime, many thanks for all you endeavours and time on this process!"

FORMAL OBJECTION 8 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

"I was surprised to hear about the proposal of a kerb build out opposite the Crown and Anchor Public house yesterday. I was informed by a neighbour, not by yourselves. I live on the Mall and I STRONGLY OBJECT to the proposal.

It is already extremely difficult to park on the Mall – I pay for a residents parking permit B, yet often have to park streets away on roads where permits are not required, ie on Canute/Athelstan Road because the parking bays on The Mall are full. I am always mindful that any parking space I leave on The Mall, especially at weekends and late afternoon, will immediately be taken. Parents of Abbey School children also wait in the parking spaces to pick up their children after school. The loss of more parking bays will make it impossible for me to park anywhere near my house.

The obvious crossing point is at the end of the Mall – it's the direct route for pedestrians heading into town and back via the subway or for commuters heading to the station.

Please do not go ahead with this proposal."

FORMAL OBJECTION 9 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

"We write to object to the proposal by Kent County Council to remove four parking spaces from The Mall in Faversham in order to install traffic calming measures instead of a pedestrian crossing.

When the residents parking scheme was instigated some twenty years ago it was recognised that The Mall was a special case due to its proximity to the railway station and to commercial premises, some that attracted customers in the evening such as the Elephant public house. The original scheme, for Mall residents only, worked well for a while until the two hour rule was introduced and when it was absorbed into Faversham Parking Area B. Since then the scheme has worked against the resident's interest.

Parking in The Mall especially in the evening from around 5pm is extremely difficult. We frequently return home finding nowhere to park except in the adjoining streets some distance away from our home. Often we have no alternative but to park in the restricted zone in the Preston Grove area which excluded residents parking. From talking to our neighbours this appears to be a common experience. Often it is impossible to off load items such as shopping without blocking the street. Many of our neighbours are elderly and others are families with young children. The loss of four parking spaces will exacerbate all the current problems.

We also fear that the traffic calming measures will do little to promote safer pedestrian crossing. By far the heaviest pedestrian use in on the western pavement and consists especially of school children going to and from Abbey School. They tend to enter The Mall from the railway underpass and continue in a straight line towards the A2 and cross the main road at Forbes Road. We feel that the only workable solution is for a traffic light controlled crossing to be installed across that road.

We urge your department to rethink both the pedestrian crossing proposal and the current parking scheme in The Mall."

FORMAL OBJECTION 10 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

"Thank you for responding to my comments re: the Mall.

However I feel even more concerned now and wish to register my objection.

Having been resident in the Mall for the last 17 years I am very aware of the way in which pedestrians and vehicles use the Mall. It is not difficult to cross the road at this part of the Mall. Encouraging pedestrians to cross here on an unmarked crossing will be dangerous. Anyone observing pedestrian traffic and varying times of the day will know that the majority cross the roads on the corner of the Mall and Forbes road. Students from the Abbey school in particular cross en mass at this point. They will continue to do so even if there is a crossing further up.

What evidence is there to prove that a crossing is needed at the proposed point?

Has there been any incidences of pedestrian colliding with a vehicle? - not to my knowledge. There has however been collisions involving vehicles along the proposed site. My car was hit from behind in a 3 car 'shunt' by someone driving too fast up that part of the Mall towards the A2. I was stationary indicating to turn right into Edith Rd which was at the point of the proposed amendment. Drivers will not be expecting to stop. If there is to be a crossing then it should be highly visible, at a point where the majority will cross, namely on the bend with Forbes road where traffic is already slowing for the bend, and with traffic lights to ensure maximum safety. Have the emergency services been consulted as it is a main route in to the town? Fire engines already have to negotiate the busy junction with the 251 and the Mall, which is frequently snarled up with congested traffic along the A2.

Should the proposal go ahead then what is going to be done to compensate for the loss of parking bays? There are not enough spaces now. Perhaps if we have to lose spaces then at least part of the parking in the Mall should be restricted to residents only. That may give residents a chance to at least park in the road we live in!

Also one notice on a telegraph pole is inadequate communication for something that will impact residents so much.

So I therefore object to the proposal."

FORMAL OBJECTION 11 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

As a long-standing resident of ** The Mall, Faversham, I wish to place on record my objection, in the strongest terms, to KCC's proposal to reduce the available number of parking spaces opposite the former Crown & Anchor Public house.

The proponents of this utterly misguided proposal have no concept whatsoever of the extreme difficulty that would be caused to the residents if The Mall in the removal of 15 metres of parking space, which is already at a premium and for which residents are forced to lay out expenditure for so called "parking permits."

I wish to ask what survey has been undertaken by KCC and your department which has led to this proposal being framed? I am not aware of any consultation process having been undertaken with the residents, so kindly explain how this decision was reached? What is the evidence? What are the realistic numbers of people wanting to cross?

If, in theory, a crossing is deemed necessary (and this still to be proved), any such crossing would be better sited in Forbes Road. It should be in the form of a raised paved pedestrian crossing. This would serve the purpose of providing step-free crossing for less able pedestrians, wheel-chair users and so on and provide a safer crossing point for the many school pupils who walk the Mall to and from the Abbey School every day in term time. Just to nip any objection in the bud to this idea on the grounds that it would be too close to the bend, I would highlight the fact there is already a similar such crossing in Faversham just by the Tesco store – just on a bend not dissimilar to Forbes Road – so we know that such crossings and their siting can be achieved when necessary. A raised paved crossing would also act as a welcome traffic calming measure.

Owing to KCC's continuing inability to resolve the layout of the A2/Ashford Road/Mall road junction, may I ask if this aspect of road planning has been taken into account when considering the unwelcome imposition of a crossing in the Mall?

If the KCC has already decided behind closed doors that, irrespective of the reasonable objections of residents of the Mall, to install their proposed crossing on the Mall anyway, may I ask what compensations KCC will make to allow existing residents to justify purchasing their permits? In such a scenario, I suggest that they remove the single yellow line restrictions in Forbes Road or increase parking spaces in the The Mall leading down towards Faversham Station. Either way it is incumbent on KCC to furnish the same number of parking spaces currently in place on the Mal that they are planning to remove for the crossing/

I request my objection, and my counter-proposals be placed before the relevant authorities, and for which I thank you in advance.

To all Watling Ward Councillors, reading in copy, your active assistance in this matter is requested."

FORMAL OBJECTION 12 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

I am writing to object to the new proposals of removing a 15 metre stretch of parking in the Mall, Faversham.

As a resident of No.**, right by the proposed change, I already find it difficult when arriving home after 5pm from work, to find a parking space available in the Mall in any direction. Creating less spaces will only aggravate the already congested facilities we have for parking in the street, and these spaces are a prime spot in which I try to park especially when unloading my car. I also feel like pedestrians wont really benefit from these changes as most people, especially the school children, cross at either ends of the Mall, not opposite the old crown and anchor/old bike shop.

If anything I feel you should be looking into marking out double yellows by the crown and anchor and outside my property to stop the antiques shops from parking on the kerb for hours unloading, as for one this is right by the bus lane, and is dangerous for any pedestrians, as well as stopping the flow of traffic which gets very busy at peak times.

In conclusion, I am therefore objecting to the proposed alterations to create a narrowing section and the reduction of parking facilities in the Mall.

FORMAL OBJECTION 13 – Proposed Double Yellow Lines – The Mall, Faversham

I strongly disagree to the proposed works of a kerb build out in the Mall opposite the former crown & anchor public house.

There is currently not enough parking at it is without having to lose 15 meters. Personally I would think a zebra crossing/island crossing at the top of Forbes Road which joins The Mall and where cars are not visible in both direction would be more suitable?