

Proposed Parking Restrictions, The Street, Oare - Annex B

Response No.	Comments	Support	Object	Not specified
1	<p>I am emailing to object to the proposal of the proposed parking amendments to the Street Oare. My home address is [REDACTED] and I have been a resident for 15 years.</p> <p>The stretch of terraces from the start of the street at the Castle Pub, No 2 up to the car park at the Mariners are 8 dwellings, outside of these houses are parking spaces for 7 cars. This is not enough space if each house had one car. Very often, due to my and my partners working hours we cannot park outside of our house, as our neighbours have done so, we then park opposite the car park of the Castle on the Street, where the new single yellow line is proposed. This would impact on my life due to the hours we work, as front-line staff, our hours are not either side of the stated 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday and I could find myself parking at any time of the evening or night on that part of the road and having to then move my car the next day or receive a penalty notice for parking over three hours.</p> <p>If this is enforced all that will happen is that people will simply park in front of the row of terraces in the Street, forcing residents to park further up the road into the village. The roads in the village are already crammed with cars having to park on the street due to few driveways due to the ages of the properties</p> <p>The local businesses in the area are the Castle public house, which has its own parking, Hollow shore boat yard, has it own parking, the creek side café, has own parking, the Mariners public house, has it own and extended car park . The only small business without it own parking it the fisherman’s yard behind our houses, this is a business open only two days per week, Friday and Saturday.</p> <p>I cannot see any benefit from additional yellow line, apart from to add further car parking congestion to an already crammed little village and mean that the residents of the houses 2- 20 The Street will struggle to park near their homes</p>		Object	

2	<p>I write further to the letter I received with regard to the parking amendments.</p> <p>After looking at the proposals, as a resident of the street, I object. I have laid out the reasons below:</p> <p>1) parking for the row of houses on the street from The Castle to The Three Mariners is already extremely limited. Residents often need to park further down the road, where you have suggested limiting the parking to 3 hours. This would cause a great deal of trouble for the residents.</p> <p>The only way this would be acceptable would be if residents were issued permits to park there without restrictions or if the small area next door to number 11 , opposite the row of houses, where the electricity box is converted into parking for the residents. This area is often left to become overgrown and recently some engineers began clearing it but didn't finish.</p> <p>2) the "businesses" mentioned in the proposals all have their own parking already; the pubs and the cafe by the creek all have private car parks for their customers so do not need space on the road. The fishmongers is only open 2 mornings a week and I cannot see that parking for that warrants causing such inconvenience for the multiple residents who rely on the area in which to park their cars.</p> <p>Some of residents have young children, or are elderly, and asking them to park away from their house for this is, in my opinion, unreasonable.</p> <p>I have no objection to the bus stop clear way being set out as a no parking zone.</p> <p>Often lorries, which I assume are associated with Gist, park on the double yellows or on that area for several days at a time, which cause problems to the parking for residents and leisure visitors alike.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>		Object	
3 (Stagecoach)	<p>Thank you for consulting us on this.</p> <p>In principle, we have no objections. However, please could you clarify the length of the proposed bus stop clearway. The standard length is 31 metres. (5 metres forward of the bus stop pole, and 26 metres back towards the junction with Western Link Road.</p>	Support		

	<p>The first bus to Oare is at 08:25 and the last bus is at 14:30, Mondays to Saturdays, so the clearway needs to apply at least at those times. Normally, if the clearway does not apply 24/7, we work to 07:00 - 19:00, which leaves some flexibility in altering the timetable. With reference to your email of 15 April, I confirm that Stagecoach supports these proposals.</p>			
4	<p>I am horrified to read of the proposed parking amendments and beg you to not introduce the proposed parking restrictions.</p> <p>Parking in Oare is extremely limited and is an ongoing issue! I live in [REDACTED] and there is no available parking for myself or my neighbour. The Street is an area which is densely populated by terraced housing which creates significant demand for on street parking by residents. At present, due to its closure, I am able to park in the Three Mariners car park (along with many other residents in The Street) however once the pub reopens, I will then seek to park in the area for which you are proposing restricted parking. I am retired and so need to park my car during the daytime, not simply after 1800 hours. If I am unable to park here, the only potential option would be in Uplees Road which is dimly lit and a significant walk from my property – I live on my own and this is not something I would wish to do on a regular basis. The area opposite the castle is well illuminated.</p> <p>My understanding of the problem is that members of the GIST workforce choose to park in the area opposite the Castle for long periods. It would seem hugely unfair to punish residents of Oare by restricting their parking in an attempt to solve the problem which relates to the GIST workforce – who have ample parking on their own site. My suggestion would be to introduce a residents' permit parking scheme for which I would be very happy to pay, relating to this area. This would limit daytime parking to residents only and the 3 hour restriction would enable customers of Castle and the Café to still access parking during their visits.</p> <p>I would be extremely happy to meet with anyone onsite to discuss the potential problems, but I implore you to not introduce this restriction as it will just heighten an extremely difficult and challenging issue.</p> <p>What we need is increased opportunity for parking not the withdrawal of existing parking opportunities.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and please keep me informed of any developments. I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this email.</p>		Object	
5	<p>We have lived at [REDACTED] for over 23 years and have a perfect view of the part of The Street in question.</p>		Object	

	<p>We strongly object to the proposed parking restrictions proposed for the following reasons;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have never seen any evidence of problems relating to access for local businesses. An example being The Castle Inn nearby which has operated successfully for years by previous owners without any problems. 2) From Mount Pleasant to the Castle Inn there are 13 properties, only 3 including ourselves have any off street parking. The remaining properties use the road in front of Castle Row which provides parking for 8 cars only, the other cars often park in the area of this proposal. The restrictions proposed, would make the use by the residents of these essential spaces, during daytime difficult if not impossible. There is often nowhere else to park, sometimes the whole village is full! 3) It is unfair and unrealistic to expect our small village to provide parking for people to do leisure activities. Often and particularly during the lockdowns the village is packed with cars with no spaces available for residents or their occasional visitors. <p>We regularly see people park in the higher part of The Street and walk off for the day, there are only a few properties again with off street parking in this area, the proposal will just move the problem of visiting cars into the more restricted and narrower part of The Street where access for the essential bus service and farmers is already compromised by parking.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) If this restriction was imposed it would on occasion provide space for the HGV lorries to park in this area, they already do this and often park dangerously on double yellow lines and overnight. <p>We understand why people want to visit the area, particularly at the moment, but our little village cannot provide parking for them all. The residents must be able to live and park in their own village; many do shift work and need to be able to leave their cars during the daytime.</p> <p>A far more important issue which requires your attention is proper signage and restrictions to prevent the large HGV lorries which come into the village and cause damage and distress to the residents on a regular basis.</p>			
6	I support the proposed parking amendments.	Support		

7	<p>I object to the proposal.</p> <p>Reasons being parking is very limited in The Street therefore it is often needed as a resident to park in that area. If it was limited to 3 hours it would make it very difficult as a resident to park unless you issued free vouchers for residents.</p> <p>It is used by employees of Gist who park there for long period of times rather than using Gist car park.</p>		Object					
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10	We would like to support the proposed parking amendments at The Street Oare. There is clearly a problem with parking for visitors to the village & this restriction should help matters.	Support						
11	We are writing to support the proposed parking amendments at The Street, Oare. It seems there is often a problem for visitors to the village to find parking. With the proposed amendments local businesses such as our cafe and the two pubs in the village would be greatly benefited as parking is limited at all of these establishments. It would also be beneficial to dog walkers, ramblers and visitors who use the coastal paths around the creek.	Support						
12	<p>I support the proposed amendments.</p> <p>Within the Street there is limited parking for walkers and visitors to the Castle The Café on the Creek and the Hollow Shore fish shop.</p> <p>Taking into account parking on both sides of the road there are circa 13 roadside parking slots available. We previously had 2 members of East Kent Recycling parking here for the day but managed to stop this by contacting [REDACTED] their MD who stopped the parking.</p> <p>It has not been so straightforward with the Gist workers who park on the Street even though they have on-site parking.</p> <p>We have approached the Gist General Manager who tried to stop the workers parking for the day but this was not successful.</p> <p>On an average day there are between 9-11 Gist workers parked all day which restricts visitor parking and therefore retail trade for the pub shop and Café.</p>	Support						

	<p>Please see attached photos showing vehicles parked in the Street today. Five out of the six vehicles on the right are Gist workers including the white van which is partly parked on the pavement. One out of the two vehicles on the left is a Gist worker. To add to this problem we regularly have 40ft articulated lorries parked over for many hours at a time either taking breaks or waiting on entry to Gist. The Monday- Friday restrictions would help but as the weekend is the retail trades busiest period then ideally these restrictions should include the weekend. The recent introduction of parking charges for the Harty Ferry marshes will now see more visitors parking on the Street and then walking out to the marshes for the day again impacting business. The proposed bus stop clearway would also be useful as the local bus often has to park in the middle of the road as no other space is available. On a separate note will resident parking permits be available.</p>			
13	<p>I live [REDACTED]</p> <p>The pub has limited parking circa 6 bays. When the on street parking is full we often have the public parking in [REDACTED] spaces without using the pub which is somewhat annoying. Much of the on street parking is used by workers at Gist who will park for the duration of there working shift. Generally at least 8-10 slots are lost to Gist for the complete day including weekends. The weekday restrictions would help however our busiest period is the weekend especially Sunday for dinners. I would support the bus stop clearway as the bus often has to stop in the middle of the road to allow customers on/off. On street parking will become even harder with the introduction of parking charges to the Oare marshes, visitors will now park on the street rather than pay to park at the marshes. Please see attached photos taken this morning. Five out of six of the vehicles on the right belong to Gist workers and two out of three on the left also belong to Gist workers. Are resident parking permits going to be available.</p>	Support		
14	<p>I live in [REDACTED] Oare there is limited parking for residents , I often have to park in the Mariners car park as the street is full . I am in favour of the proposed parking amendments, it would help the local</p>	Support		

	<p>businesses and stop people leaving there vehicles parked in that area sometimes for days. With the parking charges now in place at Harty Ferry we will have more visitors trying to park in the village. I work in [REDACTED] Oare and am fully aware of the impact lack of parking has on the business.</p>							
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Too whom it may concern at Swale Council Engineering Services

1. The bus stop in question, (The Castle) is barely used by anyone from the village as it is down/and back, up a steep hill, and outside the village, which proves too much for the many elderly who use the bus service. Virtually all of them use the bus stop in the middle of the village, called The Street, to catch the bus, and the stop at the terminus, Colegates Close is also quite popular. But bus parking at this particular stop at The Castle has never been an issue at all, and barely warrants a bus stop "clearway". Cars will simply park on it, as they already do on the present double yellow lines. It will not be enforced.
2. It is widely believed that the local pub has made complaints about the parking opposite The Castle, stating that its customers cannot park, (yet most of their customers are local from the village, and arrive on foot), and it also begs the question as to why one public house licensee, if that is the case, is able to dictate the parking in a third of the village street, when the rest of us have been ignored for years about the dangerous parking **throughout** the village.
3. The Castle's own customers, who do park near the pub are a nuisance, and narrow the road by parking opposite each other, so that just one car can barely get through, especially in the evenings. Buses also fail to get through, (nor fire appliances), and this is an ongoing issue with Arriva and Stagecoach.
4. For years the local councils and others have been encouraging tourists and walkers and cyclists to Oare, it being on the Saxon Shore Way. You are now proposing to limit their parking to 3 hours, when many of them require a day for their activities. One couldn't even walk down the side of Oare Creek to the seawall and back again in 3 hours. The long parking periods you mention are mostly daytime tourists in the form of walkers, the vast majority being elderly, who park their vehicles here in order to then walk the Saxon Shore Way, possibly as far as Faversham Creek or Conyer. Where else can they park? This is the village's only local tourist industry that you are about to kill off by limiting the parking.
5. So it begs the question, of exactly where will they park? There is nowhere at all, except further up into the village, in The Street, and in Colegates Close, where local residents are already finding the parking situation intolerable, and are often unable to park in the evenings. Your plan will simply move the parking problem to another part of this very small village.
6. Parking is already very common on the double yellow lines by the Western Link junction, and also on other double yellow lines opposite Uplees Road, and in the bus layby in The Street, but no one ever seems to receive a PCN. It is not enforced.
7. That's because Enforcement Officers rarely visit this village, (I have seen two in 15 years), so cars are parked with impunity knowing that the chances of getting a ticket are virtually zero, day or night.

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Which begs the question as to who will be enforcing these time limits? Unless Enforcement Officers are around every day, there is little point in having single yellow lines with a 3 hour limit.9. And there has recently been a problem with huge HGVs parking and sleeping overnight on the double yellow lines, within 2 metres of the Western Link junction, and along to the bus stop. A serious accident waiting to happen. Mostly EU lorries but occasionally British. No one seems interested in dealing with the problem. Not the police, nor Swale Council nor the parish council. The lorries never get PCNs either.10. I therefore object to the proposals, as in my opinion it will not make any improvement to the problems of parking in this village, but actually exacerbate them. The rules will not be enforced and will simply affect parking in the rest of the village. What the village needs is a dedicated car park for visitors, and the wasteland opposite The Castle, on the electricity Board land would be ideal. But no one is interested.11. Please see your proposals in the wider context of the whole village and its parking problems rather than just a localised problem on a short stretch of road near The Castle pub, where actually, there is really no parking problem at all at the moment.12. As a point of interest, Swale Customer Services tell residents in this village that they have to report parking offences to the council themselves. Why should we have to do that? It is not our job to be unpaid Enforcement Officers! Other towns and villages do not have that rule, and in any case, how can you ring the Council after office hours, and early in the mornings and at weekends when many of the transgressions take place? | | | |
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17 (Faversham Town Council)	<p>SBC CONSULATATION – THE STREET, OARE The meeting received the consultation documents from Swale Borough Council to amend the parking at the Street, Oare. The meeting expressed support for the proposals.</p>	Support						

Results Total

Support	Object	Not Specified
9	8	0