

Proposed Parking Bays - Forbes Road, Faversham

Response	Support	Object	Comment	Comments
1	1			<p>I would like to register my SUPPORT for the proposal. I agree that the proposed bays will:</p> <p>A) provide additional daytime on street parking capacity for residents B) not impact on existing parking arrangements outside of the restricted hours - ie non permit holders and visitors in the evenings and Sundays C) aid the safe flow of traffic and further impede speeding and dangerous driving along this stretch of road.</p> <p>Additionally I would like to see improved road crossing facilities/arrangements at the junction of Forbes Road and The Mall, a route used by many pupils heading to The Abbey school from the station area. In particular, the effective narrowing of the road resulting from the introduction of new bays on Forbes Road outside 14 The Mall, potentially allows for a physical extension to the pavement or bollard (or hatched painting) to narrow the road at this point.</p>
2	1			<p>I've just received the consultation request through for the proposed parking bays on Forbes Road. I'd be broadly in favour of this. While we don't have a problem with finding a space (there is ample space on The Mall and in Aldred Road, albeit appreciate it this may be too far for elderly residents to park and walk), I'd support it potentially helping to reduce speeds with the following caveat that it would be great to have signs asking people not to leave their cars idling and potential enforcement for this. Currently, outside of the single yellow restriction periods (evenings after 6:30 and Sundays) there are often cars sitting directly outside idling, which means that we don't want to have our windows open due to noise and pollution, and can be frustrating even with the windows closed at times due to noise. Alternatively, a tunnel/bridge should be installed in The Mall to allow cars to pass under the train line connecting The Mall directly to Preston Street, which would reduce traffic down Forbes Road and mean parking could be placed on both sides of the roads, further helping to reduce speed, much like in St Mary's Road ;).</p>
3		1		<p>I live at ** Forbes Road. I cannot object strongly enough to the proposed parking bays in Forbes Road. Most days, 8.00-9.30 ish, and 3.30-5ish, there is a considerable build up of traffic (due to the recent introduction of traffic lights in the Mall) which leads to long tail backs along Forbes Road. If the parking bays were in place this would increase the congestion due to traffic having to negotiate the bays. A number of households have more than one car and so the bays would be in constant use, particularly as they are going to be open to non permit holders. I am a holder of a disabled badge due to ***** and so find it difficult at times to walk any distance particularly when carrying anything. When I have been unable to park in any parking bays near my house I have used the badge to park near my house. These parking bays would likely make that option impossible. I can only see these parking bays making the congestion worse.</p>

4	1			I am writing to confirm we support the proposed bays on Forbes Road, Faversham.
5		1		I object to these proposals. The reduced speed limit in town is a joke, as not many motorists (Forbes Road in particular) adhere to it and placing parking bays there is to cause accidents waiting to happen. The proposed bay on the north west, adjacent to Athelstan Road is particularly dangerous on the approach to the pedestrian crossing- been several near misses there. Very often there is a build up of traffic here from the A2, down The Mall onto Forbes Road, and these bays will cause bottlenecks particularly with buses and HGV's which have to use this major route into and out of town.
6	1			As residents and owners of ** Forbes Road, Faversham we would like to express our support for the proposed scheme of parking bays and double yellow lines in Forbes Road.
7		1		I object to the proposals communicated to me for Forbes Road for the following reason: I have a drive on the front of my property, for which I had planning permission. To enable safe access and exit my family reverse onto the drive to avoid reversing into traffic. The planned bays opposite would make this a hazardous and dangerous exercise and likely lead to us having to reverse into busy traffic to exit our drive. I also believe the bays would be situated too close to the Athelstan Road entrance and the bend of Forbes Road, thus push passing cars into oncoming traffic. This is already a problem on the Forbes Road corner and so I am concerned this would worsen an issue that already exists.
8		1		We are residents at ** Forbes Road Faversham Kent ME13 (for the last 50+ years). We strongly object to the proposed parking bays for the following reasons: 1.The road is main entrance to the town and has a large number of articulated lorries. There is more commercial traffic than private. Large lorries will find the bays treacherous and will have to move into oncoming traffic in order to negotiate Forbes Road. 2.A number of houses no 26-30 have off road parking (some have not gained planning permission) this poses a danger to traffic flow and visibility. 3.The blind corner of Forbes Road is already dangerous, this proposal would increase this danger. The junction at Athelstan Road in to Forbes Road is a huge problem; daily 'near misses' are observable from our front window. More complex road layout in Forbes Rd would add to the already dangerous junction. 4.A pedestrian crossing is situated too close to the proposed bays. We have witnessed numerous accidents on the crossing and one recent fatality on the pedestrian crossing. There are already enough distractions in the road to add more confusion. 5.20MPH signs are ignored. This would make a weaving road with more bays more of a 'challenge' for the drivers who frequently exceed 50MPH.
9	1			We recently received a letter asking us for our opinion on the proposed parking bays in Forbes Road. I want to hereby notify you we are supporting the idea. and hope this will be implemented soon. As you are looking at Forbes Road, there have been multiple discussions in the last 18 months about a pedestrian crossing near the Elephant pub, helping the School children across the road from the station into the Mall towards the Abbey School. Is this something that is looked at separately? or can you do this at the same time?
10		1		I am a disabled blue badge person - I have to get out of my car in front of my house, there needs to be a space for me to do that.

11	1			I support the proposed parking bays at Forbes Road. I would also request that the side road from Forbes Road into Belmont Road (side of No 1 Forbes Road) also be made into Parking bays. This is always full of inconsiderate and bad parking by commuters rushing to catch their train.
12		1		We're objecting to certain parts of your current proposal, as we are more concerned about speeding in this stretch of road rather than trying to park, which I've currently been in contact with the council about, (case ref; 31099591 response from Jamie Watson,) which mentioned about changing the current layout, with the road junction from Forbes road to Athelstan road and installing anti slip surfaces either side of zebra crossing,(apparently due to start early next year 2023) I do believe there needs to be more accessible parking for residents in our road, the parking bay along Forbes road just off the mall looks ok, and then just around the corner between no35 and no40 Forbes road also look ok, but the suggestion of a parking bay between 1&15 Forbes road and double yellow lines our side, is the one we totally object with, for a couple of reasons it would blindside drivers approaching currently dangerous Forbes road level crossing and we have to young children and a disabled mother in law which would be inconvenient for us not being able too park directly outside our house, there is also other family members with young children our side also, I believe it also would be totally inconvenient for the traffic flow as the road wouldn't flow smoothly, I would quite happily have accepted a parking bay proposal our side of the road from 25to32 Forbes road as it would make traffic run more smoothly, but it would be inconvenient for you to push forward, as you know residents are parking on there fronts with no drop kerbs as for some reason they keep getting rejected from there drop kerb applications, which I believe would help slow traffic and reduce car parking space's required.
13	1			I fully support the proposed parking bays. I believe this will have a sufficient effort in reducing the traffic speed in the local area, as my house was almost damaged by some reckless driving and breaking the speed limit and resulted in them crashing into our neighbours garage. The parking will be greatly warranted. The surrounding roads are consistently occupied by commuters and has been even more evident since the new estates have been occupied. In addition, I'm not sure if this possible but the parking area adjacent to my house (** Forbes Road) could this possibly be permit as well? We are constantly having issues with commuters that leave their cars for long periods of time and park inconsiderately.
14		1		I object to the proposals - too dangerous. All this road needs is the parking restrictions altered to 5.30pm (not 6.30pm) to 8.30am. 20mph is a joke. People (well most) ignore it, except lorries.
15		1		As at ** The Mall sightlines to cross the road could be obscured. Existing [lining at side of 12 The Mall] is a single yellow line not double Was wrongly painted many moons ago. Maybe best to put [bays proposed at side of 14 The Mall] on other side [of Forbes Road]. Reduce bays [side of 14 The Mall] so as not to obscure vision for pedestrians, especially children crossing road (accident waiting to happen). Could be a high topped van parked here [side of 14 The Mall].
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17		1	<p>Further to the letter regarding the Proposed Parking Bays Forbes Road, Faversham I hereby <u>object to the proposals</u>. The parking bay outlined in the north would block my driveway parking access. Please see photo 'Photo 1' attached for your reference. This access was granted on 12 June 1962 under reference NK/2/62/42. Please find also attached your proposed plan <i>marked up</i> 'Parking Proposal 07 Oct 2022'. I have detailed a proposed adjustment to allow access to my property ** Forbes Road, Faversham ME13 8QF. If the parking bay is moved south it will allow access to my drive. Also moving the bay south will allow for a safer splay distance. The new bay will compromise the existing splay distance turning south out of the busy Athelstan Road junction onto Forbes Road. As an improvement I would suggest extending the double yellow lines on the west side of Forbes Road south of the Athelstan Road Junction so that a safe splay distance can be maintained (note – I have never observed a car parked on the single yellow in this area and this has probably never been an issue in the past but would be if made a parking bay). I would expect the splay distance for the busy Athelstan and Forbes junction to be demonstrated as safe using real life road speeds especially at busy times ie rush hour and school drop offs with a speed of at least 25mph, or greater. In summary I object to the current proposals for the reasons stated above.</p>
18		1	<p>I object to the proposals for parking bays in Forbes Road. For the following reasons: (1) Forbes Road has a reduced speed of 20mph. (2) If there is concern about the speed on Forbes Road. Has a speed survey been carried out? Where is the evidence of speeding? (3) If speed is of a concern for the council. Have they considered speed cameras? (4) If safety is a concern, surely having cars stopping in the middle of one of the main roads into Faversham and reversing into a space is a hazard. Also, cars pulling out into the traffic is a hazard on a main 'B' road. (5) The planned parking bays will result in unacceptable harm to highway safety and convenience. Two of the proposed parking bays are on sharp corners and will cause significant bottle necks with rush hour traffic. (6) These bottle necks will include idling traffic and raised carbon monoxide levels in the vicinity. (7) During morning and evening rush hour, the traffic queue is from the A2, down The Mall and along Forbes Road, almost to Aldred Road. The Parking bays will only increase this congestion as traffic stop to wait for a gap in traffic to pull out. (8) In several planning applications for Forbes Road, Faversham's own Planning officers have referred to Forbes Road as a busy road with two sharp bends and have raised concerns regarding vehicles reversing on the road. Parallel parking requires reversing into a space. Planning officers have stated that any reversing on this road would be a "hazard to safety". This has been stated by the Head of Planning Services at Swale Borough Council. As such, any application that will likely lead to a reduction in safety is not to be encouraged. (9) As a resident of Forbes Road we able to park from 18:30 to 08:30 Monday to Saturday and all-day Sunday. This is the peak difficult time to find a parking space in road with permit parking. I am always able to park on Forbes Road during these times. (10) The single yellow line allows for unloading and loading of a vehicle of shopping. Also dropping off family or friends. This is adequate during the day. If a double yellow line is</p>

19		1		I object to the proposals. Comments: Whilst I would appreciate some parking being available on Forbes Road, I feel that the proposed bays are not right for the following reasons. Additional traffic calming measures need to be put in place to slow traffic down. Hardly any vehicles adhere to the 20mph speed limit that was put in place. Without these additional measures, people will still speed up and down the road making the parking bays dangerous. The bays as proposed will reduce visibility of the zebra crossing and on the sharp right angle bend. Wide/large vehicles will not be able to navigate the bays easily without driving onto the opposite side of the road, this will cause standing traffic and increased pollution. Traffic regularly backs up from the junction at the top of The Mall, this would make navigating the parking bays impossible and disrupt traffic flow on the other side of the road. In addition to this, the extension of double yellow lines would make it very difficult for deliveries and loading to take place directly outside my property which is already tricky.
20	1			I support the proposed parking bays.
Total	9	11	0	

		35	Properties Consulted
% Returned	57	20	No. Returned
% Support	45	9	No. Support
% Object	55	11	No. Object
% Comments Only	0	0	No. Comments Only

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A1		1	Looking at these proposed parking bay implementations, this is something [Bus Operator} do not support. Negotiating this stretch of road can be bad at times without the need to also have to negotiate 3 stretches of parked cars. Please feel free to reply if you have any further questions. This will turn the whole part of the road into a parked car chicane that will result in a 'me first' mentality. Operating out from Faversham under the bridge passing a line of parked cars, you would then need to negotiate the parked cars on your carriageway by operating on the opposite side of the road whilst going round a blind bend, if there were to something coming in the opposite direction, you would be in dead lock as they themselves have just negotiated a line of parked cars in the same manner whilst travelling in the opposite direction.I can not see the logic of safe thinking behind this.
Total	0	1	