

**Proposed Double Yellow Lines – Redgrove Avenue and Adjoining Junctions, Sittingbourne**

**Summary of Formal Responses**

**Formal Objections**

**Objection 1**

I live on Redgrove Avenue, Sittingbourne and have just received your letter for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order of double yellow lines along Redgrove Avenue and the adjacent roads. I believe this would cause a great deal of issues for residents.

There are many 2 car families, some with more cars, living in the area who were only granted one allocated parking space so have to park on the road outside their house or struggle to find a visitor bay space (myself included).

We first moved into our house in 2019 as one of the last residents to move into the development and parking was far from an issue. This was just before the first covid pandemic, once lockdown was lifted we noticed a huge increase in vehicles parking along the road. We noticed that these people would park their car and walk towards the train station. I can only assume they park there for free parking and walk to the station, which would also fall in line with the times they would return to their vehicles.

I am all for putting in some kind of parking restrictions in place as many a time opposite the play park, I can barely get my car through because of people parking both sides of the road, let alone if an emergency vehicle needed to get through.

I feel as though there needs to be some kind of compromise to restrict parking but to not inconvenience residents. My proposal would be to have double yellow lines directly outside the play park, for the safety of children crossing the road but then to have resident permit parking along the rest of the roads. This would allow residents to continue to park where there is very limited spaces and which wasn't, in my opinion, an issue to begin with and would stop other people who do not live in the area from parking there. If double yellow lines are implemented along these roads it would leave residents no other option but to park elsewhere and potentially make a bigger issue in the surrounding roads that don't have parking restrictions.

**Objection 2**

I live at number \* Jubilee Street, in the block of flats at the corner of Jubilee Street and Redgrove Avenue.

I welcome the idea of double yellow lines on Redgrove Avenue, as the commuters and employees of retail outlets in the town centre who park here are a nuisance with their inconsiderate and fundamentally illegal parking.

However, I see a number of problems.

Where will the commuters go? They will still want to avoid paying for parking so will return to parking in the residents' private allocated parking bays on Redgrove Avenue. So what happens when the residents return to the parking space and have to park in the road? Will they receive a parking ticket? There are no signs up from the property management company saying that the spaces are private, and that won't stop commuters anyway.

There are allocated visitor parking bays for the flats but I know for a fact that the residents of the houses on Jubilee Street use the parking bays so where do visitors, such as my fiancée park, when they come to visit the flats? Will they get a parking ticket too?

What exactly is the scheme? Will residents being allocated parking permits at all? Could you organise the double yellow lines to be in effect between say 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday to prevent commuters?

### Objection 3

We are writing to you regarding the proposed double yellow lines surrounding Lywood Drive, as homeowners with 2 cars and only 1 allocated space we use the surrounding street to park the second vehicle. I understand it is also used by commuters as free parking for the train station however this will massively impact where we can park and are therefore against the proposal.

If there is no other option then could it be considered that residents are given permits to park on the street and the number plate registered to prevent it being given to other cars.

### Support 1

I am a current resident at \* Lywood Drive. ME102FT

I have received the letter below and I cannot recommend this enough!! I have lived here since the property was built in 2020 and everyday cars park along this road to get free parking as they travel to London as it is by Sittingbourne station.

I always see cars park here at 6am/7am walk over to the station and come back at 17:00/1800. They use this area to get free parking so they don't have to pay!! Whilst us residents struggle parking here which is a nightmare and emergency services are unable to come through because cars park on both sides of the road and it's extremely hard to try and bay park and even get through sometimes due to cars parking either side of the road!! So thank you swale borough council for taking action.

(Photos also included)