Agenda Item No: 8

Joint Transportation Board **Report To:**

Tuesday 19th February 2013 Date:

Willesborough Lees Highway Safety Scheme **Report Title:**

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Summary: A safety scheme was proposed in response to concerns over

> unsafe parking practices resulting from overspill staff parking from the William Harvey Hospital in nearby unrestricted

residential roads.

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and this report therefore lays out the results of this

consultation for the Board's consideration.

Key Decision: YES

North Willesborough & Highfield Wards **Affected Wards:**

Recommendations: The Board be asked to:-

Consider the representations received and approve the

scheme for implementation.

Financial Implications:

Funded from KCC Highway Member Fund

Background Papers:

'Willesborough Lees Highway Safety Scheme (Amendment 26) Update Report' report to JTB 13th December 2012,

minutes of JTB 13th December 2012

'Willesborough Lees Safety Scheme Proposals' report to JTB 11th September 2012, minutes of JTB 11th September 2012

'Prioritised List of Requested Parking Controls for

Investigation and Possible Implementation' report to JTB on

13th March 2012, minutes of JTB 13th March 2012

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Purpose of the Report

- 1. A safety scheme was proposed in response to concerns over unsafe parking practices resulting from overspill staff parking from the William Harvey Hospital in nearby unrestricted residential roads.
- 2. The scheme was subsequently taken to formal consultation and this report lays out the results of this consultation for the Board's consideration.

Issue to be Decided

 The Board is asked to consider the representations received and decide on whether to approve the scheme for implementation, approve the scheme in part, request the consultation be recommenced on an amended scheme or decline the scheme.

Background

- In 2006 a limited waiting scheme with optional residents' exemption permits was introduced in those roads within 500 metres of the William Harvey Hospital in response to parking congestion issues resulting from overspill parking from the site. The affected roads were regularly subject to dangerous and obstructive parking practices due to the competition for space. The majority of properties within the scheme area also do not have off-street parking and residents were therefore forced to compete with commuters for on-street parking.
- 5. The scheme proved successful and overspill parking issues were effectively eliminated. Unfortunately however the issues began to re-emerge some years later in those roads on the periphery of the original scheme.
- 6. The majority of properties in the newly affected roads have off-street parking provision and therefore do have to compete directly with commuters for parking space. However dangerous and obstructive parking practices have become increasingly prevalent issues.
- 7. A highway safety scheme was therefore proposed and included in the 'Prioritised List of Requested Parking Controls for Investigation and Possible Implementation' report to the Board on 13th March 2012. The scheme was subsequently agreed as priority No. 5 on the scheduled list of schemes for investigation and potential implementation.
- 8. A set of proposals were consequently formulated and presented to the Board on 11th September 2012 where it was agreed the proposals would be taken forward to formal public consultation.

The Scheme

9. This safety scheme consists of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions around junctions, bends and where the carriageway is too narrow to accommodate parking in those roads affected or liable to be affected by parking congestion in the vicinity of the William Harvey Hospital.

The Consultation

- 10. The formal statutory consultation took place between Thursday 18th October & Friday 9th November 2013. A notice of intention was published in the local newspapers and copies of the notice were displayed throughout the scheme area. Full details of the scheme were placed on deposit at Ashford Gateway Plus and Sessions House, Maidstone and were made available in electronic format on ABC's website.
- 11. In addition all residents in the vicinity of the scheme, a total of 474 properties, received a letter explaining the proposals and where to obtain further information.

The Results

12. A total of 64 representations (representing 60 households) were received in response to the consultation along with 60 pre-populated objection letters (representing 53 households) which had been disseminated by a local pressure group. These replies represent a total of 24% response rate (13% individual representations and 11% pre-populated objection letters).

Individual Representations

- 13. Within the individual representations received, a total of 13 stated their support for the scheme while 32 registered their objection. The remaining 19 representations did not specify their support or objection but made comment on the proposals and issues in the area.
- 14. The most frequently made comment (19 in total) within the representations was that the parking issues affecting the area were the result of overspill parking from the William Harvey Hospital and it was therefore East Kent Hospital University Fund Trust's (EKHUFT's) responsibility to address the problem on-site with sufficient provision of free / affordable parking.
- 15. As discussed at the Joint Transportation Board's meeting of 13th December 2012, EKHUFT have registered their intention to submit a planning application to include the provision of additional staff parking facilities at the hospital. This, and other measures instigated by EKHUFT are discussed in full later in this report. The highway safety scheme is proposed in tandem with these measures in order to provide a comprehensive multi-pronged solution.
- 16. A total of 15 of the representations stated that they wished to be able to, or that residents in general should be able to, park outside their own home / across their driveway.
- 17. In response to this issue, it must be borne in mind that there is no innate right to park on the highway, the primary function of which is the facilitation of

movement along the network. It is however recognised that on-street parking is a valuable resource and it is therefore common practice to allow such parking to take place wherever it does not cause a significant danger or obstruction to other road users. In the case of the proposed restrictions within this scheme which extend across residential frontages / driveways, these are only in locations where it is unsuitable to park – around a junction, bend or where the carriageway is too narrow.

- 18. 15 of the representations referred to concerns that the proposals would either worsen parking issues in those locations remaining unrestricted or would move the issues into currently unaffected areas.
- 19. As discussed earlier in this report, the proposed scheme is a safety scheme rather than a parking management scheme. It is intended to address parking in those locations where it would cause a danger or obstruction as identified in the Highway Code. As such parking should not take place in these locations regardless of the presence or absence of yellow lines. Unfortunately in areas of heavy competition for parking motorists tend to be less discriminating in where they choose to park. The introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions therefore acts as a visual reminder that these locations are unsuitable, and should a motorist choose to park there anyway, allows ABC's Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) to take enforcement action.
- 20. This scheme does not remove parking demand it simply attempts to discourage parking in dangerous locations resulting in motorists parking, potentially over a larger area, only in those locations where they do not present a danger to other road users. It is however anticipated that the proposed changes to parking facilities at the William Harvey and improvements to public transport options will reduce the overall number of commuters seeking parking in residential streets.
- 21. In addition, should the proposals be approved for implementation they will be subject to a post-implementation review in order to gauge the success of the scheme and to identify any potential emerging issues.
- 22. A total of 15 representations stated that the proposals would reduce the availability of parking for residents and their visitors.
- 23. As discussed above, the restrictions are only proposed in those locations where parking would cause a danger or obstruction to other road users and should therefore not take place. This obviously applies regardless of whether the motorist is a commuter, resident or visitor.
- 24. By restricting only those locations where parking would cause a danger or obstruction (as identified in the Highway Code) the scheme retains as much on-street parking as possible. The introduction of a parking management scheme such as a controlled parking zone with time limited bays and optional residents exemption permits (similar to the scheme in the immediate vicinity of the hospital) would reduce competition for parking by discouraging non-resident long stay parking but would also considerably increase the amount of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions required including across driveways and all other locations unsuitable for a standard size public use parking bay.

- 25. 13 of the representations stated that the scheme did not address the cause of the problem or that it was the wrong solution.
- 26. The highway safety scheme is only one element of the multi-pronged approach taken to try to address parking issues resulting from overspill commuter parking from the William Harvey Hospital. ABC has been in close discussion with EKHUFT as well as other interested agencies (Highways Agency, KCC, bus operator etc.) in order to tackle the problem from a range of angles including encouraging use of alternative forms of transport and providing more on-site parking for staff.
- 27. 12 of the representations received requested that a residents' permit scheme be introduced. The majority of these requests were unspecific as to the form such a scheme should take (i.e. a residents only scheme or a limited waiting scheme with optional residents exemption permits). Unfortunately neither scheme would be suitable for the area.
- 28. A 'residents only' scheme is extremely difficult to justify on the public highway. Such a scheme represents a poor use of the available parking resource. Many bays would be likely to remain empty during periods of low resident demand (e.g. during the working week) despite general demand for parking in the area (i.e. from non residents). In addition such a scheme would be liable to cause difficulties for residents' visitors, tradespeople etc. who would need to make some form of prior arrangement for parking.
- 29. A limited waiting scheme with optional residents' exemption permits (such as the scheme in the immediate vicinity of the William Harvey Hospital) would also have a number of drawbacks. Such schemes need to applied over a relatively large area in order to be viable. The scheme works by increasing the turnover of vehicles during the hours of peak demand, providing residents with a greater chance of finding a parking space near their home. There needs however to be a relatively large parking stock (i.e. a sufficient number of streets / bays within the scheme) for it to function effectively. In addition, such a scheme necessitates the introduction of a controlled parking zone. This effectively requires the whole of the kerbside to be divided up either into parking bays or 'no waiting at any time' restrictions. This eliminates the flexibility often utilised by local informal parking customs (e.g. parking across driveways) which may in practical terms actually reduce the amount of parking available to residents. For this reason such schemes are only introduced in those areas where not only is competition for on-street parking between residents and other user groups extremely high, but where residents have no other option but to park on-street (i.e. no off-street parking facilities).
- 30. 10 of the representations requested that a blanket 'no waiting' restriction be introduced with a short period of operation during the day to discourage commuter parking. A further 9 representations requested a similar blanket restriction but with the addition of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions in those locations unsuitable for parking (e.g. junctions, bends etc).
- 31. In respect of the first set of requests (for blanket single yellow lines only), this type of restriction would effectively condone parking in the location outside the hours of restriction. This would obviously not be suitable for use in locations unsuitable for parking (junctions, bends etc).

- 32. Regarding the use of a blanket 'no waiting' restriction with a short period of operation, this effectively constitutes a parking management rather than a safety scheme. Not only is there no supporting legislation / guidance for the use of this type of restriction in this way (single yellow lines are intended solely for use on traffic sensitive roads where parking is liable to cause a danger or obstruction during peak flow periods but not at other times), but it would be difficult to justify a parking management scheme. The vast majority of properties in the area possess off-street parking facilities and therefore are not forced to find parking on-street and compete with other user groups.
- 33. 10 of the representations requested that the proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions were extended. These requests related to various different locations including Silver Hill Road, Blackwall Road, Wilson Close, Cornes Close and Waltham Close. The requests were made in response to concerns over a variety of issues including emergency / refuse vehicle access, footway parking, protection of sight lines and access to private driveways.
- 34. All requests were examined individually, however as discussed earlier in this report the proposed safety scheme aims to introduce a minimum of restrictions to address dangerous and obstructive parking. It is the view of Officers that these additional restrictions cannot be justified at this time. Should the scheme be approved the post-implementation review will of course act as a check to ensure that should any further issues emerge that they be addressed as necessary.
- 35. 6 of the representations requested that white access markings (also known as 'dog bones' or 'hockey sticks') be painted across driveways to discourage motorists from obstructing them. ABC does not however administer the introduction of white access markings across private accesses. KCC Highways & Transportation administers this function and has its own procedure in place. Residents are required to complete an application form and demonstrate that they experience a genuine problem in regard to motorists obstructing their driveway. There is also a fee applicable for this service.
- 36. Various other comments were received at lower frequencies, these can be seen in full in Appendix 2 for full details.

Pre-Populated Objection Letters

- 37. 60 pre-populated objection letters were received during the course of the consultation period. These letters consisted of a name and address section to be completed by the individual, followed by 4 numbered statements under the heading of 'I wish to oppose the proposed parking scheme on the following grounds' and 3 statements under the heading of 'I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council'. There was also a final section left blank for additional comments.
- 38. Interpretation and analysis of these responses proved difficult because although some residents had indicated which of the statements they agreed with (either by ticking, crossing though etc.) a total of 28 made no such indication. In addition to this there appeared in some instances to be

- confusion over what the proposals consisted of or what the restrictions meant in practice.
- 39. The decision was therefore taken by Members and Officers to seek clarification on these responses in order to ensure that they could be accurately interpreted. Letters including a plan of the proposals and pre-paid return envelope were sent to all residents who had submitted a pre-populated objection letter (see Appendix 3 for letter) requesting clarification.
- 40. A total of 19 responses (32%) were received to this request. Of these responses 13 (68%) reiterated their objection to the scheme, 4 (21%) stated that they supported the proposed scheme, 1 (5%) amended their objection to a request that a section of proposed 'no waiting at any time' restriction be extended, and 1 (5%) amended their objection to a request that either a section of 'no waiting at any time' restriction be extended or a residents permit scheme be introduced.
- 41. Full details of all pre-populated objection letters received and subsequent responses can be found in Appendix 4 and in summary in Appendix 5.

William Harvey Hospital Travel Arrangements

- 42. A series of meetings have been held with EKHUFT in order to discuss ways forward of easing the parking issues affecting residential roads as a result of overspill commuter parking from the William Harvey Hospital site.
- 43. EKHUFT have now formally announced their intention to apply for planning permission to build additional staff parking facilities in order to better meet demand.
- 44. In addition they are currently in discussion with a local bus operator in relation to providing a direct and regular service between the hospital site and Kennington in order to better serve staff living in the area. This will complement those improvements made last year to services between the town centre and the hospital.

Conclusion

45. The parking issues in this area have obviously stimulated considerable debate. It is however the view of Officers that the proposed highway safety scheme, in tandem with EKHUFTs own plans to reduce parking overspill from the hospital site offers the most balanced and effective way forward.

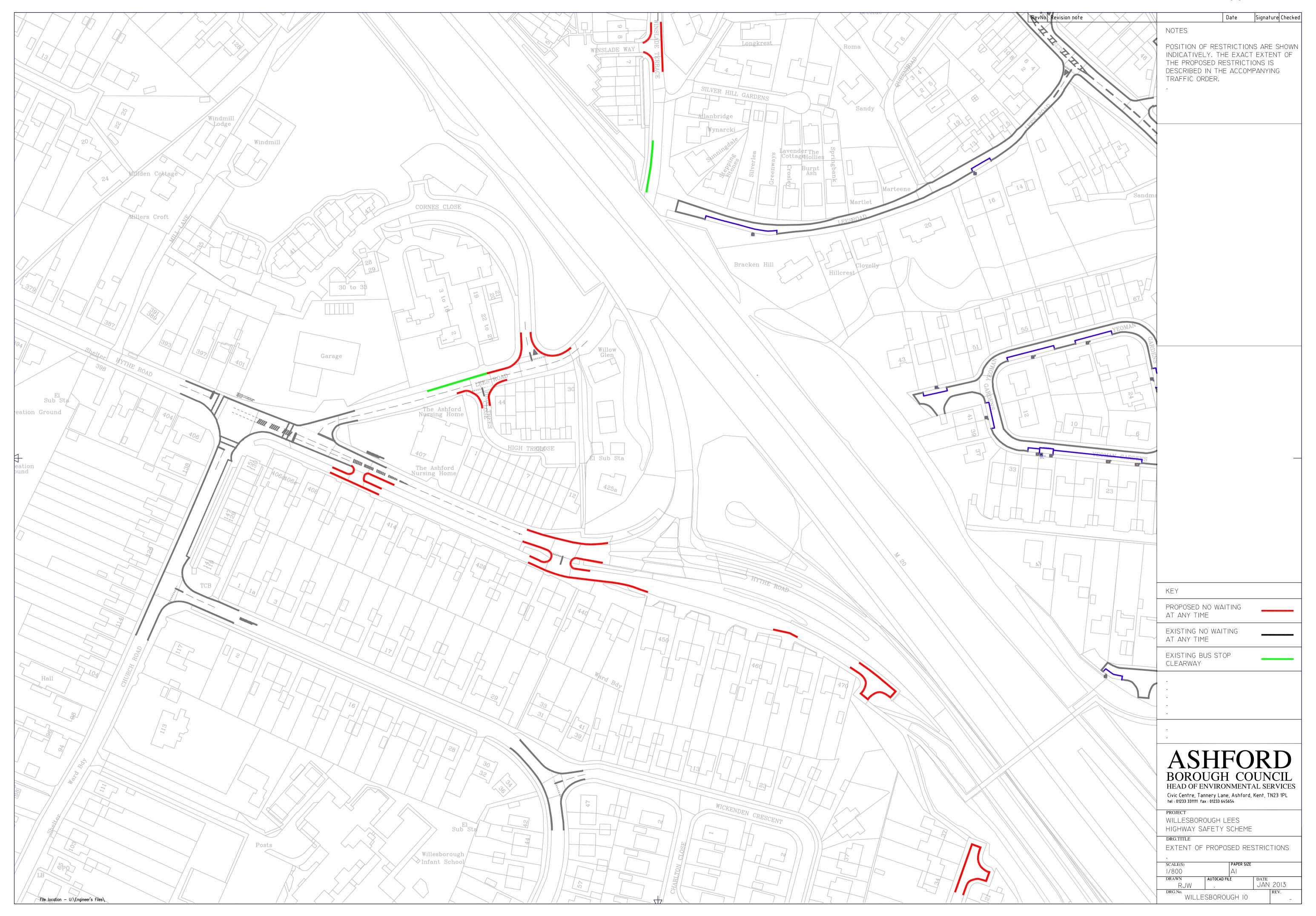
Portfolio Holder's Views

46. Not available at the time of publication.

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Ref.	
Am26/01	I would like to register my opinion on the proposed parking restrictions in Hythe Road. I do realise that we do have a lot of cars parking where I live, ** Hythe Road. However I would like to say that many of the cars are not from the hospital, some may be but there are many contractors who leave their cars all day from 5am, also there are parents who do the school pick up, I don't feel the hospital should b blamed for all of the problems. I am not in favour of the parking restrictions which are proposed directly outside my house, as long as I am able to access my driveway, which I can, I would like the road to stay as it is.
Am26/02	I have today looked at the map of proposed changes to the parking restrictions for the above area.
,20, 02	Whilst I welcome anything which is going to make our street safer, I do feel that making such a big area "no parking at any time" will inconvenience residents and their visitors. Surely a good way to overcome the parking by people who work at the hospital is to bring in what they have at Canterbury which is no parking between the hours of 10.00 am and 12.00 pm on weekdays which stops people parking there all day but allows residents to leave their cars outside for some of the day and evening. This works really well by the Cricket Ground and I think it would work well here. Possible it would need 2 x 2 hours slots but that would still be practicable. I have noted that there does not appear to be any restriction on Lees Road just past Cornes Close up to the junction with the arm of Lees Road. This is a particularly dangerous stretch of road as pedestrians need to cross at the bottom of Lees Road to either go up to the WHH or in reverse, up to Church Road. Many children use this road and I would very much like to see double yellow lines on both sides along this whole stretch from the old school to Winslade Close.
Am26/03	I am the owner of ** Silver Hill Road. I am opposed to the plans for the introduction of yellow lines to majority of the proposed areas due to the current problems with parking already. It is often difficult to park on Silver Hill Road during the day as more and more people use the road as parking for their offices and jobs, adding yellow lines will make finding a parking space even more strained. A suggested solution which would benefit the residents would be to introduce resident parking permits/passes.
Am26/04	I Live at ** Wilson Close, which is the first non-tarmac turning off the road. With parking on the opposite side of our entrance it is difficult to exit our driveway at any time. The difficulty is significantly worsened when there is snow and ice as we have an uphill start onto the main part of the road and having to make a sharp turn can cause sliding. It would be significantly safer for me, and my neighbours if the double yellow lines on the south side of Wilson Close are extended to the start boundary line of no. 19.

Am26/05	Ref your proposals
	The parking problem in Blackwall Road/ Willesborough Court only exists 7am to 4.30 pm Mon to Friday and partially on
	Saturdays the proposal to install double yellow lines will greatly inconvenience house holders. Can you please consider single
	yellow lines with time restricted parking of say 2/3 hrs with double yellow lines at the junctions. This will provide greater flexibility
Am26/06	I would welcome some form of parking restrictions in Willesborough Lees.
	Most mornings I walk up Silverhill Road and many times I have to walk in the road owing to cars parked on the footpath. Also my
	husband uses an electric buggy which means it is nearly impossible to use it in this area. I have noticed that recently there are
	several cars parked on the pavement under the motorway bridge. On the rare occasion that the street cleaner visits the vehicle
	cannot get anywhere near the edge of the road consequently there is a build up of rubbish and equally importantly leaves
	blocking the drains.
Am26/07	Having reviewed the proposed parking restrictions for Silverhill Road and Abbey Way I strongly believe this is not the answer for
	residents in this area.
	Whilst parking can be a problem I don't believe "no parking/waiting at any time" will help the residents and will be a nuisance to
	those who live here.
	Maybe a single line restriction between say 9.30am - 11.00am Monday - Friday would prevent those who park early in the
	morning and walk to work at the William Harvey hospital from leaving their cars whilst going to work. I have seen something
	similar in Archery Road, Eltham near to the train station and this has helped there.
Am26/08	I am writing in response to the proposed Amendment 26- Willesborough Lees.
	Having reviewed where the proposed " no stopping at any time" lines are to be, I feel that you must extend it from where you
	propose to end it at the boundary of no 2 Burleigh Court to the end of the remaining 4 dwellings on Blackwall Road South where
	it connects onto Blackwall Road North.
	The reason for this is, that by having the Lines only up to 2 Burleigh Court will only push vehicles to the areas beyond the lines
	along that road, and having already experienced cars parked up to the entrance of the drive leading up to nos 3 and 4 Burleigh
	Court when the road was being resurfaced (we live at no **) we were not able to turn right out of our drive or turn into the drive
	as there was not enough space! And the road is not wide enough to have a car parked there with oncoming traffic as well,
	especially as there are farm vehicles and lorries constantly going up and down the road to service the farms and their buildings
	further up.
	I would also like to make the comment that the cars that park there are the staff from the William Harvey Hospital who do not
	wish to pay to park at their workplace. Indeed, if you look at the staff parking at the WHH there are many empty spaces- they
	just refuse to pay to park there and so park all along Blackwall Road South with no regard to the danger they are causing. We
	have also witnessed emergency vehicles (ambulances) stop to pick up the drivers of the cars that park along Blackwall Road

	south and give them a "lift" to work, and also the Staff transport mini bus has also stopped to pick up and drop off staff from Blackwall Road South. This is totally unacceptable!
Am26/09	Agree that yellow lines are necessary in the places proposed, but can they be THIN yellow lines?
Am26/10	I Would Like to register my support for Am26/WillesL but would like to see added to Cornes Close something along the line of some sort of waiting restrictions and Street Parking Places (or yellow lines) as the road has a sharp bend in it. It is hard to See & / or pass on coming traffic when there are parked cars on the bend of Cornes close. I know that there has not been a accident yet in the road but it's only a matter of time.
Am26/11	With reference to the proposed parking alterations: Parking by non residents in the Willesborough area close to the William Harvey Hospital is the main reason for concern. The introduction of double yellow lines and no parking areas will only add to the problem, as local residents will still not get any respite from this situation. Far better to increase the number of parking permits for local residents only, and let the hospital be responsible for their staff that are the prime problem of parking in areas that are causing dangerous and congested streets.
Am26/12	We would like to comment that the proposal to introduce double yellow lines at the bottom of Silverhill Road and Abbey Way will result in increased parking in the middle of Silverhill Road and under the M20 bridge. There is already considerable commuter traffic which parks daily on the pavements in the area, obscures vision to pull out onto a narrow one way street and blocks easy access for buses and lorries. This is a busy street for children walking to Willesborough school and the pavements are being used by cars to park on. We feel that the length of Silverhill Road should be either single or double yellow lines to prevent the problem being made worse outside Silverhill House and Coach House.
Am26/13	I've received your letter concerning the planned Highway Safety Scheme around the William Harvey Hospital and fully support the plan, as far as it goes. However, the increasing problems concerning staff parking at the hospital are not limited to the Willesborough Lees area. I'm the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Lacton Way and we're increasingly being plagued by cars parked in the road during the day, often restricting our access. I know these are mainly hospital staff because of uniforms etc. I'm afraid the result of this scheme will be to force staff to park further afield and as there is a footbridge across the M20 from our side the already large number of day-time parked cars will increase dramatically. It's noticeable that as you walk from the South side of the bridge the parking increases, even up to ½ mile away. Could you therefore include our neighbourhood in any discussions you have with the East Kent Hospitals Trust as it's surely their responsibility?

Am26/14	I live at ** Hythe Road Willesborough and would like to register my objection to the proposed scheme for the following reasons, 1.I feel that putting in yellow lines in the areas highlighted would make the situation worse as drivers would try and park tighter in those areas with no lines making it harder for residence to get in or out and the same for delivery & emergency vehicles. 2. From what I have seen in the mornings "I leave home at 5am"a lot of the problem is from tradesmen/contractors parking their vehicles and then going off in one vehicle and not returning until late in the evening so not all the problem is from the Hospital. 3.I feel that the real solution would be to make the road/area resident parking only, I know there would be a cost involved for the residents but feel this would be a small price to pay and make the area a lot quieter & safer plus it would raise some revenue for the council.
Am26/15	I am very pleased that you are hopefully putting double yellow lines from my house ** up to 420 as we have suffered from parking problems some across the drive etc. for a very long time. The road is used as a car park and many cars are there during working hours all day and some overnight!! My only concern is will the area be policed by traffic wardens? My immediate 2 neighbours support the action ABC is taking. There are some people who actually park on the grass verge between the service road and the main Hythe Road but they don't get tickets!!!
Am26/16	Please find attached my response to the above proposals. If parking restrictions are implemented, then they must be wholly effective and not simply shift the problem further away. In the proposals for Blackwall Road South, this is what will happen and as I have described in my letter, the parking problem will simply be moved about 50 yards down to the three houses at the end of the road. To be effective, the whole section of Blackwall Road South north from Sandy Lane must be included. Or preferably, the Hospital must create a viable and effective on site solution to their staffs parking requirements. Another response: Further to my email sent Tue 23/10/12, please find attached photos taken today showing the damage caused to the road verge by heavy vehicles passing cars parked in clearly inappropriate places on Blackwall Road South. The grass verge has collapsed three feet and is now full of water causing the road to be constantly dirty and dangerously slippery. This is precisely the damage that will occur further down the road, outside the houses of 57 – 59 Blackwall Road South, under the current proposals for parking restrictions. Any such restrictions must be also be applied to the road that runs in front of these properties, as detailed in my previous email, to prevent the worse damage occurring as that stretch of road is as narrow but does not have a pavement for the protection of pedestrians.

Am26/17	We have recently received your letter re: the above. We're writing to convey that we think it absolutely necessary to stop the overhaul parking from hospital staff. It become seriously dangerous driving up & down Abbey Way during the Summer Holidays. Therefore, we wish to advise that we are in acceptance of double yellow lines being implemented where needed.
	Maybe this option could be considered on some of the surrounding Closes off 'Abbey Way', as they are getting more and more congested by the month and proving difficult trying to leave our own driveways and for weekly refuse collections too!
Am26/18	I live in kings Chase. I very much welcome the proposals to introduce parking restrictions both in the road and surrounding areas. Kings chase is a narrow road, lately a number of cars have been parking at the entry to the road making it very dangerous for pedestrians and car users. I would very much welcome double yellow lines. Each property has parking for at least three cars and most for four or more. I look forward to a positive outcome to this issue.
Am26/19	I am a resident of Fountains Close (*), Willesborough. I have read the above proposal and viewed the proposed markings. My main concern is that the vehicles will continue to be parked off site and spread further along the roads around the Abbey estate. With that in mind I would like some reassurance that the parking situation around the estate will be monitored. I don't want Fountains Close becoming a car park.
	The fact that it has been acknowledged that the unsafe parking is caused by an overflow from the William Harvey Hospital, can you please advise what is being planned to increase the number of parking spaces available at the Hospital.
	Also can you please explain why the newly constructed road at the hospital is fenced off. Could this road not be opened up to provide additional parking spaces.

Am26/20	I wish to object to the parking proposal Amendment 26 on the basis that it is not the correct solution to the problem at hand and that it could have significant impacts on our residential on-street parking amenity. While I acknowledge the need to enforce parking restrictions around junctions, and this part of the scheme is accepted, it is clear that by restricting parking in certain areas it would only lead to parking over-spill on other streets currently unaffected. This scheme is not the solution to the main problem; this being the current woefully inadequate parking strategy for the William Harvey Hospital.
	The parking problem needs to be dealt with at source through the William Harvey Hospital implementing a realistic and sustainable parking solution for their staff, who on the whole are the main cause of the parking problem on local roads. Furthermore, the hospital should be putting forward funding to deal with these issues rather than leaving tax payers (ourselves) to foot the bill for mitigating measures. A comprehensive plan needs to be worked up between the hospital, residents, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation and Ashford Borough Council, comprising a set of measures that does not adversely impact on local residents but acts to ensure hospital staff and visitors are discouraged from parking on local roads. Such measures as one-hour duration daytime waiting restrictions are extremely successful in resolving such issues around rail stations and near other employment areas so why cannot similar measures be employed here in Ashford? We are not talking untried methods here, and given Ashford's forward thinking attitude to the then radical shared space concept this certainly
	surprises me. I note the potential impact to small businesses noted in the JTB report of 11 September. Surely the answer to this is to tailor parking restrictions fit for each street - say around public houses implementing a one-hour restriction 10am to 11am prior to the pub opening, and again 3pm to 4pm after the lunch rush has gone? Other office and employment sites could have permit bays for instance. A little bit of lateral thinking could go a long way. It is my view that the hospital should not be permitted any further planning approvals until these issues are resolved. Residents have shown a willingness to work with Ashford Borough Council and the hospital to resolve these problems, but so far there is little evidence of engagement with those who have called for solutions. The Council must listen to residents and understand the full scale of the problems before implementing a 'part' scheme that could worsen the situation rather than resolve it. I trust our views will be fully considered by the Council.
Am26/21	Thank you for letting us know about the proposed extension to the yellow line parking zone, which we understand will extend into Abbey Way, and the entrances to Fountains Close, Thornton Close, Romsey Close and Waltham Close. Your letter acknowledges that discussion is underway with East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust to investigate potential measures for the reduction of overspill parking. Clearly, this is the core problem, and it is surely the most sensible approach to pursue a solution to this core problem, rather than wasting taxpayer funds on parking control schemes that would

not be necessary if the core problem was properly addressed. There is plenty of room for additional parking on the William Harvey hospital site, and this is clearly the obvious way forward, together with any other innovative schemes that minimise the number of hospital staff vehicles that need to park at WHH.

Yellow line parking schemes do not, repeat do not, solve these overspill parking problems – they merely push the problem somewhere else.

The overspill cars from WHH still need to park somewhere, and those cars from residents in our estate not parked in their driveways/garages still need to park somewhere. If they can no longer park outside their own houses, then they will park outside other people's houses, which is not good for neighbourhood relations. Whilst we do use our garage for parking cars, there are often times when we need to park up outside out house, which we may no longer be able to do – it this yellow line scheme goes ahead. We would then need to park up outside someone else's house, potentially upsetting them, so they need to park somewhere else and so on and so on – a ludicrous situation I hope that you would agreed.

Not only will this proposed yellow line scheme cause additional parking problems in our estate, it is a waste of taxpayer funds that will not deliver a solution to the core problem. We assume that you are only consulting on this proposal because the existing controlled parking zone on the roads nearer to the WHH has pushed the problem into our estate. The existing parking scheme has failed to solve the problem. So it should be obvious that these schemes do not work – so another type of solution is necessary (that addresses the core problem) rather than wasting more taxpayer money on more yellow lines.

As well as not addressing the core of the problem, and wasting taxpayer funds, the council need to understand that not everyone parks their car in their garage, and there are families that own several cars, especially if sons/daughters live at home. Without yellow lines these additional cars will largely be parked outside those households that own them. With yellow lines, some of these cars will be parked outside households that don't own them, which cannot be a good outcome – indeed a new potential problem.

This new problem would only be compounded by staff of WHH parking beyond the proposed yellow lines – as the yellow line scheme would not solve the problem – merely push it somewhere else.

The only potential advantage for the council may be to reduce complaints from those currently affected by existing WHH overspill parking; however, a yellow line scheme will merely create a new group of complainers, and is not a solution.

The more parking restrictions that exist in our estate, the greater the potential parking problem in our estate – as the same number of cars have fewer places to park. This is an "out of town" residential estate, that does not need yellow lines and but for the temporary issue with WHH overspill, would no be subject to yellow line proposals.

We are very concerned to see that the pavements in the estate have already been etched with white markings, in readiness for yellow lines to be added. This cannot be right when these measures are up for consultation, and give the impression that the yellow line proposal is a "done deal" and the council are merely "going through the motions" with this consultation.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of our objections and confirm that such objections will be taken seriously.

	The timescale for this consultation seems very short, given that a proper solution to the core problem should be achievable if the council and WHH work sensibly together to address this core issue
Am26/22	I am writing in response to your letter dated 17 th October 2012 regarding the overspill and obstructive parking in the locality and in particular in Wilson close where I have lived for the past 20 years. I would like to comment on the proposals and also attach completed universal letter produced by our neighbourhood scheme. Firstly, I agree for health and safety reasons it is a good idea to have double yellow lines on the corners of the close adjoining Kennington Road and also on the corners within Wilson Close. Secondly, I would strongly prefer to have "Single Yellow Lines" covering the rest of the close, which would prevent long time parking (I particularly refer to employees of the William Harvey Hospital who park from early morning to late evening, often obstructing access to other vehicles about their daily business) There is no doubt that the over-parking has caused a big problem, but would persist "Double Yellow Lines" across the roadway in front of our houses as this would prevent us (the residents)from parking outside of our houses when appropriate (i.e. for loading and unloading, washing our vehicles etc) and would also prevent access to our visitors. I trust you will take this letter into consideration when deciding on the remedies to be taken.
Am26/23	I wish to oppose the proposed parking scheme on the basis that it does not:- 1)Answer or address the basic problems 2)Punishes residents 24hrs a day with double yellow lines in many areas which are unnecessary unwanted and not required 3)Other that at the junction of Blackwall Road and the main road where the road narrows past Willesborough Court the on corners is not a problem
	I wish to propose the following alternatives A. Single yellow line scheme on all roads with time limited parking with a limit of 1-2hrs B. white lines across driveways where applicable C)Double yellow lines at the junction with the main road
Am26/24	In response to you letter, about the proposed highway safety scheme in Willesborough, I am in favour of the proposed scheme, to put the double yellow lines in those locations where parking causes a danger or obstruction, specifically the service road that runs adjacent to the main Hythe Road, running from the Esso garage traffic lights to the lights at the junction of the M20 London bound. As a resident of this part of the Hythe Road, I and other householders have had to suffer the constant dangers of inappropriate parking on this service road. Therefore, I would welcome the use of double yellow lines in this area.

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October 2012 about the parking problems caused by the William Harvey Hospital staff overspill parking in the Willesborough Lees vicinity.

Firstly I would like to state for the record that I am disappointed and disgusted about these parking problems which have been created by the administration of the William Harvey Hospital. It is hardly surprising that staff would seek alternative parking when the hospital increases the daily parking charges by almost four times. I am equally disappointed by the logic which Ashford Borough Council and the Highways agency tries to solve the problems which actually beggars belief. For example take Blackwall Road South, at the narrowest part of the road where staff from the hospital decide to park where it is obvious that trucks and agricultural vehicles cannot pass without going on to the verge of the road so what do the highways agency do put in wooden posts into the verge which actually compounds the problem by making the road even narrower. I also cannot understand the attitude of the local police. I personally have reported on numerous occasions about people from the hospital parking on the side of the road creating complete obstructions preventing vehicles passing and nothing is done about it. I have seen trucks which have been servicing the farms stuck for hours because they are not able to pass because of badly parked cars, unable to go forward and unable to reverse. I have even been present when a special constable was trying to resolve these problems only to say that he was powerless. Does the highway code mean anything in Ashford? It is obvious that the hospital which encourages their staff to park on the side roads has little or no regard to the consequences of their actions to local residents which I believe is condoned by Ashford Borough Council after all this is not a new problem.

The proposal which you mention in your letter about the double yellow lines will serve no purpose at all and by doing so will only move the problem to another area. Blackwall Road South is in essence a country road there is absolutely no room for parking all the way down to the junction with Blackwall Road North and by putting double yellow lines in the current affected area will only result in moving the idiotic parking lower down Blackwall Road South. If you are seriously considering double yellow lines as a solution then it should apply from Burleigh Court down to the junction to Blackwall Road North as the road is just as narrow as it is in the current problem area.

On a personal point I believe the suggestion of the double yellow lines is only a compromise and a very weak one at that. The next best solution would be a single yellow line with a two hour maximum parking limit. The ultimate solution should lie with the hospital and if a solution cannot be found within the hospitals boundaries then perhaps an off-site parking area should be considered based on a "park-and-ride" scheme.

One last final point, it is fully understandable that the staff and the William Harvey should park in side roads close to the hospital to avoid the ludicrous parking charges inside the hospital but what is not understandable nor acceptable is the stupidity of some

people parking in such dangerous areas creating havoc by their selfishness. They have a total disregard to the residents and the farmers and all the people that have to use the roads. I cannot believe that there is nothing that can be done to these people I am 100% sure that they are most certainly contravening the Highway code by causing an obstruction. I sincerely hope that a solution is found and put into operation as soon as possible. Am26/26 I wish to oppose the above Proposals, as they affect the Hythe Road, on the following grounds; 1. They do not address the root of the parking problems faced in the local area. These problems stem from the William Harvev Hospital's decision to increase charges for staff to park within the Hospital grounds. 2. The Proposals will not stop drivers from parking in a dangerous and obstructive manner; they will simply move further down the road onto the grass verge. 3. Double Yellow Lines extending across driveways are unnecessary, unwanted and impinge on the householders' amenity. I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council. 1. Instil more urgency into the discussion which is underway with the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust - because the parking problem will not go away - only move to other nearby residential roads and this process will have to be undertaken again and again with the associated costs being born by the ratepayers of the Borough. 2. To stop dangerous and obstructive parking use Single Yellow Lines on both sides of the Hythe Road from number 406 to number 434, with NO exclusion period, effective from Monday to Friday, except where Double Yellow Lines are currently proposed. 3. Instead of the proposed Double Yellow Lines over the driveways of numbers 462 and 464 Hythe Road a Single Yellow Line on the "driveway" side of the Hythe Road from number 448 to number 470 should be marked. This Single Yellow Line should be effective from Monday to Friday without an exclusion period. 4. Over all the driveways in the part of the Hythe Road affected by the proposals White Access Highlight Lines should replace the Single Yellow Line.

Am26/27	 I agree with the proposed double yellow lines along part of Blackwall Road South. I think that double yellow lines in other areas may not be the answer and that the residents of those areas should have their views respected.
	3. Blackwall Road South was badly damaged in the past and is now in the process of being damaged again, due to the parking, resulting in more cost to the council tax payers.
Am26/28	Thank you for your recent correspondence. Residing at ** Blackwall Road South, I have been increasingly frustrated by the dangerous parking taking place along Blackwall Road South, particularly where the road bends; sometimes it has been virtually impossible to see clearly to my right when driving out of the driveway of our 4 bungalows (73 - 79). Moreover, when returning home from work from Canterbury it is often impossible for me to see any traffic approaching the end of Blackwall Road South when I am attempting to turn left from the Hythe Road. How cars have not collided before now is nothing short of a miracle. If drivers cannot adhere to the Highway Code and continue to park in this dangerous manner, I fully support the proposal for double yellow lines in this part of Blackwall Road South.
	I am aware that some residents in the Wilson Close area are suggesting an alternative proposal for their own area of Willesborough. As this does not affect me directly I do not feel able to comment but I would ask that their concerns and alternative proposals are seriously considered before implementing the current suggested parking scheme.
	I feel strongly that the William Harvey Hospital has a moral obligation to provide sufficient parking for all their employees and that those who work for the NHS should not be put in a position where they have to park at some distance away from their place of work inconveniencing both themselves and the local residents.
Am26/29	I was very disappointed to receive your letter dated 17th October 2012 regarding the proposed introduction of double yellow lines in Willesborough. In my opinion, double yellow lines are NOT the answer to the parking problem in this area. Many residents have to park in the road because they have multiple vehicles, ie a married couple with a teenage son may have three vehicles, one for each member of the family. Two vehicles are parked on the driveway but the third has to be parked in the road because the driveway is not big enough for three vehicles. Many residents are unable to use their garages because they have to store such items as garden furniture, ladders, equipment etc. Also, visitors need street parking while they visit their family or friends. Double yellow lines will cause more misery to the residents of Willesborough because they will be unable to park in the road and there is also the possibility of affecting local businesses like the Hooden On The Hill in Silverhill Road and The White Horse in Kennington Road whereby customers will be unable to park. As far as I am aware, only a few vehicles have parked dangerously

	in the past but this is purely a matter of opinion. Introducing permit holders parking and/or single yellow lines with a 3 hour limit would help to deter commuter parking in the area. Regarding the William Harvey Hospital, there needs to be an overhaul of their parking facilities and prices. The current system encourages people to park outside the Hospital grounds because it is too expensive. The parking pay meters on the Hospital grounds only accept coins and do not give change. So an hour can be very expensive if you haven't got the right money. Anyone visiting the Hospital without enough change in their pocket will not be able to park in the grounds so they will park outside in the street. I also feel that the introduction of double yellow lines in Willesborough is purely another way for the Council to generate revenue by issuing PCN's. This is so unfair because we all pay enough in taxes and bills etc as it is. Another £35 to pay because you parked your car outside your property is just not on.
Am26/30	I am writing to oppose to your proposals regarding new parking restrictions in the Willesborough area which is not addressing the cause of the problem which is all down to the William Harvey Hospital introducing excessive parking charges to their staff, thereby the staff uses the surrounding streets for a cheaper or free alternative. Your proposals do nothing to alleviate the problem but only to move them along the side streets where no lines are being considered. No doubt in a year's time, you will propose to extend the yellow lines to those areas, but still the route cause of the problem will persist. In addition your proposals have a direct bearing on my property as my visitors will not be able to park outside the property and indirectly this could affect the value of my property. I trust that you will take my concerns into considerations and not approve this scheme.
Am26/31	I write to oppose the proposed parking scheme as you are not addressing the cause and your proposals will only divert the offending drivers to park further along the Abbey Estate where restrictions will not apply and cause further irritation to be residents and rate payers within this area. In addition to the hospital staff parking in this area, the proposals for Silverhill Road will attract customers of the local public house to use this estate adding further inconvenience to residents. Before considering painting the streets yellow you should persuade the NHS Trust to encourage their staff to use their car parks, which I pass at least twice a day when walking my dog, and I see at least 50/60 vacant spaces within their staff car park on most days. In addition, the trade vehicles parking the street are mainly by trades people working at the hospital, and the hospital should provide parking areas within their grounds, as any other organisation would do. They have plenty of space that they could provide including the new road on the first left as you approach the hospital, which leads nowhere and would not cause anyone problems. I trust you will consider your proposals and address the problem at its source.

I would ask please that a "Formal Objection" to be placed on record and debated at the forthcoming Joint Transportation meeting to be held at the Council Chambers. Civic Centre mid December 2012.

As I understand Ashford Borough Council Highways Department have put forward for consideration a scheme whereby double yellow lines are placed on the junction of Wilson Close and the main Kennington Road, together with the same on the corners have way down Wilson Close, the placing of these lines in these locations would be appreciated, but **not across private driveways.** The "Formal Objection" I refer to is the proposed placing of double yellow lines across the driveways of No. 17, 18 & 19 Wilson Close, for the reasons I refer to below.

We as residents are asking Highways Dept to install a single yellow lien around our estate with say a "no parking" period of one or two hours over the midday period, this would sort the problem out. This solution would be very easy to Police at a low cost to the Council, and be what the residents are asking for. This principal would also be suitable for the other affected streets in Willesborough Lees. This would stop the long term parking (6am – 8pm) but still give good time periods for people visiting at the hospital which is not a problem to us.

- 1. There is no need for double yellow lines across driveways as no one ever parks across our drives, so this is not the problem. It is the parking opposite my property on the corners which is causing the obstruction for the refuse lorry and other large vehicles turning in. White dog bones would be an acceptable alternative across driveways.
- 2. We as residents only use our dropped kerbs for brief spells of parking when changing over vehicles, we at no. 19 have a lengthways double garage and two vehicles. Both properties only have a single driveway. Trades vehicles may on rare occasions briefly stop there when delivering to our property when there is nowhere else to stop, owing to the road being full up of hospital staff vehicles, and works vehicles working at the hospital.
- 3. The main cause of obstruction of the refuse lorry is hospital cars parked on the corners opposite my property, and up the short length of Wilson close leading up to Leeswood.
- 4. Double yellow lines across our driveways I feel would cause us as residents more problems than would be solved. Without giving any useful benefits to the drivers of the large vehicles who are having the problem.

I would be very grateful to you and the Transportation Committee if you would look on this formal request favourably.

Am26/33

I strongly object to Double Yellow lines being put across our driveway as this would be unwanted and harmful to our own parking amenity,

A single white line (ie dogbone) across our driveway would be a better alternative if Double Yellow Lines are to be FORCED upon us in our area.

Parking Systems such as a single yellow line with 1 hour exclusion period or 2 hours no return within 2 hours with permits for residents, which has been adopted in The Street, Willesborough would be more acceptable.

All day commuters parking has been a serious problem for residents for a number of years and the proposed scheme seems

	more like a punishment than a solution. Although I understand that this is not a Lucky Dip , its certainly a problem that needs more thoughtful consideration. The problem of all day commuter parking will never be completely resolved until the William Harvey Hospital take some responsibility for the selfish actions of their staff.
Am26/34	I strongly object to Double Yellow Lines being but across our driveway and I demand that a single white line (ie dogbone) be applied instead, this would allow us as residents to continue to park across our drive if necessary without the worry and stress that Double Yellow Lines would cause with the threat of parking fines. The proposed scheme firstly would seem the easy option that shows very little thought of how it will effect the residents and secondly for those with the dreadful prospect of double yellow lines across their drive it would seem we are being punished because of the inconsiderate and thoughtless parking behaviour of the all day commuters who have shown complete disregard for the amenity of the area in which we live. As our road is NOT on a main highway and has NO through traffic leading to a dead end we believe that to extend the double yellow lines from around the hammerhead to cover our driveway is completely unnecessary and bordering on bizarre. The proposed Safety Scheme applies Double Yellow Lines where they are NOT needed (i.e. across driveways) and NO double yellow lines where they ARE needed (i.e. along the narrow section of the road) if this proposal is allowed to go ahead it will NOT solve the problem of All Day Commuters parking, but end up being a mad dash/scramble to park In whatever spaces are left, leaving some residents nowhere to park. On the proposed plan the double yellow lines that begin opposite our house and continue around the hammerhead would still leave us exposed to the problem of commuters parking opposite where the road narrows which in turn would prevent us or any members of our family parking directly in front of our home.
Am26/35	Further to your proposals for introducing road marking as a safety measure in the Willesborough Lees Area, we are pleased, as residents of Waltham Close to confirm that we support the aims of the scheme as proposed but believe it does not go far enough in its restrictions to eliminate the more serious effect of parking in narrow roads. With regard to Silver Hill Road, this is a bus route and as users of the bus service we have noted that on several occasions the buses have had to wait for parked vehicles to be removed as they have restricted the usable width to such a degree that the bus
	has been unable to pass and on many occasions the buses have to literally inch past in order to avoid damaging parked vehicles, which often means the bus is brushing the embankment to the east side of the road. Further we live near the turning head in Waltham Close which is often used for parking. This parking can prevent lorries and large delivery vehicles form making proper use of the turning head and causes the Refuse cart to drive up our private drive every

	week in order to be able straighten the vehicle and reverse around the turning head. Similarly with the Recycling vehicle. When the parking is at its worst we have known vehicles to have to reverse the full length of Waltham Close as they have been unable to manoeuvre in order to turn round. This is a very unsafe practice within a family environment but what alternative does a lorry driver have when a turning head is being improperly used for parking.
	We trust you will take these comments on board before finalising your proposals as we consider they are important safety issues
Am26/36	I wish to state my support for your parking proposal in general and specifically in regards to Abbey Way where I live in the hope that it will make life easier in negotiating entry to and from Abbey Way into Silverhill Road.
Am26/37	I am writing to express concerns I have with the Council's proposal to restrict parking under Amendment 26, in Lacton Way Willesborough.
	Whilst I concur that the increased number of vehicles used by William Harvey Hospital staff which are now routinely parked in the street
	is a nuisance and realise that the rest of Lacton Way's residents will welcome the proposed restriction, the area to be restricted lies outside
	my house frontage and is the only place where it is possible for me and my household to park.
	I live at number **, the last house in the road at the "butt" of the cul de sac. Our house is, I think, the only one in the road not to have any off-road parking
	because the garage and driveway were removed years before our occupancy, when the motorway and access roads were built. A BT telephone exchange
	box is built into the pathway outside my house so it is not possible to drop the kerb to access the very narrow garden. It is therefore not possible
	to park on our own property and anyway, to do so could be dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists using the public pathway which runs next to our house.
	The two spaces at our front door are in fact next to the turning circle which is used by dustcarts and similar large vehicles and parking in that position does
	not cause hazard or difficulty for vehicles turning. The difficulty arises these days because the entire street is parked by 8am, by hospital users, to the point
	where delivery lorries etc are not able to get along the road because of the cars parked on both sides. Restrictions in the area indicated on your plans, will serve

	to exacerbate these problems and not prevent hospital staff from using the rest of the road.
	We are frequently frustrated by not being able to park outside our own house. While I am aware that we have no parking rights
	outside the property, I am appealing
	to you to consider issuing us with permits to use the two spaces in front of the house and/or to consider making Lacton Way a
	residential parking zone.
	In the twenty-first century, it is reasonable to expect a degree of convenience in and around your home and it is seriously
	inconvenient for an older person such as
	myself, not to have convenient access to my car. I do realise your concerns for safety are important and ask that if your proposed
	scheme is approved that you will
	make some provision for our household.
	I do hope that you will consider this heart-felt concern and accommodate my request for parking consideration.
Am26/38	We are contacting you as owners of ** Burleigh Court, Blackwall Road South, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0SL following
A11120/30	receipt of your letter dated Wednesday 17th October 2012, concerning the proposed Highway Safety Scheme in Willesborough
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	Having viewed the safety scheme proposals we wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following grounds:-
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	2. Double yellow lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary.
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	We wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council:-
	1. A single yellow line scheme (both sides of the road) with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking for
	the length of Blackwall Road South (up to junction with Blackwall Road North).
	2. Double yellow lines (both sides of the road) for the length of Blackwall Road South (up to junction with Blackwall Road North)
	with white lines across driveways.
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	The current proposals simply do not go far enough and are not sufficient to solve the severe problems that are encountered on a
	daily basis.
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Am26/39	Proposed Highway Safety Scheme in Willesborough Lees in the Vicinity of the William Harvey Hospital

	I wish to formerly object to the proposed Parking Scheme on the following grounds:
	 It does not address the cause of the problems faced by the local residents on a daily basis. Double yellow lines extending across private driveways are unnecessary and unwanted this would be harmful to our own parking amenities, as we at No. ** have a double lengthways garage and only a single drive, therefore when we need to change over our cars we have to park one on the roadway. The application of the scheme is unfair to residents.
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council
	 A. A single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveways (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
	I feel the proposal of having double yellow lines across our drive for the purpose of refuse collection that occurs for 10/15 minutes one day a week, will blight our lives 24/7, this seems rather drastic action to me.
Am26/40	I wish to oppose the proposed scheme on the following grounds double yellow lines extending across private driveways are unnecessary and unwanted and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. The proposal of the yellow lines stopping outside my house would cause problems for me entering my driveway as this will not allow turning space, and will just allow the problems to move further down the service road which should be for residence parking only.
	I wish the following alternative to be considered. A notice stating that the service road is for access and residence parking only. A single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
Am26/41	With reference to the proposed yellow lines to be put in Hythe Road opposite the London bound motorway junction, I have the following comments.
	I agree that something has to be done to stop commuters and hospital workers parking in this area, but putting yellow lines where you are proposing will not solve the problem, but will make it worse where there are no parking restrictions. All residents need access to their driveways, at the moment there have been occasions when vehicles park across driveways, this will get worse with limited parking available.
	It would be better to have a restriction in the middle of the day to stop all day parking, with resident permits to reduce

	inconvenience to residents and their visitors.
	I am not a resident, but my elderly mother is. I frequently visit her, and parked cars make it very difficult sometimes to get to her house, and her to gain easy access to my car when I take her out.
	I hope you will take my comments into consideration.
Am26/42	I am writing in order to place my objections to the scheme for double yellow lines on Silver Hill road and the surrounding areas. I am a resident of Winslade Terrace and have my own parking at the rear of the property however visitors do use the road for parking.
	The main issues that residents face in this area is the shortage of parking caused due to the restricted parking for staff at the William Harvey Hospital. I do not generally see unsafe parking however is rather congested at times. The whole issue stems form the lack of staff parking at the hospital. My partner works for the trust and has done so since March 2012. He applied, when taking the job, and has only just received a parking permit for the site. With new staff continually joining the hospital they have no choice but to park on the nearby roads as there is not the option to park on the site as there is no permit available.
	The only thing that placing double yellow lines in the area will do is push the problem away into another area creating potentially worse problems. It may also push people into the Winslade Development and then cause greater issues for residents here who pay to have their parking maintained.
	The problem MUST be solved at the source in the first instance with staff being able to get parking permits. They have no other choice but to park in these areas and feel very sorry for them that they have to walk this distance in the dark in poorly lit streets! There are greater priority's for this council and will strongly object to any parking restrictions in this area.
Am26/43	Please find as follows our response to Ashford Borough Council's "Am26/WillesL" consultation documents:
	1. We believe that the root of the problem that the Council is trying to address by the Scheme lies with the failure by the William Harvey Hospital to provide sufficient affordable parking for its staff, patients and visitors. Therefore the main thrust of the Council's effort should be directed towards resolving this issue with the Hospital at the earliest opportunity.
	2. In respect of our own street, King's Chase, the Scheme appears to be limited to providing yellow lines for a short distance immediately adjacent to Kennington Road. We are happy for that to go ahead but would not wish for further lining to be provided within King's Chase.

- 3. However, we are concerned that the lining proposals in nearby streets could easily have the affect of putting greater pressure on King's Chase for commuter parking. Furthermore, we understand that a significant number of residents in nearby streets are unhappy with the Scheme as it stands. They are our neighbours and we do not wish to acquiesce to anything that would cause them problems.
- 4. We would therefore wish the Council to consider the alternatives proposed by John Bailey of Wilson Close for those nearby streets, namely a single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking, white lines across driveways (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines and double yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
- 5. Finally may we repeat what we believe to be the most urgent matter, which is for the Council to take real measures to ensure that all people heading in cars to the Hospital should park exclusively on the Hospital's premises.

My name is Mr. David Bailey and I live at *, Willesborough Court, off Blackwall Road South.

Following a detailed online review of your proposed Willesborough safety parking scheme I would like to formally submit the following comments on the scheme in general and specifically on the areas that have a direct effect upon me, and would ask that they are fully considered during any future proposal reviews.

From a general point of view:

- 1. I agree that the council should continue to work with the William Harvey hospital to increase their staff parking facilities.
- 2. The placement of double yellow lines for safety purposes, as indicated within your proposal, appear to be sensible, however I am obviously unaware of all of the current specific problems encountered in each discrete area.
- 3. Whilst these proposals will go some way to improving safety they will not address the bulk of the problems faced by the residents in each area caused by the current commuter / unsociable parking.
- 4. The inclusion of single yellow lines with parking barred for a one or two hour period at a strategic time of the day should be added to the proposal. This would make it impossible for staff to "commuter" park, whilst still making it available for the short term parking of visitors to both the residents and the hospital. This is a system that works well in similar areas of Canterbury.

From a specific point of view

- 1. I am in agreement with the proposed placement of double yellow lines on both sides of the north end of Blackwall Road South, and at the junctions of: a) Kennington Road / Blackwall Road South, and b) Blackwall Road South / Willesborough Court.
- 2. These proposals will go some way to improving safety; however they will not address the bulk of the problems faced by the residents who live in this area, or those individuals who have to use Blackwall Road South to get to and from their place of residence.
- 3. The current commuter / unsociable parking in Blackwall Road South, caused predominantly by staff from the William Harvey hospital, creates problems for resident to get into and out of their drives, makes it very difficult and risky to drive up and down the road, and has resulted in a number of confrontational incidents between the drivers of cars travelling in opposite directions on the only lane left open down the entire road.
- 4. The inclusion of single yellow lines on both sides of the remainder of Blackwall Road South, with parking barred for a one or two hour period at a strategic time of the day should be added to the proposal. This would make it impossible for staff to "commuter" park whilst still making the space available for the short term parking of visitors to both the residents and the hospital. This is a system that works well in similar areas of Canterbury.
- 5. A similar single yellow line should also be placed on both sides of Willesborough Court to avoid simply pushing the problem elsewhere.

Re: THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT No. 26) ORDER 2012

We write in reference to the above proposed amendment and wish to oppose such a scheme on the following grounds, in particular in the location of Silver Hill, Abbey Way, Waltham Close and the immediate areas contained within.

East Kent Hospitals NHS UFT have, continually over the recent years, changed the activity of services of the William Harvey Hospital, offered to the public, making it a centre of excellence in certain disciplines, such as Heart (PPCI), Renal, Maxillo Facial, etc. This has caused an influx of staff, patients and visitors, which would have been seen elsewhere in the county.

At the same time, the Trust hiked the cost of visitor parking from £2.80 to £8.00 per 8 hours on site parking to increase revenue.

The Trust failed to increase the parking allocation in line with the new requirements of the Hospital. The Trust also failed to provide on-site Parking to the staff being drafted in from all corners of the county to execute the new disciplines being offered. The waiting list for staff parking is some 18 months long.

We are aware that proposals were afforded by East Kent Hospitals early on to Ashford Borough Council Planning Committee, which was thrown out.

The Trust also implemented in 2009, a 3 mile exclusion zone. This meant that staff within a 3 mile radius of the Hospital would not be permitted to apply for a parking permit at the William Harvey. This has meant that these people are now parking outside of the William Harvey grounds as they are being refused permission to park on site, or have to pay a minimum of £8.00 (providing their shift does not overrun).

This action alone has caused hospital staff and contractors to park in Blackwall Road South, Abbey Way and down as far as Waltham Close where we reside.

A Hopper Bus has been supplied by the Trust for staff. However this service is very infrequent and is not set up to provide adequate transport to suit working times, overrun of lists etc.

We feel that the adoption of yellow lines to the Abbey Way area, totally unnecessary. We would not be able to invite guests to visit us as they will have limited places to park. The Hooden on the Hill will suffer a downturn in Business, during a very difficult economical time as the parking would be very restrictive.

The parking problems only occur from around 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, especially in Blackwall Road South and the first part of Abbey Way, nearest Silver Hill, the time when staff and contractors are turning up for work in the morning.

The problem lies totally with East Kent Hospital Trust and their failure to provide adequate facilities to deal with the problems that they alone have generated. Ashford Borough Council should review EKH's policies and assist them in the implementation of a reactive plan.

We feel that commuter parking would be a <u>last resort</u> (with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking)so that it does not restrict our social movements or reduce the value of our properties having yellow lines painted in front of them.

We would be happy to voice our opinions publically if the need arises through public forum and are happy to dialogue with your department at any juncture.

Re: Amendment 26 - Willesborough Lees Safety Scheme

General Statement.

This scheme is designed to stop people parking on corners in the Willesborough area. However it is the wrong solution for the area, and the problems residents face.

People only park on corners when there is nowhere else to park. Mr Wilkinson encapsulates this is in his statement 'It is only when competition for parking becomes significant that motorists tend to exhibit less judgement and take greater risks in selecting their parking location'.

The solution therefore is to reduce the volume of commuter parking in the area, not fiddle with corners.

This scheme extends double yellow lines into areas which do not need them. It has these lines crossing around 30 driveways, severely affecting residents parking amenity. This is completely unfair and an affront to local people who are already suffering from excessive commuter parking.

Wilson Close

Double yellow lines are proposed for the entrance to Wilson Close and also the branch of the close leading to Lees Wood. The lines at the entrance to the close extend across 3 dropped kerbs which will severely affect their ability to have visitors and tradesmen at their houses. All that is needed is a two long metre double yellow line to prevent the 'pinch point' blockage in the road where the additional car can completely block the road. It should be noted that the double yellow lines at the entrance to Wilson Close was first suggested by Councillor George Koowaree as a 'visual deterrent' to commuters. There has never been an issue with access at the entrance to the Close. The double yellow lines across the dropped kerbs of numbers 25 and 26 have nothing to do with safety. Cars are never parked here. These lines are pointless.

Further into Wilson Close a double yellow line crosses the driveways of house numbers 7, 17, 18 and 19. This is complete 'overkill as houses 17- 19 face the corner but have their own dropped kerbs. There is a short length of normal roadway outside no. 18 but a car parked here does not affect the Council Dustmen when they reverse around the corner.

If these lines are to be added to the corner, the only fair solution here is for the double yellow lines to cover the curve of the

corners ONLY. They should not to extend across the driveway of No 7 or be placed outside the houses opposite. This part of the scheme will also reduce the parking amenity of house 9A unfairly.

The ideal solution for the Close would be provision of a single yellow line around the entire Close, with an exclusion period of one hour. This solution will stop parking on corners as there will not 'be competition for parking', to quote Mr Wilkinson.

Blackwall Road South

This road has two problems. The narrow area beyond Willesborough Court, and the area from Willesborough Court to the Kennington Road junction.

Double yellow lines are needed on the narrow stretch beyond Willesborough Court. The regular use of this road by large farm vehicles means this part of the road cannot be narrowed by commuter parking. The area between Willesborough Court and Kennington Road is badly affected by commuter parking and needs a Single Yellow line restriction. At present residents have great trouble exiting their drives between commuter's cars. The introduction of double yellow lines to the area will put more pressure on the available parking space and will make residents lives worse. The only solution is to stop commuter parking in this road.

Abbey Way Estate and Kings Chase.

If the double yellow lines are added as per this 'Safety Scheme' it will displace around 6 commuters cars from Wilson Close and perhaps 10 from Blackwall Road South. These cars will head for the Abbey Way Estate and Kings Chase. Areas presently unaffected by the commuter parking problems will be drawn in thereby making more disaffected residents. Many corners in Abbey Way designated for double yellow lines do not at present suffer any parking problems. This illustrates the bogus nature of this scheme.

Hythe Road and Silverhill Road

Both Hythe Road and Silverhill Road are affected by two types of commuter. Those from the William Harvey Hospital and the car sharers heading for London. In recent weeks a number of cars have been parking dangerously underneath the motorway bridge. The road is becoming increasingly dangerous. This scheme does not address this real safety issue at all.

The approach for Hythe Road needs to be discussed with residents directly. The road has a number of different problems, with a blocked turning area needing double yellow lines, out of control commuter and car sharer problems needing single yellow lines and one resident who has no driveway and three vehicles who needs a paid for parking bay.

The solution is not to be found on corners. It is solved by removing commuter parking from the area by adding a single yellow line with a one hour restriction, which will solve most problems.

Conclusion

The Willesborough Safety Scheme is not fit for purpose and should be opposed. I therefore wish to register my formal opposition to this plan and urge Ashford Borough Council to sit around a table with residents and discuss the plans road by road, with residents who know the issues and the landscape far better than council officials.

Am26/47 Further to your letter dated 17 October 2012, we write to lodge our objections to the proposed Highway Safety Scheme.

In your letter you state that the issue is due to overspill parking from the hospital. This is not true. There are plenty of spaces at the hospital, as I have witnessed myself on numerous occasions. These cars are parking in the roads affected from 6am in the morning during the week. How can the hospital car park be full at 6am?

We have recently moved from an area with similar parking problems. This was addressed by introducing a single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period to deter commuter parking. It worked very effectively without penalising the residents/home owners. We therefore fail to understand why you would want to introduce a double yellow line scheme. How does that benefit the people who live here? We will then effectively be penalised and unable to park our own cars outside our properties, let alone have visitors. Many of the properties affected have only single space driveways but households with at least 2/3 cars. This is not to mention the effect such a scheme would have on the value of property in such a difficult time.

It is the duty of the hospital to provide adequate and, in our opinion, free parking for hospital staff. Why are you afraid to address this with them?

We moved to our property in May 2012. Thankfully we had met our neighbours who informed us of the difficulties with parking. We had to arrange our move over 2 days, at extra expense to us, to ensure we could gain safe access to our property. Our lorry had to arrive here by 8am, although they still had problems with access due to the selfish commuter parking. We regularly have disgruntled delivery drivers who cannot access the road to our property due to the parking. They have had to park on the main

road and walk with the delivery. Costing them time and possible injury. Indeed, on 2 occasions, they have been unable to deliver as the item was too heavy to transport from the other end of the road. Our car is approximately 2 metres wide. We have had numerous occasions where we have been unable to get to our property or get out of our road because of the parking. Please explain to us how on earth an Ambulance or Fire Engine is supposed to access these roads in an emergency?

We hope that you will listen to the residents who have to deal with this on a daily basis and heed our request for a single yellow line scheme. It is the only sensible solution to improve the way we go about our daily lives.

Am26/48

We are contacting you to register our **opposition** to the proposal to introduce parking restrictions to sections of our road, Abbey Way.

In outline our key points are:-

- * **First**, a point of principle; the proposals do nothing to solve the root cause of parking overflow from the William Harvey Hospital, they will simply move the problem to another location and, in the process, cause new problems and inconveniences to more Willesborough residents.
- * **Second**, a specific practical objection; the proposal to surround our house with double yellow lines will make it impossible for our visitors to park across our driveway, or for us to receive deliveries or have taxi 'pick-ups' or 'drop-offs'. All of these we are currently able to do and we have NEVER had any problems with unwanted parking.
- * **Third**, a general commercial point; by putting double yellow lines around the mini-roundabout beside the play-park you will prevent the ice-cream van (a summer visitor!) from parking and thus reduce its trade.

As council tax payers, we expect the council to address such problems properly and ensure that the WHH Trust is obliged to provide adequate, free or low cost parking for ALL staff and patients thus solving the parking problem at its origin. The present situation has arisen because the hospital departments have expanded, leading to more people working and visiting the hospital.

The extra buildings that this entailed has also reduced the available parking, thus compounding the problem.

Simply painting yellow lines over more and more of Willesborough Lees is neither an effective nor an acceptable response. Pressure must be brought on the hospital trust to act responsibly and provide proper parking, whether this requires purchasing more land and/or building a multi-storey facility is a separate discussion but such moves are the only way to resolve the problem.

Am26/49 I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed parking scheme in Willesborough Lees (Ref: Am26/WillesL), which will affect my road and specifically in front of my property in Wilson Close. As a resident, I am well aware of the need to control the parking, which often causes inconvenience and at times danger for residents and others who need access. My reasons for opposing the proposed plans are: 1. It does not address the root cause of the problems faced by the local area. This is recognised to be mainly by overspill parking from the William Harvey Hospital by staff who either does not qualify for a staff parking permit or who cannot find parking in the designated staff parking area because it is full. 2. Double yellow lines extending across private driveways (mine included) are unnecessary, unsightly and unwanted, would impact on my own parking amenity and would have an adverse effect on the market value of the property. 3. The problems with parking affect weekdays only when the greatest number of hospital staff are required at work – at weekends Wilson Close is often empty. 4. According to the letter sent to all affected residents dated 17th October 2012, discussion is underway at EKH University NHS Trust to investigate potential measures for the reduction of overspill parking. The parking scheme in Willesborough Lees is planned to be introduced before any improvements that the hospital could make for staff parking, which if effective could remove the need for the parking scheme in its entirety. Moreover it is likely that any parking restrictions, once in place. would not be removed, even if subsequently they were no longer felt to be necessary. I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: 1. Consideration of plans by the hospital for provision of adequate staff parking to control overspill, and to allow these to be enacted first. 2. Double yellow lines only on junctions with main roads where parking is already illegal. 3. A single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. 4. Weekday-only restrictions. 5. White lines across driveways (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines, instead of double yellow lines.

I do not object to people parking in Wilson Close, but I do object to inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

In my opinion the Council's current proposals do not solve the parking problems in Willesborough Lees and are unfair to local residents. I hope that my reasons for opposing the proposals and my alternative suggestions will be considered in the consultation. Am26/50 I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed Highways Safety Scheme in Willesborough Lees in the vicinity of the William Harvey Hospital Living in the proposed area the application of Double yellow lines would be detrimental to the aesthetic look of the neighbourhood which has brick paved roads and already has existing Safety measures in the form of road narrowing islands. I have not had ANY instances where obstructive parking has occurred, furthermore, double yellow lines would cause an issue with friends of the family who park in front of our house when visiting Where I understand parking has been an issue. (Abbey Way) requests by the residents to the car owners have proved effective in moving the vehicles This scheme appears to be a knee jerk reaction to the underlying problems of the William Harvey, who have as yet not acted on the issue that you have already identified. That being the car parking problems and the lack of parking facilities at the William Harvey Hospital What amazes me is that the existing Staff parking (bordering the woods) are not fully utilised. It is my contention that the implementation of this scheme is delayed until the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation have resolved their measures for the reduction of Overspill parking By doing this there are a number of benefits 1) cost of scheme is deferred (saving money) as Ashford Borough Council maintain is one of their primary directives 2) Source of problem is tackled head on. Free parking for staff?, reduced parking costs for visitors? 3) From the report to the Joint Transportation Board Tuesday 13th March 2012 Prioritised List of Requested Parking Controls for Investigation and Possible Implementation; (see below extract) the proposed scheme will only serve to extend the problem area! If Thornton close is to have double yellow lines then ALL the roads within a radius of 0.6miles of the William Harvey should be painted The above points are further demonstrated by the dangerous parking under the Motorway flyover (half on the pavement) and

Silver hill Road where parking restrictions have moved the problem from lees road to under the bridge, a further hazard is the lack of lighting on the dark evenings.

Re Agenda item 8 below "Since that time however there is evidence that commuter parking has extended beyond this zone and has now become a problem in residential roads on the periphery of the existing controlled parking zone" this scheme will only extend the periphery of the problem

(plan)

Agenda Item No: 8

Report To: Joint Transportation Board

Date: Tuesday 13th March 2012

Report Title: Prioritised List of Requested Parking Controls for

Investigation and Possible Implementation Willesborough Lees (Priority No. 5)

26. This safety scheme has been proposed as part of a larger multi-agency approach to tackling transport and commuter parking problems affecting the William Harvey Hospital and surrounding residential roads. A controlled parking zone was implemented across a 500m radius of the hospital in 2007 in order to tackle dangerous and unsuitable parking and also to provide residents with greater opportunities to find parking in the vicinity of their homes. Since that time however there is evidence that commuter parking has extended beyond this zone and has now become a problem in residential roads on the periphery of the existing controlled parking zone. Funding for this scheme is to be sourced from the Member Highway Fund scheme.

5 Willesborough Lees

Safety scheme around periphery of existing

Zone F limited waiting scheme to control

parking generated by William Harvey Hospital

County Member KCC Member

Highway Fund

Safety & nuisance

parking KCC

	Why then are we to be penalised <u>before</u> the primary issue has been resolved?
Am62/51	I am writing to you with regard to the proposed yellow lines you are planning to paint onto the road of Abbey Way in Willesborough Lees.
	This problem with parking has resulted with staff from the hospital parking here because the hospital has removed free parking for some of the staff and has increased the staff parking charges, that the staff no longer want to pay to park at work, that is why they are parking in the surrounding streets and causing all of these problems, which never occurred before.
	I do agree with the double yellow lines around the junctions to stop cars parking on them and to make it easier to get in and out of the junctions. I also agree with the double yellow lines at the top of Abbey way onto Silverhill Road, as it is a nightmare when people park there and you have to reverse into traffic to allow people to get out of the estate.
	However, I would like to oppose to the double yellow line you are planning to paint along Abbey Way from no 4 to the boundary opposite no 5 & 7 Abbey Way (as per your document under Abbey Way no 2b). By making this a no parking at any time means that the staff from the hospital who currently park here will be moved down the road and would end up parking in the entrance to my drive way, which I share with my neighbour at no *. Also this means that by no parking at any time, visitors to our houses will not be able to park and visit at all. My family has to travel from far away and where do they park is it is restricted all the time?
	I would like to propose to have a single yellow line painted with a parking restriction of Mon to Fri 11.00 am – 13.00 pm, this will mean that the hospital staff won't be able to park here in the morning or afternoon, and it means that visitors to our houses will be able to park in the evenings and weekends.
	I do hope you will take this into consideration, when making your final decision. I do know that the neighbours around me would like to have the same this done.
Am26/52	I live in ** Wilson Close Ashford and write in relation to the proposed parking restrictions to be introduced in Wilson Close.

I object to the introduction of double yellow lines in the indicated areas except the corners of the roads inside Wilson Close.

I also object to the marking of double yellow line in front of the Drive Ways of 17, 18 & 19 Wilson Close as it is unlawful for any person to park in front of a drive way. There is only need for double yellow line in the corners in the road.

My suggestions would be to introduce any one of the following suggestion;

- 1) Mark double yellow lines only in the corners of the roads in Wilson Close indicated in the plan; or
- 2) Mark single yellow line throughout Wilson Close as controlled parking zone with restriction for parking during specified time of 9.00AM to 12.00PM (this will allow residents with parking permit to park in Wilson Close)

I wish to point out that there is no need of double yellow line in front of 17, 18 & 19 Wilson Close. You may mark double yellow line in the corners opposite to 17, 18 & 19 Wilson Close to avoid congestion and parking problems.

If the aforesaid objections are not taken into consideration, then we will have no other option than to take appropriate legal action against the implementation of the arbitrary decision you may take.

I hope that you will consider my objection and take a reasonable decision

Also a follow up -

I refer to my previous email and wish to amend the contents of that email with the following points.

Grounds for Objection for the proposed parking scheme;

- The marking of yellow lines within Wilson Close is not the appropriate solution to the problem being faced.
- Double yellow lines will result in additional problems to the residents. There will not be adequate free parking bays for the whole residents in Wilson Close.

Alternative solutions suggested:

1) Single yellow line scheme with one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking in Wilson Close

	2) White yellow lines across drive ways (dogbones)
	3) Double yellow lines only on junctions with main road of Wilson Close
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	I hope that you will consider my objection and take a reasonable decision.
Am26/55	Your proposals are fine, as far as they go. However they do not address the overspill parking. Here, in Silver Hill Road, we are faced with difficult exit and entry on our property, due to parking too close to our driveway, as shown on the enclosed photographs, when we have no choice but to turn left. It also means that visibility for oncoming traffic is severely reduced. It seems to me that the solution in Silver Hill Road is to adopt the same, as that existing in "The Street" Willesborough, where all driveways have double yellow lines, and in between driveways, are residential parking spaces.
Am26/56	We have examined the drawings and documentation for proposals of restricted parking in Abbey Way and would like to bring to your attention the danger of the bend in the road in front of 8 and 10 Abbey Way, parked vehicles here completely block off the sight line from the mini roundabout 'Thornton Close' when exiting the estate.
Am26/57	Thanking you for your time, we consider this does create a dangerous situation when vehicles park there. Having recently received the proposed controlled parking zone scheme letter, I would like to lodge an objection to this proposal.
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	It doesn't, in my opinion, address the problem at source and in fact will actually cause a lot of inconvenience for all residents covered by this as there will be no facility for visitors to park their vehicles outside residents' homes. This will probably just move the problem a little further from the hospital and cause the same issues on different roads. Surely a better solution is to provide adequate parking facilities for the staff that work at the hospital that they do not have to pay the exorbitant rates to use?
	The whole proposal appears to show a lack of vision and will not solve the issue - please reconsider and propose to do the right thing!
Am26/58	We wish to oppose the scheme proposed by the council as it does not address the problem at source. To suggest that NHS should have up to three years to address their parking inadequacies is simply demonstrating a lack of resolve on behalf of the council. The NHS should have been providing facilities as it's needs grew. Also, selective, partial yellow line schemes in the roads/areas affected will simply move the problem a little further on. This will result in another wave of protests from the then affected households. In our case, in the slip road at the end of Hythe Road, vehicles will be pushed further down the slip road in front of other residences. Here the slip road is not wide enough for two vehicles and anyone parking there has to either block the road to
	residents and/or emergency vehicles or they have to mount the pavement thus inconveniencing pedestrians, forcing them into the road; hardly a solution! Our problems are not only NHS and commuter parking but also school drop offs and cafe and 'tanning' customers for the businesses on church road. All of these can create severe problems for residents getting in/out of their driveways. What happened to the planning requirements for businesses to provide adequate parking for their customers? I trust you will realise and take account of the fact that not all the areas are affected in the same way; one approach will not suit all.
	We consider the only solution is yellow lining in conjunction with 'residents permits' thus allowing residents only parking outside their own homes.
	Double yellow lines at junctions of course and single elsewhere restricting parking for residents only.
Am26/59	As residents of **Thornton Close Willesborough Lees, we are strongly opposed to the parking restrictions being applied.
	Whilst I am in agreement with junctions and the areas around the roundabouts being double yellow lined. It is apparent that roads such as Silver Hill road being restricted will simply push the Hospital staff further along our roads. This restriction is not the solution, stricter penalties for dangerous driving need to be applied. Cars are often parked on the pavement in silver hill road and

	it is impossible for a mother with a pushchair to walk past. If double yellow lines are to be used it should only apply 0900-1700 week days as there is not a problem in the evenings and weekends. I feel the hospital should take some responsibility for this and a park and ride scheme introduced.
AM26/60	I would like to register my support in the action that is being taken to remedy some of the parking issues in the 'T' junction section of Hythe Road.
	I note in the consultation document that double yellow lines are proposed to be positioned across the driveway of 464/462 Hythe Road and width of the front garden of 462. Whilst this may assist and in general I do not object, the attached photo will show that this will not resolve the issue of the off street parking adjacent to where these lines are to be placed.
	There are currently no issues with parking across the driveways, however, across from this is a problem with cars parking so far up the road, that it does not leave sufficient space for an emergency vehicle to pass through, when a car is parked on the other side of the road and does not solve the issue for residents trying to park or leave their driveways.
	In many cases when cars are parked this far up a substantial number of maneuvers are required to exit the driveway, with sometimes the only option being to drive down the pathway if this indeed is not blocked by other cars. Views are restricted and this is unsafe for other road users and pedestrians alike. Continuing the yellow lines across the front of 464 would not solve this issue and therefore I believe it should be considered that yellow lines should also be shown where the two cars on the left of the picture are parked.
	I would welcome this additional proposal to be considered.
Am26/61	We wish to oppose the proposed parking scheme and wish to suggest the following alternative for consideration. Double yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
	Thanks for your consideration and looking into solving our junction problems.
Am26/62	We are in agreement with the proposal as outlined under parking/consultation Amendment 26 to place double yellow lines in those locations where parking would cause a danger or obstruction, such as around bends, junctions and where the road is too narrow to accommodate parking.
	However the proposal do not go far enough in that there will still be spaces available for the staff of William Harvey Hospital to

continue to park their vehicles and cause the residents further inconvenience.

We live in a cul-de-sac off the main Wilson Close House numbers 3, 4 and 5 and there are cars parked opposite our communal drive every day. This makes it extremely difficult to access the drive either by our own or delivery vehicles. During periods of icy/snowy weather we have great difficulty in navigating the drive due to it being very slippery and with vehicles parked opposite there is a danger that there will be an accident. All the residents in this cu-de-sac have had many near misses due to the inconsiderate parking.

There should be further parking restrictions placed so that residents and their visitors have ample parking, but motorists who leave their vehicles all day and are not residents or visitors are prohibited from doing so.

We hope that you take our comments seriously and act upon them. This whole sorry situation is down to the William Harvey Hospital Executives and their total mismanagement of their staff car parking facilities.

Am26/63

I am writing in response to your letter dated the 17th October in respect of the proposed safety scheme.

I wish to express my 'wholehearted support' for the proposal to install 'double yellow lines' throughout the whole of the Close. I am the owner of ** Wilson Close and although it's currently rented, I lived there from when the houses were built in 1992/3 until 2006 and it's my intention to return at some point. At that time there was a 'bye law' which prevented 'on street parking' as well as no caravans or sign written vans to be parked on driveways, none of which was ever enforced by ABC or KCC or the police.

Therefore the current proposal is long overdue and must be implemented 'IN FULL' and not diluted. If a 'piecemeal' approach is taken, e.g. single yellow lines in some places and none at all in others this will cause considerable confusion for residents, motorists and law enforcement agencies which, in my view will make any scheme unenforceable.

I also note you are in discussion with EK Hospitals. The fact that parking charges were introduced at William Harvey for staff has served only to exacerbate the problems in Wilson Close and the surrounding areas and this issue must be addressed in tandem otherwise a permanent law enforcement agency presence in the area will be necessary to enforce any scheme you introduce.

As I said this initiative is long overdue as the situation is extremely dangerous from an RTA perspective, not to mention the Close being inaccessible for emergency vehicles, I dread to think what would happen if a Fire appliance or Paramedic Unit could not gain access due to the serious congestion.

I sincerely hope therefore these measures are introduced without delay and I'm happy for double yellow lines to be painted

	outside my property, including across the driveway. I wish you good luck in your endeavours.	
Am26/64	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Amendment 26 parking scheme.	
	As a resident of ** Waltham Close, I will be directly affected by the new parking proposals and object strongly to any double yellow lines extending across my driveway.	
	However I have greater concerns about the scheme as a whole. At present there are no problems whatsoever with parking of any kind in Waltham Close or any of the surrounding roads Romsey Close, Thornton Close, Abbey Way, Fountains Close which constitute "the estate" developed by Abbey Homes in 1996 and 1997.	
	By proposing the introduction of double yellow lines on the estate, is the council admitting that parking will be pushed onto the estate with the ensuing problem of a considerable increase in traffic movement? Any increase in traffic movement would have a profound effect on all residents. At present children can play in the roads and walk around the estate in relative safety. Apart from the obvious benefits for the children this freedom of movement engenders a strong community spirit as families, via their offspring, interact throughout the estate. Furthermore there is a children's play park on the estate which would become more dangerous to access.	
	At present the whole parking amendment scheme cannot fail to have a negative impact on all residents of Waltham Close, Romsey Close, Thornton Close, Abbey Way and Fountains Close. With this in mind I would like you to consider a single yellow line scheme throughout the estate with white lines across driveways and double yellow lines on junctions with main roads.	
Am26/65	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Amendment 26 parking scheme.	
	I would like to re-iterate the points made by my husband, ********. Please see a copy of the email he has already sent you regarding the proposed Parking Amendment 26 scheme.	
	I agree with all the points he has made below and I agree that an alternative should be considered, and would recommend that you consider a single yellow line scheme throughout the estate with white lines across driveways and double yellow lines on junctions with main roads.	
	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Amendment 26 parking scheme. As a resident of ** Waltham Close, I will be directly affected by the new parking proposals and object strongly to any double	

yellow lines extending across my driveway.

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Environmental Services

Appendix 3

Ask For: Sarah Paul

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«Name» «Add_1» «Add_2» «Town» «County» «Postcode»

Our Ref: Am26/WillesL

Date: Monday 14th January 2013

Dear «Name»

Re: Proposed Highway Safety Scheme in Willesborough Lees in the Vicinity of the William Harvey Hospital

Thank you for your response to our consultation on proposals for the introduction of a safety scheme in your neighbourhood.

As you may be aware, a number of residents in addition to yourself responded to the consultation via a form which I understand was circulated by a local resident (I include a copy of your completed form for your information).

Unfortunately there appears to have been some confusion in some instances regarding the exact details of the proposals on which the consultation was held and what the consultation entailed.

In order to ensure that any misunderstanding is avoided the decision has been taken by Councillors and Officers to write to all residents who have submitted a completed form in order to request clarification / reconfirmation of their views on the proposals.

I have enclosed a plan of the proposed scheme for your information (the red lines indicate proposed double yellow lines) and would be grateful if you would indicate whether you support this scheme or oppose it. This consultation is specifically on the proposals indicated in the plan and it is therefore important that you indicate your views on it. Although minor modifications to the proposals may be possible, any significant changes (e.g. an alternative type of scheme) would require a separate consultation.

If you would be kind enough to send you comments either by post (using the enclosed postage paid envelope) or email (to sarah.paul@ashford.gov.uk) by Friday 25th January, they will be presented (along with all other representations received) to a meeting of the





Joint Transportation Board on 19th February 2013 for their consideration and decision. This meeting is open to the public so please feel free to contact me for further details if you wish to attend.

In answer to a number of comments received regarding addressing parking issues at the William Harvey Hospital, I can confirm that Ashford Borough Council has been in discussion with East Kent Hospital University Trust (EKHUFT) on this issue. In December 2012 EKHUFT announced their intention to submit a planning application to provide additional staff parking spaces at the William Harvey Hospital site. It is intended to remove the current staff permit application scheme (for which there is currently a waiting list) and instead make parking available to all staff on a fee basis. In addition EKHUFT have also begun talks with a local bus operator with a view to improving bus services to the site.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Paul

Technical Administrative Assistant

Engineering Services

Ref.	Comments	Response to clarification request
Am26/SL/01	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	(No additional comments)	
Am26/SL/02	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	

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	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads and	
	narrow roads.	
	Blackwall Road is a well used road and as such needs to be	
	free of parked cars which prevent the flow of traffic. Yellow	
	lines (double) will obviously help solve part of the problem	
	but a single yellow line scheme will solve the problem	
	completely. There is no sense in spending money on just	
	double yellow lines when the problem will still be there less	
	than a day later.	
Am26/SL/03	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	I support the scheme.
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking	
Am26/SL/04	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
A11120/0L/04	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	

	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	(No additional comments)	
Am26/SL/05	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	I have a daughter with physical and learning difficulties who	
	require daily carers, when my father is staying (he is a	
	nursing home at the moment while I recover from	
	chemotherapy as a result of breast cancer) he requires daily	
	nursing care and frequently falls and I have to call out an	
	ambulance to help pick him up, the main Kennington Road is	
	ambulance to help pick fillin up, the main Kermington Koad is	

	national department of the state and made at the state of	
	getting dangerous for people to stop and park, as there is no	
	room to the side of my bungalow. When my family arrive	
	there is no room on the drive for the carers, the area to the	
	side of my bungalow is always blocked with cars from the	
	William Harvey Hospital and there is no room for an	
	emergency area for the carers, and they use my neighbour's	
	drive (with her permission) at 89 Blackwall Road, the current	
	plan does not allow for residents in the Blackwall Road to	
	have family or carers and emergency vehicles to park in	
	front of their homes or to the side of my bungalow which is	
	frequently necessary. The Kennington Road has a lot of	
	traffic which is very slow moving at times which adds to the	
	difficulty in trying to park to the front of my bungalow.	
Am26/SL/06	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	I object to the proposed highway scheme – it is very heavy
	following Grounds:	handed and not the best one for this area. The suggested
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	alternative could solve the problem & be more acceptable to
	local area.	me. I therefore support the alternative scheme.
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	The fact that this change might need a separate consultation
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	should not stop it being considered.
	my own parking amenity.	Should not stop it being considered.
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. More parking for hospital staff is urgently needed and would	

	help the problem.	
Am26/SL/07	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds:	I oppose this scheme!!! On all the below 1.2.3 & 4
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. (Staff Parking at Hospital) 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. (As we own the pavement we do not want any lines) 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents!!!	I oppose the above parking scheme on grounds 1 2 3 & 4 I hope this is clear this time!!!!!!!!!!!
	We pay our car tax & all other taxes & should be able to park outside our homes. The William Harvey should be made to supply adequate parking for their staff.	
Am26/SL/08	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. W.H.H. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. Our deeds show us we own the pavement. We do not want ANY yellow lines. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents*	I strongly oppose the scheme. We do <u>not</u> want double yellow lines outside our home.
	We have lived here for 23 years and have never had a problem with parents parking for 10 or 50 mins to drop their children off for local schools. It's the W.H.H. staff that park	

	all day which <u>MAY</u> cause problems. So the problem should be addressed with the hospital <u>NOT</u> the residents of Hythe Road.	
Am26/SL/09	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. There has been much discussion by the residents regarding the best solution to the parking problems in Willesborough.	I am in receipt of your letter dated 14 th January. I oppose this scheme. My original letter clearly shows my alternative proposal. i.e: • A single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. • White lines across driveways (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines • Double yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
	The attached sheet has the advantage of stopping all day parking as that seems to be the cause of all the problems while allowing resident to park outside of their own property (driveways) and allowing short term parking for residents, visitors and anyone else who needs to park for a few hours.	
Am26/SL/10	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	Thank you for your letter dated 14 January 2013. I have amended the plan as in my opinion the yellow lines should be extended to the end of Blackwall Road South at

the junction where it meets Blackwall Road North. local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways I have enclosed the amended plan for your information and are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to hope this will clarity my thoughts on this proposal. my own parking amenity. I look forward to observing a swift solution to this issue. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in mv road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double vellow lines. URGENT "APPROPRIATE" ACTION REQUIRED PLEASE. Am26/SL/11 Thank you for your letter dated 14th January 2013 and plan I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: of your scheme for parking along the service road in Hythe 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the Road. local area. We are not at all satisfied with your proposed plans as it will 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways have no bearing on the difficulty that we have in having are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to access in and out of our drive way, if you would extend the my own parking amenity. yellow line up as far as the pedestrian crossing we would 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem then not have the problems we have now. The road is in my road. narrower here outside our house than further up the road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to other than that why can't we have residents permits to park, residents that way the council would earn some revenue. I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford We note with interest that parking is hopefully going to be Borough Council: arranged at the Hospital but I must point out to you that a lot A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion of the cars are from people who commute to other areas period as a deterrent to commuter parking. they park and are picked up in other cars and go off down B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double the motor way. We have watched this happen so often we vellow lines. even have prison officers parked there from 7am to 9pm at C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

Please do what "we" want not what you want.

night.

	Also whilst you are here how about putting 30mph sign in Hythe Road to light up just before Junction 10 North bound. They use this road as a race strip.	We feel our needs and concerns are not being considered. We have countless photos in showing the difficulty we have and they have never even been acknowledged. Please consider extending the yellow line to go up as far as 448 Hythe Road where the road widens as you are proposing to put it on our side of the road. It would make all the difference to us.
		Thank you for giving us chance to make our needs clear to you.
Am26/SL/12	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: None of the above. I feel the most convenient and safe solution to residents will be residents parking permits.	
Am26/SL/13	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity.	

	 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. 	
	Double yellow lines in my road is grossly unfair to the residents. Sometimes it is necessary to park in the road and we shouldn't have to pay for parking permits.	
Am26/SL/14	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	I support the plans enclosed. Thanks.
	Parking restrictions on Blackwall Road South will need to be extended beyond the current proposal to stop them at 1 Burleigh Court. The end of the road is even narrower and encouraging parking here is unhelpful and dangerous. The restrictions must be extended to the end of Blackwall Road South.	

Am26/SL/15	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
A11120/3L/13		
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	NOT INDICATED	
	Double yellow lines are <u>NOT</u> the answer as resident need to	
	park as well as anyone visiting them. Double yellow lines	
	are merely a way to collect revenue for the council.	
Am26/SL/16	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	We do not feel what you are proposing (double yellow lines
	following Grounds:	at the top of Wilson Close and along Kennington Road) is
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	sufficient to solve the parking issues down Wilson Close. In
	local area.	fact, it will only make the situation worse as cars will then be
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	more inclined to double park further into the cul-de-sac. We
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	therefore are opposed to this proposal.
	my own parking amenity.	As far as the hospital is concerned, just issuing more staff
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	permit parking spaces, at a cost, will not help either, as most
	in my road.	of the staff on low wages do not want to pay to park where
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	they work!
	residents	they work.
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	

	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	Can the hospital not be forced to provide free or affordable parking for their own employees?	
Am26/SL/17	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	Cars park on part of pavements. This is dangerous parent with prams which those are quite a number.	
Am26/SL/18	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council:	

	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	The present arrangement is dangerous. I have already damaged my car in avoiding illegal traffic. Somebody is going to get hurt. The William Harvey must provide sufficient parking for its staff.	
Am26/SL/19	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
Am26/SL/20	 (No additional comments) I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 	

2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double vellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. Our close consists of 4 & 5 bedroom family homes and children regularly play in the street - If double yellow lines are put only at the junction with Kennington Road then all parking will be shifted down & into the close making it a very dangerous place for all children to play. We bought our house because we felt it was a safe area for our children to play but the close will turn into a car park & the increased traffic will present a danger for these children. Am26/SL/21 I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road.

4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to

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	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	With single yellow lines and exclusion period is the best,	
	stopping commuter parking. This leaves access to my	
	friends and family to call on me at certain times.	
	At the present with commuter parking, I am unable to get	
	into my own drive.	
Am26/SL/22	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
AIIIZO/SL/ZZ	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	All residents in Silverhill Road would appreciate it if you	
	adhere to points A, B & C.	

Am26/SL/23	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: (None indicated) I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. (No additional comments)	
Am26/SL/24	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. (No additional comments)	Thank you for your letter dated Monday 14 th January 2013. Unfortunately the map that has been sent to me does not cover the Proposed Safety Scheme for the road in which I live. I have already visited the Ashford Borough Council website and I am aware of the Proposed Safety Scheme which does apply to where I live. I strongly object to the proposed scheme as it will not stop all day commuters parking leaving little or NO spaces left for residents to park and on occasion their visitors to park. I particularly object to the Double Yellow lines going across our driveway as I work varying hours and when I return home during the day and the road is full I always know I can park across our drive until a space is available. If double yellow lines are the only remedy then I would like white lines across driveways (dogbones). Alternatively I would like see a Parking Scheme where you can park for 2 or 4 hours No return within 2 or 4 hours with permits for residents.
Am26/SL/25	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds:	Todacino

	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents.	
	5. I do not face any obstruction in my road.	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	William Harvey hospital should provide more parking place	
	in the site for the staff.	
Am26/DL/26	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	

- A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
- B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.
- C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

It appears that double yellow lines are designated for my area which is necessary as I use mini buses which have great difficulty in entering and exiting my property when cars park on the edge of the dropped kerbs (as would ambulances).

Am26/SL/27

<u>I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds:</u>

- 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area.
- 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity.
- 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road.
- 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents

I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council:

- A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
- B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.
- C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

Your proposed parking scheme does not reflect the problems we have with people blocking our drive on a daily basis; it prevents us from leaving our home and the builders who require deliveries on this site on time – we also have

We wish to air our displeasure with the current proposed safety scheme. The local "resident" you refer to (Mr John Bailey) is well known to us and to local residents in Willesborough Lees, he has uncovered a simmering anger amongst the local residents who are fed up and disheartened with the intractable Highways Department, who seem to be completely unaware of the severity of the problem with William Harvey STAFF parking in our streets causing mayhem. Mr Bailey has worked together with residents to present a majority view of the parking issues, his "team" are kept informed of the progress with the dispute and they pass on any up to date information. The majority of the residents are very supportive giving him information about their concerns on a regular basis.

According to the Highways Department it seems there has been some misunderstanding by some residents regarding the information form that was sent out and you have returned our form for clarification!!

The problem is more than a "safety" issue, it is about being able to gain access to our property and to be able to leave it without our drive being blocked or partially blocked by

had large TIR vehicles and a tanker parked overnight.

inconsiderate people, who when trying to go to work will park anywhere to get to work on time. We have a dropped kerb and I am a disabled badge owner, therefore I must be able to come and go at my own leisure, the law basically says "you must not obstruct dropped kerbs" Traffic Management Act 2004 and Transport Act 2003, such parking is contrary to the Highway Code.

It is up to the local authorities to ensure that residents like us are not put in a daily position of trying to get people to move their cars from driveways with dropped kerbs, corners and narrow bends. Each road has a different problem, and looking at the safety aspect, which is a problem for all the streets is NOT ENOUGH.

We would request again that the highways department and the Councillors look at their parking scheme and make changes that reflect all of our concerns, we are fed up being marooned on our property, not being able to get a delivery van, or builders materials delivered.

We occasionally get large lorries parking around 9pm and leaving 4am, and the noise of the engines starting up wakes everyone whose home is close to them. Farmers also have difficulties with heavy farming equipment, passing parked vehicles that are wider than the norm along Blackwall Road South. Last year there were several instances where the Police were called as vehicles could not get through, and in one instance it took 2 hours to get the offending car removed.

We would like to see a single yellow line painted on our road as part of the scheme; the description of a single yellow line on the highways is as follows:

"A SINGLE YELLOW LINE IS A ROAD MARKING THAT IS PRESENT ON THE CARRIAGEWAY IN THE UK. IT INDICATES THAT PARKING OR WAITING AT THE ROADSIDE IS PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY. THE EXACT TIMES VARY BY AREA AND ARE INDICATED BY ROAD SIGNS, AT ROADSIDES. STOPPING OR PICKING UP LOADS IS GENERALLY ALLOWED UNLESS ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY".

The difference between a double yellow line and a single yellow line is as follows:

"Double Yellow Lines Mark Lengths of Road Where There Is no waiting at anytime, there are exceptions, plates fixed to lighting poles, and posts, will tell you the actual restriction, otherwise waiting restriction applies everyday".

"ALL LINES ON THE HIGHWAY MUST BE AUTHORISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY"!!

No misunderstanding or confusion then!!

There are a number of residents in all roads marked by the Highways Department for double yellow lines who support our attempts to persuade the Authority and Highways Department to reconsider their scheme by putting in single yellow lines to prevent all day parking.

Those of us, who have seen the letter from the Environment Services regarding the proposed Highway scheme, object to the conclusion that somehow we have misunderstood the future scheme, we all meet regularly and our opinions are discussed. John Bailey and his team are to be thanked for trying to help balance and redress the rights of the residents who should be listened to.

The William Harvey Hospital should manage their own

		affairs and cater for their STAFFs parking needs. (Nurses should not have to go trawling the streets searching for a parking area for their cars, and then looking for them at the end of a shift, particularly at night when they go off duty!). Nurses should be able to access their cars in a safer environment, in the car park where they work!!
		Maybe planning permission for further satellite buildings should be denied at the William Harvey Hospital until there is a resolution of STAFF parking facilities.
		It is not the hospitals right to IMPOSE overspill staff cars in local residential streets, causing anguish and distress on a daily basis.
		Our personal feeling is that a single yellow line with 1 hours restriction on parking eg. 12-1pm will be sufficient to prevent all day parking Mon to Fri, excluding weekends. Double Yellow line only on junctions with main roads.
		White line should be painted (dog bone) across dropped kerbs to prohibit parking, or partial blocking of the drives! Your proposed scheme is NOT ACCEPTABLE.
Am26/SL/28	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	

	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
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	Restricted parking would help to solve the parking problem.	
Am26/SL/29	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity home owners for no reason.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	some residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking not across	
	driveways.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	I believe that it would not be appropriate to place double	
	yellow lines across driveways as it severely penalises the	
	occupiers. We know that this is a hospital issue so pressure	
	should be kept up on them as I would be upset if we are	
	having to be penalised for staff that knew their parking	
	arrangements when they took the job. Common sense could	
	easily be applied in this instance.	
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	I have deleted the sentences that I feel not appropriate and	
	initialled accordingly. I have kept a copy.	

Am26/SL/30	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. (No additional comments)	
Am26/SL/31	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road but it is on Blackwall Road South. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents Apart from corners and junctions single yellow lines would	This seems to the best solution: A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. Blackwall Road South needs a single yellow line scheme A. Commuter parking there is a constant hazard.
	be an ideal solution. Double lines everywhere would penalise those with smaller homes. White lines across driveways would be best. I saw the plans at the Gateway this morning.	

Am26/SL/32	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	<i>in</i> near <i>my road</i> (Abbey Way).	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	Ideally there would be a 'NO PARKING' sign at the top of the	
	development with a "CONTROLLED ZONE IN FORCE OF	
	CERTAIN HOUSE i.e. 11-3.	
Am26/SL/33	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	(No additional comments)	
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Am26/SL/34	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	We moved to Kings Chase as it was at the time a very safe	
	place for our children to play. That is not the case now as	
	the cars coming in here from the hospital and parking are a	
	serious cause for concern. I and many others feel a short	
	exclusion period as well as the yellow lines (double) are the	
	way forward.	
Am26/SL/35	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	In reply to your recent letter re: proposed highway safety
	following Grounds:	scheme in Willesborough I don't think double yellow lines are
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	the answer, drivers that park now where the double lines are
	local area.	going to be are just going to park somewhere else. The
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	situation will be worse instead of better. The single yellow
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	line with a one hour exclusion period would be a better
	my own parking amenity.	alternative.
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
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	period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. Several times lately cars have parked across the bottom of my driveway. I am in my eighties and my family need access at all times.	
Am26/SL/36	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. (No additional comments)	

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Am26/SL/37	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	(No additional comments)	
Am26/SL/38	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	

	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. We very seldom get cars parked in our road.	
Am26/SL/39	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. (No additional comments)	I am in receipt of your letter dated 14 th January. I oppose this scheme. My original letter clearly shows my alternative proposal. i.e: • A single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. • White lines across driveways (dogbones) if closed to double yellow lines. • Double yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

Am26/SL/40

<u>I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the</u> following Grounds:

- 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area.
- 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity.
- 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road.
- 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents

<u>I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council:</u>

- A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
- B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.
- C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

I do not want double yellow lines outside my house as when my family & friends come round I want them to be able to park outside of my property. I wonder if there is going to be anyone enforcing the miles of double yellow lines for those people who park outside & go down the motorway with colleagues to work. Options need to be considered carefully before an inappropriate decision is made.

Am26/SL/41

<u>I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the</u> following Grounds:

- 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area.
- 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity.
- 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road.
- 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents

<u>I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford</u> Borough Council:

- A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
- B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.
- C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

I am extremely worried by the effects of the plan for cars parked in Blackwall Road South, and the consequence with the current Willesborough Parking Safety Scheme-as apposed to limiting the parking period in the road. There will be a "Free for all" at the top end of Blackwall Road for individuals requiring a parking space and who will continue using our drive for turning purposes, and partly blocking our drive on a daily basis, leaving us marooned and unable to get on or off our property.

I have had numerous conversations with the drivers of these cars who are exasperated with the William Harvey Hospital, and for some reason or other are unable to park there (in the main car parking charges) I have also left notes on various

We wish to air our displeasure with the current proposed safety scheme. The local "resident" you refer to (Mr John Bailey) is well known to us and to local residents in Willesborough Lees, he has uncovered a simmering anger amongst the local residents who are fed up and disheartened with the intractable Highways Department, who seem to be completely unaware of the severity of the problem with William Harvey STAFF parking in our streets causing mayhem. Mr Bailey has worked together with residents to present a majority view of the parking issues, his "team" are kept informed of the progress with the dispute and they pass on any up to date information. The majority of the residents are very supportive giving him information about their concerns on a regular basis.

According to the Highways Department it seems there has been some misunderstanding by some residents regarding the information form that was sent out and you have returned our form for clarification!!

The problem is more than a "safety" issue, it is about being able to gain access to our property and to be able to leave it without our drive being blocked or partially blocked by inconsiderate people, who when trying to go to work will park anywhere to get to work on time. We have a dropped kerb and I am a disabled badge owner, therefore I must be able to come and go at my own leisure, the law basically says "you must not obstruct dropped kerbs" Traffic Management Act 2004 and Transport Act 2003, such parking is contrary to the Highway Code.

It is up to the local authorities to ensure that residents like us are not put in a daily position of trying to get people to move their cars from driveways with dropped kerbs, corners and car windscreens requesting they do not block our drive or block the corner of our road, as we are unable to see clearly to pull off the drive, the answer generally is, "I have to go to work" and walk away, we have alerted the Police and the Highways department, I have spoken to Councillor Mr Bob Davidson and County Councillor Mr George Koowaree and both came to se me and hoped to be able to move forward with a plan that would work for our area. Mr Raye Wilkinson at the Highways department was less helpful and from our point of view only looked at the corner of Blackwall Road to put in double yellow lines, which does not help with the inconsiderate and irresponsible parking outside our bungalow. We cannot receive deliveries, we have a building project going on and any building materials that have to be delivered requires strategic planning (ie standing guard at 6am) to receive vital building materials. This has to stop, it is bane on our lives, this constant harassment from inconsiderate drivers, if we go on like this we will end up having a nervous breakdown!!! There is an average of 25 to 30 cars that park along Blackwall Road South and they will all want to park at the top on of this Road with the current plan!!

This situation can only get worse if, as discovered, a planning application at the William Harvey Hospital that requires the "Parking Plan" on this new site to be 120 places and they may only get 90!!

In light of the current parking issues, this is very insensitive to local residents such as ourselves who will bear the brunt of the overspill!!

narrow bends. Each road has a different problem, and looking at the safety aspect, which is a problem for all the streets is NOT ENOUGH.

We would request again that the highways department and the Councillors look at their parking scheme and make changes that reflect all of our concerns, we are fed up being marooned on our property, not being able to get a delivery van, or builders materials delivered.

We occasionally get large lorries parking around 9pm and leaving 4am, and the noise of the engines starting up wakes everyone whose home is close to them. Farmers also have difficulties with heavy farming equipment, passing parked vehicles that are wider than the norm along Blackwall Road South. Last year there were several instances where the Police were called as vehicles could not get through, and in one instance it took 2 hours to get the offending car removed.

We would like to see a single yellow line painted on our road as part of the scheme; the description of a single yellow line on the highways is as follows:

"A SINGLE YELLOW LINE IS A ROAD MARKING THAT IS PRESENT ON THE CARRIAGEWAY IN THE UK. IT INDICATES THAT PARKING OR WAITING AT THE ROADSIDE IS PROHIBITED AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY. THE EXACT TIMES VARY BY AREA AND ARE INDICATED BY ROAD SIGNS, AT ROADSIDES. STOPPING OR PICKING UP LOADS IS GENERALLY ALLOWED UNLESS ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY".

The difference between a double yellow line and a single yellow line is as follows:

"Double Yellow Lines Mark Lengths of Road Where There Is no waiting at anytime, there are exceptions, plates fixed to lighting poles, and posts, will tell you the actual restriction, otherwise waiting restriction applies everyday".

"ALL LINES ON THE HIGHWAY MUST BE AUTHORISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY"!!

No misunderstanding or confusion then!!

There are a number of residents in all roads marked by the Highways Department for double yellow lines who support our attempts to persuade the Authority and Highways Department to reconsider their scheme by putting in single yellow lines to prevent all day parking.

Those of us, who have seen the letter from the Environment Services regarding the proposed Highway scheme, object to the conclusion that somehow we have misunderstood the future scheme, we all meet regularly and our opinions are discussed. John Bailey and his team are to be thanked for trying to help balance and redress the rights of the residents who should be listened to.

The William Harvey Hospital should manage their own affairs and cater for their STAFFs parking needs. (Nurses should not have to go trawling the streets searching for a parking area for their cars, and then looking for them at the end of a shift, particularly at night when they go off duty!). Nurses should be able to access their cars in a safer environment, in the car park where they work!!

Maybe planning permission for further satellite buildings should be denied at the William Harvey Hospital until there is a resolution of STAFF parking facilities.

		It is not the hospitals right to IMPOSE overspill staff cars in local residential streets, causing anguish and distress on a daily basis.
		Our personal feeling is that a single yellow line with 1 hours restriction on parking eg. 12-1pm will be sufficient to prevent all day parking Mon to Fri, excluding weekends. Double Yellow line only on junctions with main roads.
		White line should be painted (dog bone) across dropped kerbs to prohibit parking, or partial blocking of the drives! Your proposed scheme is NOT ACCEPTABLE.
Am26/SL/42	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
L	(No additional comments)	

Am26/SL/43	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	What you have proposed is not going to solve the problems	
	we have with inconsiderate parking, it will in fact make it	
	worse as there will be less parking spaces available.	
Am26/SL/44	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	

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	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. Why can we not have the same parking restriction as in "The Street" and others with restricted time parking bays and resident permit holders? The problem is not just from hospital workers.	
Am26/SL/45	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity .	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents	
	I do not consider that any yellow lines are required on the estate.	
	If yellow lines were installed this would only encourage drivers to park in other areas.	
	A residents parking only signs would be a better option.	
Am26/SL/46	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	

	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to
	my own parking amenity.
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem
	in my road.
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to
	residents
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford
	Borough Council:
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double
	yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
	NHS Trust should provide parking for their employees free of
A 00/01/47	charge.
Am26/SL/47	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the
	following Grounds:
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area.
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to
	my own parking amenity.
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to
	residents
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford
	Borough Council:
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double
	yellow lines.
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

	I feel the answer to some problem in this road could be resolved by extending yellow lines on metal fence side of road from 470 to 462 Hythe Road.	
Am26/SL/48	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	I feel the answer to some of the problems in this road could be resolved by extending yellow lines on metal fence side of road from 470 to 462 Hythe Road.	
Am26/SL/49	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	

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	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
	yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
	I feel the answer to some of the problems in this road could	
	be resolved by extending yellow lines on metal fence side of	
	the road from 470 to 462 Hythe Road.	
Am26/SL/50	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted , and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
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	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines.	
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
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	I feel the answer to some of the problems on this road can	
	be resolved by extending yellow lines on M20 side of road	
	from 470 Hythe to the front of 462 Hythe Road this being the	
A 00/01/51	narrow part of the road.	
Am26/SL/51	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	

	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem	
	in my road.	
	4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to	
	residents	
	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford	
	Borough Council:	
	A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion	
	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	This alternative works in Archery Road, Eltham that is close	
	to the train station and prevents commuters parking and	
	leaving their cars.	
Am26/SL/52	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the	
	following Grounds:	
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the	
	local area.	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways	
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to	
	my own parking amenity.	
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	in my road.	
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	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.	
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	

	yellow lines.
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
	I do <u>not</u> wish for double yellow lines across my drive.
Am26/SL/53	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the
,,20, 32, 30	following Grounds:
I	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the
I	local area.
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways
	are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to
	my own parking amenity.
	3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem
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	period as a deterrent to commuter parking.
	B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double
	yellow lines.
	C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.
	It appears a large number of vehicles belong to employees
	of the William Harvey Hospital. Perhaps they should be held
	responsible for causing large proportion of problem. Have
	they been asked to consider a solution i.e. provide more
Am26/SL/54	parking for staff?
Am26/SL/54	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds:
	1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the
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	The proposed parking scheme still does not tackle the real problem of hospital workers needing parking places whilst at work. The hospital needs to provide affordable parking for its staff and not keep expecting the surrounding residential area to continually be inconvenienced by cars parked in dangerous and unacceptable places.	

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Please see email sent Wednesday 7 th November.	
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B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double	
yellow lines.	
C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	
Double yellow lines on junctions with main roads are a <u>must</u> ,	
	2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. Please see email sent Wednesday 7th November. I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.

	but will only push the parking further into Kings Chase, which	
	is unfair to residents. The main cause being hospital staff,	
	which should be resolved by the William Harvey!!	
Am26/SL/58	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity. 3. Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road. 4. The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. B. White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads.	With reference to your letter dated 14 th January and enclosures, I do support the scheme but would suggest the No Waiting Section in Silver Hill Road should be extended from Winslade Terrace to the Hodden on the Hill as this is probably the narrowest section of the road. Buses do have difficulty negotiating this section.
	Parking should not be allowed in Silver Hill Road as it is narrow, also stricter control of the one-way sections should be made as vehicles frequently flout the law and the practice is dangerous.	
Am26/SL/59	I wish to oppose the proposed Parking Scheme on the following Grounds: 1. It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area. 2. Double Yellow Lines extending across private driveways are un-necessary and unwanted, and would be harmful to my own parking amenity.	

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	Our small close already has a major parking concern for residents. Often we park outside our house and this will directly impact us unnecessarily.	
Am26/SL/60	I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council: A. A Single yellow line scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking. C. Double Yellow lines only on junctions with main roads. See attached letter – Not attached to form!	

Appendix 5 Summary of pre-populated letters (including clarifications received)

Pre-populated statement		Agree	Disagree	Unclear if agree or disagree	Withdraw n
I wish to oppose the proposed parking scheme on the following grounds;	It does not address the root of the problems faced by the local area	23 (38%)	5 (8%)	26 (43%)	6 (10%)
	Double yellow lines extending across private driveways are unnecessary and unwanted and would be harmful to my own parking amenity	18 (30%)	9 (15%)	27 (45%)	6 (10%)
	Parking on corners within developments is not a problem in my road	10 (17%)	16 (27%)	28 (47%)	6 (10%)
	The application of the scheme is punitive and unfair to residents	17 (28%)	9 (15%)	28 (47%)	6 (10%)
I wish the following alternatives to be considered by Ashford Borough Council	A single yellow lines scheme with a one hour exclusion period as a deterrent to commuter parking	23 (38%)	3 (5%)	28 (47%)	6 (10%)
	White lines across driveway (dogbones) if close to double yellow lines	15 (25%)	11 (18%)	28 (47%)	6 (10%)
	Double yellow lines only on junctions with main roads	17 (28%)	8 (13%)	28 (47%)	6 (10%)