

Report To: Joint Transportation Board

Date: 8th September 2015

Report Title: Wye Traffic Management Proposals

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Summary: Wye Traffic Management Proposals (as attached) For consideration by the JTB
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Background

1. Following requests from Wye Parish Council a traffic management scheme to address safety concerns within the village of Wye has been investigated. Various proposals were considered and a best fit solution for emergency vehicles and public transport was proposed and advertised.
2. As part of this scheme waiting restrictions have been removed on 10 parking spaces (minimum) in Wye village which has the benefit of an overall increase for parking spaces within Wye.

Consultation

3. Extensive on site consultation was carried out with the local member and various options were examined. Officers were mindful that the safety of the travelling public should remain priority whilst taking into account the impact on residents and businesses.
4. The scheme, as attached, has been proposed and advertised in line with current legislation and statutory requirements. The public consultation was advertised on our website, in the local newspaper, through on-site notices, deposit documents were lodged at both Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council and individual letters were sent to 312 households who would be directly affected by the proposals. Letters were also sent to all statutory and non-statutory consultees which included KCC public Transport, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association, NHS, Stagecoach, Kent Fire and Rescue Services, Police, EDF, Transco, BT, Kent Association for disabled (Ashford Branch), Royal Mail, RAC, AA, Arrow Taxis, Navigation Technologies Ltd, Cycle Union Limited, Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, NCP, Cllr Simkins - JTB Chair, Cllr Ovenden – Ward Member and Cllr Wickham – County Councillor.

- 24 responses were received to the consultation, all from local residents or businesses
- 2 in support
- 1 requiring clarification
- 2 commenting solely on bus stop clearways
- 8 requesting additional waiting restrictions
- 10 concerns satisfied by further consultation or waiting restrictions reduced as requested
- 1 objection which was not withdrawn following further consultation and onsite meeting

Objection

The objection received from the Wye Business Association included representation from 3 respondents who were replied to in the original consultation. The objection that has been received is greatly concentrated on the process when making a Traffic Regulation Order, specifically the consultation process. We can advise that consultation over and above statutory requirement has taken place. However, it has been noted that it would be advantageous for deposit documents to be lodged at a very local level in future. Concerns have been raised regarding the basis for initial investigation into a traffic management scheme and it has been made clear that this scheme was investigated at the request of Wye Parish Council.

Two points have been raised regarding traffic management as follows:-

1. The double yellow line waiting restriction on the south side of Bridge Street should not run from outside number 150 to 140. Wye Business Association have proposed that they should commence at 140 Bridge Street and end at the junction with the property known as Little Chequers to ensure the availability of parking spaces directly outside of the existing businesses. **The double yellow lines proposed by ABC and KCC are proposed at the pinch point of Bridge Street where the passage of large vehicles, such as Buses and Fire Engines, is hindered by parked vehicles.**
2. The double yellow line corner protection on the junction of Church Street and High Street is too long and should only reach into Church Street to cover the dropped kerb, maximising the number of parking spaces available on Church Street. **The double yellow lines proposed by ABC and KCC only cover the curvature of the junction and allow any disabled person to have full sight lines of oncoming traffic in Church Street when crossing using the dropped kerb.**

Bus Stop Clearways

Concerns have been raised over the inclusion of Bus Stop Clearways within the proposed Traffic Management Scheme. Bus Stop Clearways do not have to be

formally consulted on and can be placed on the Highway by the Highway Authority (Kent County Council) as necessary. There is currently a project across Kent to mark all necessary Bus Stops as Bus Stop Clearways in line with the new Disability Discrimination Act regulations. Therefore they have been included for completeness, minimising disruption and costs whilst also providing the opportunity for the Bus Stop Clearways in Wye to be the minimum length and in line with conservation area recommendations.

Recommendation

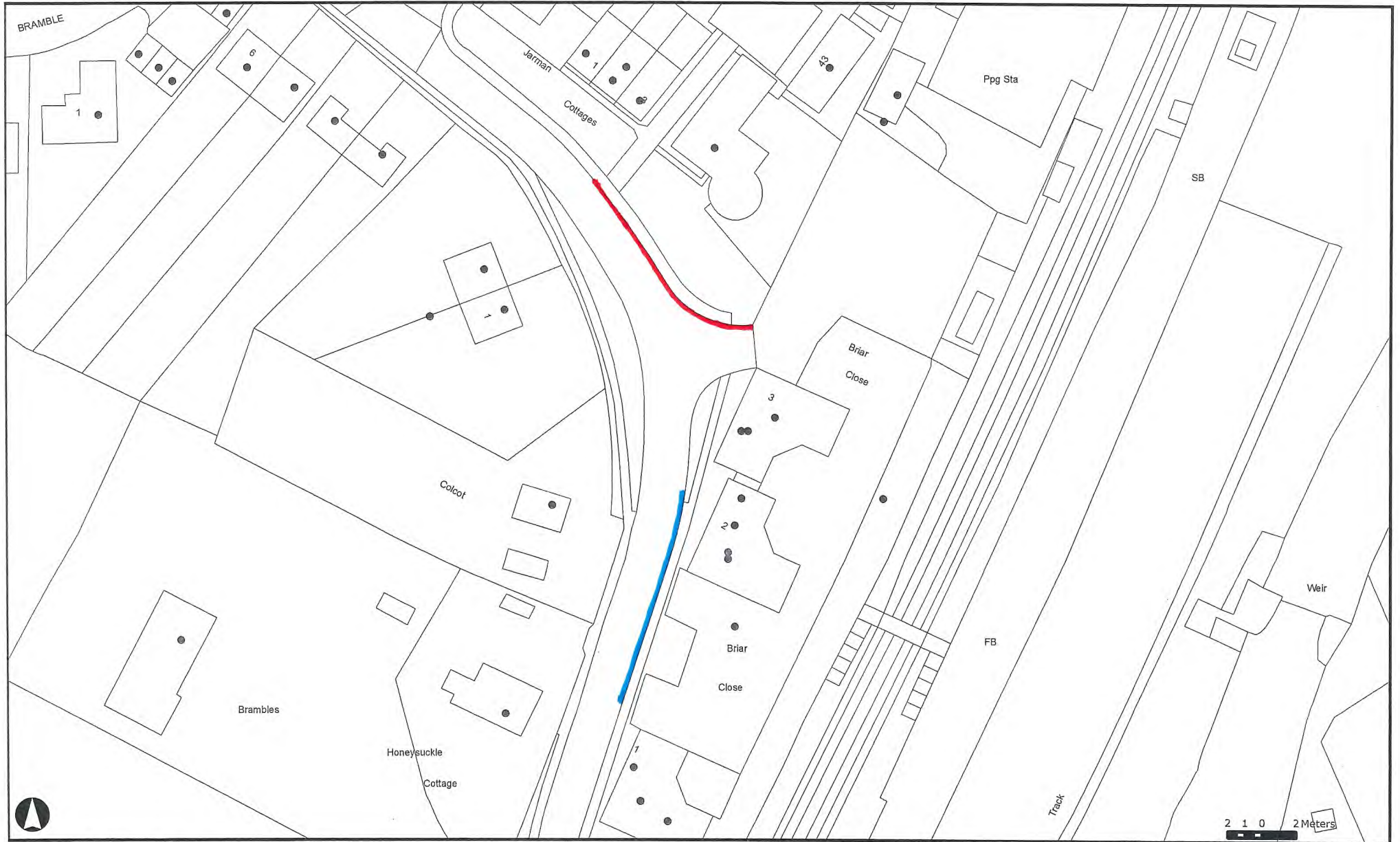
Officers are recommending that the JTB support the implementation of the proposed Traffic Management Scheme.

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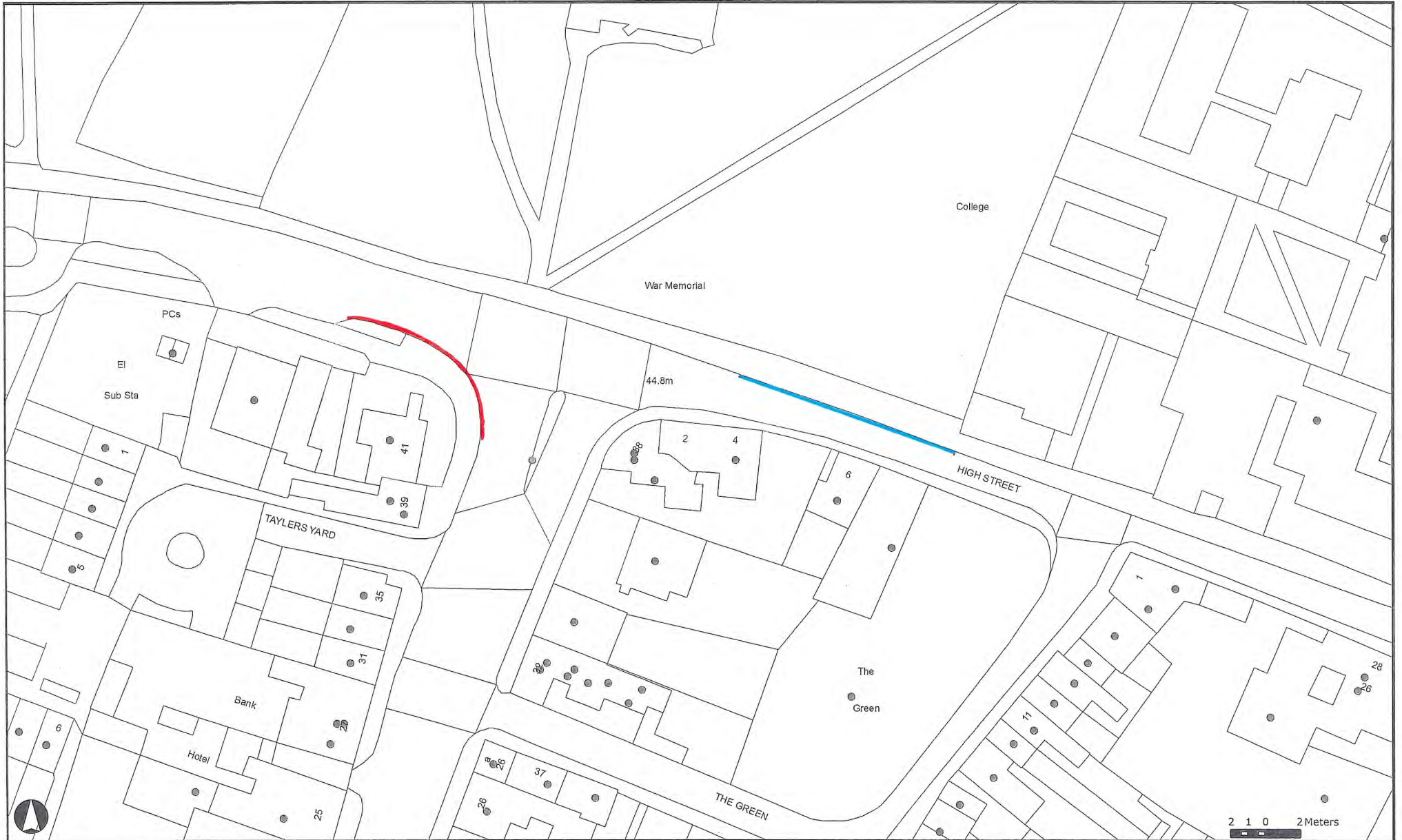
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In the Borough of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
(AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2015
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The purpose of this Order is;

1. To introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions and extend existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions prohibiting parking in locations defined as unsuitable under the Highway Code at certain locations in Bramble Lane, Bridge Street and Churchfield Way, Wye for the following reasons:

- To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads and prevent the likelihood of such danger arising

2. To revoke restrictions limiting waiting in parking bays to 30 minutes with no return in 30 minutes between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday at certain locations in High Street and Olantigh Road, Wye for the following reasons:

- To improve the amenity of the area through which these roads run by enabling long stay parking in these locations

3. To revoke certain existing 'no waiting at any time' and 'no waiting between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday' restrictions in certain locations in Bridge Street, High Street and Upper Bridge Street, Wye for the following reasons:

- To facilitate the introduction of Bus Stop Clearways which do not form a part of this Order.

4. To formalise an existing 'School Keep Clear' marking in Bridge Street, Wye outside the Lady Joanna Thornhill (endowed) Primary School for the following reasons:

- To avoid danger to persons using the road through prohibiting the stopping of vehicles at the principal pedestrian crossing point for schoolchildren.

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Health, Parking and Community Safety

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Your Ref: 2015/Am2
Date: Thursday 7th May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed amendments to parking controls in Wye, Ashford

It is the intention of Ashford Borough Council, as agents working on behalf of Kent County Council, to make amendments to parking controls in certain areas of Wye in order to prevent obstructive and unsafe parking practices and to remove waiting restrictions on parking bays in the vicinity of the former Imperial College site.

It is also intended to make several administrative amendments to the entries in 'The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Ashford) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2015' for certain restrictions in Wye. **These changes will not affect the extent or conditions of any restrictions as they appear on the ground**, and are made purely for administrative purposes to improve the accuracy of the Consolidation Order.

A notice giving details of the affected areas and streets is enclosed, along with plan(s) showing the proposed changes within your area. A copy of the proposed Order and supporting documents, including the statement of reasons for making this Order may be inspected online at www.ashford.gov.uk/parkingconsultation under "**Amendment 2**" or in hard copy format at Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 1AS at the following times:

Days	Hours
Monday to Wednesday	9am – 6pm
Thursday	9am – 8pm
Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – 5pm

A copy of the proposed Order will also be available at the main reception of Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.



If you would like to make a comment on, or objection to, the proposals please submit your representation in writing, either by email or letter to the address below by no later than **Friday 29th May 2015** ensuring that you include the following:

- Your address details
- If objecting, the reasons for your objection
- Our reference – **2015/Am2**

Engineering Services
Ashford Borough Council
Civic Centre, Tannery Lane
Ashford
Kent
TN23 1PL

Email: consultation@ashford.gov.uk

It is also intended to introduce enforceable Bus Stop Clearways at existing bus stops in Wye, as noted on the enclosed notice. The enclosed plan(s) show the extent of any proposed Bus Stop Clearways within your area.

Plans of these clearways may be inspected online at www.ashford.gov.uk/parkingconsultation under "**Amendment 2**"; or in hard copy format at Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 1AS and the main reception of Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ during the times and days advised above.

If you would like to make a comment on the introduction of these Bus Stop Clearways, please submit your representation in writing, either by letter or email to the address above (quoting reference "**Wye/BusCW**") by no later than Friday 29th May 2015.

Yours faithfully

William Train
Technical Administrative Assistant



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NOTICE is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) to (3), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, intends to make the above Order, the effect of which will be:

In the Village of Wye

Street	Proposed Changes
Bramble Lane (between Jarman Cottages and the Railway Station Car Park)	Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
Bridge Street (outside Wye Library)	Removal of a section of single yellow lines to facilitate the introduction of a bus stop clearway not forming part of this Order
Bridge Street (between junctions with Stonegate and Little Chequers)	Introduction of double yellow lines to create vehicle passing bay
Bridge Street (outside Lady Joanna Thornhill school)	Formalising existing School Keep Clear marking
Bridge Street (junction with Churchfield Way)	Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
Church Street (junction with Churchfield Way)	Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
Churchfield Way (junction with Bridge Street)	Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
Churchfield Way (bend between junctions with Bridge Street and Abbots Walk)	Extension of existing double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
Churchfield Way (junction with Church Street)	Introduction of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking
High Street (outside St Gregory and St Martin's Church)	Removal of a section of double yellow lines to facilitate the introduction of a bus stop clearway not forming part of this Order
High Street (opposite former College site)	Removal of limited stay waiting bay restrictions
Olantigh Road (adjacent to former College site)	Removal of limited stay waiting bay restrictions
Upper Bridge Street (outside New Flying Horse public house)	Removal of a section of double yellow lines to facilitate the introduction of a bus stop clearway not forming part of this Order

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Any objections or other representations relating to this Order must be made in writing to: Engineering Services, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL or by email to consultation@ashford.gov.uk. Any objection or other representation must specify the **grounds on which it is made**, include **return address details** and quote reference “**2015/Am1**”. Objections or other representations to this Order must be made by **Friday 29th May 2015**.

Roger Wilkin
Interim Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste
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Dated Thursday 7th May 2015

Bus Stop Clearways

It is also intended to introduce enforceable Bus Stop Clearways **which will not form part of the above Order** at existing bus stops in Wye in the following locations:

Street	Bus Stop Clearway location
Bramble Lane	On the eastern side opposite “Col Cot” and “Honeysuckle Cottage”
Bridge Street	On the southern side outside Wye Library and St Ambrose Green
Bridge Street	On the southern side outside No’s 116 to 126 Bridge Street
Bridge Street	On the southern side outside No’s 50 to 70 Bridge Street
Churchfield Way	On the north eastern side outside No’s 33 and 34 Churchfield Way
High Street	On the northern side outside St Gregory and St Martin’s Church
Upper Bridge Street	On the eastern side outside the New Flying Horse public house

Any person wishing to comment on the introduction of these Bus Stop Clearways should write to Engineering Services, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL or email consultation@ashford.gov.uk; including their **address details**, stating the **Clearway location** concerned and quoting reference “**Wye/BusCW**” by no later than Friday 29th May 2015