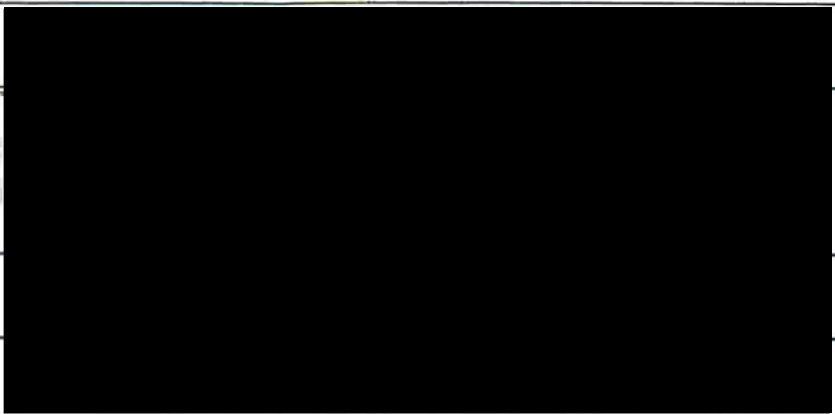


To:
TRO 2009 Amendment 12 - Formal
The Parking & Amenity Team
Sevenoaks District Council
Argyle Road
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SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL
REC'D 13 AUG 2010
PARKING & AMENITY

Formal consultation response

Name:	
Address	
Phone number:	
Email:	

I ~~am~~ / am not (delete where applicable) in favour of the proposed changes to the parking restrictions on Plymouth Drive, Sevenoaks.

*It should be noted that this informal consultation relates **only** to the proposed parking change and is independent from any planning application. Any comments relating to the proposed development should be made via the District Council's Planning Department.*

Comments
<p>1. The extension of the parking bays at the junction with Warren Court would mean a loss of passing space. The road is very busy at school start and finish times with a build up of traffic at this end of Plymouth Drive. Drivers cannot always see ahead far enough to wait for oncoming cars.</p> <p>2. Cars turning out of Warren Way can create a hazard if there is no room for passing traffic to pull in.</p>

Could someone please come and look at this road at school time.

Bracey, Andy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2010 17:17
To: Bracey, Andy
Subject: Parking changes to Plymouth Drive

Dear Mr Bracey,

I am currently completing the purchase of [REDACTED] Plymouth Drive and have noted the proposed changes to the parking bays which are currently under consultation.

I would like to record my strong objection to the proposal to position a new parking bay directly opposite the entrance to [REDACTED] Plymouth Drive. We consider that this will cause us considerable difficulty in manoeuvring on a frequent basis in and out of our property's driveway. We have two large cars and intend to make frequent use of the driveway.

It is most likely that we will need to reverse from the driveway onto Plymouth Drive and this manoeuvre is likely to be significantly hindered by a parked car directly opposite. It will decrease the amount of roadway available when reversing and the ability for cars travelling along the road to negotiate around us.

Furthermore we note that firstly, there is a large percentage of parking bays already in the road (when taking account of the fact that all properties have off street parking) and secondly, that the requirement for the changing of the current arrangements is based upon an application by 1 Plymouth Drive for an additional driveway when that property is already properly accessed through a large gated entrance.

I look forward to your response in due course.

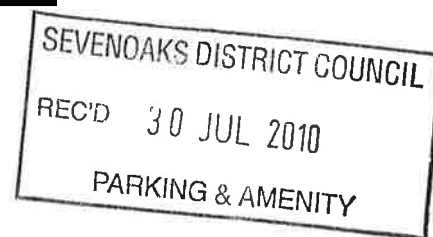
Regards,

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The Parking Amenity Team,
Sevenoaks District Council,
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Sevenoaks,
Kent,
TN13 1HG.



30th July 2010

Dear Mr. Bracey,

Your Ref: T/2009 Amend-12 Formal

We write this objection more in hope than in expectation, given that the responses to *all* objections to the informal consultation on the proposed changes to parking arrangements on Plymouth Drive were so arrogantly dismissive that we suspect that this is "a done deal". So much so, that we suspect that the "informal consultation" was merely a way of extracting and dismissing objections so that those objecting would have "run out of steam" before this formal consultation. That's not the case for us.

As far as we are concerned, all the previous objections remain valid. It's ridiculous to say that the original parking layout was merely a holding position. If that's the case, it reveals a deeply manipulative attitude to us residents (and voters). We agreed to the scheme as it was proposed, and did not expect that agreement to be broken. The existing parking layout is already a reduction of the effective width of the road, but at least it had a reasonable passing space opposite Warren Court. Although you said that the width of the road left by the parked cars between Warren Court and Seal Hollow Road is adequate for two cars, we can assure you from personal experience that we have many times been confronted by vehicles, sometime lorries, coming down in the middle of that space, forcing us to stop when leaving Warren Court towards Seal Hollow Road. At least the existing gap in parking spaces opposite Warren Court gives such vehicles an opportunity to pull onto their side of the road. Before you dismiss this objection again, we suggest that you actually observe the traffic at this point at about 8:30 am.

The situation has now changed since your previous informal consultation. Permission to build another house downhill from 1 Plymouth Drive, in its garden, has been refused. The evident intention of the proposal for the new drive opening was to leave the existing one as a separate entrance to the proposed new house. As that new house will not now be built, we see no reason for there to be two openings to the existing house. Either their garage will open to the existing drive, downhill as currently, or to the proposed new drive (uphill) if permission is granted for the separate proposal to extend the existing house and relocate the garage opening uphill.

Thus, we see no reason whatsoever to significantly change parking arrangements. If the new opening is made, the old one should be closed, and the parking spaces taken

Bracey, Andy

From: Hawkins, Janet
Sent: 28 July 2010 08:41
To: Bracey, Andy
Subject: FW: Objection to 'Formal Statutory Consultation', ending 29th August, regarding proposed changes to parking arrangements on Plymouth Drive

From: [REDACTED]
Posted At: 27 July 2010 23:37
Posted To: Parking & Amenity (parkingandamenity@sevenoaks.gov.uk)
Conversation: Objection to 'Formal Statutory Consultation', ending 29th August, regarding proposed changes to parking arrangements on Plymouth Drive
Subject: Objection to 'Formal Statutory Consultation', ending 29th August, regarding proposed changes to parking arrangements on Plymouth Drive

Dear Mr Bracey,

I understand that Sevenoaks District Council is now conducting a 'Formal Statutory Consultation', ending 29th August, regarding proposed changes to parking arrangements on Plymouth Drive.

I further understand that any comments already submitted to the previous 'Informal Consultation' will be discounted, for the purposes of this 'Formal Statutory Consultation'.

Fortunately I have not yet departed on my annual holiday, so I am in a position to avoid the possibility of my comments being discounted in this way :

I wish, formally, to object to the 'Formal Statutory Consultation' for all the reasons given below.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: transportation@sevenoaks.gov.uk
Sent: Thursday, 10 June, 2010 14:51:03
Subject: Your Reference T/2009 Amendment 12 Informal (Plymouth Drive)

Dear Mr Bracey,

I am not in favour of the "Amendment 12" changes to parking bays on Plymouth Drive.

My objection is based on my experience driving up and down Plymouth Drive

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many times each week.

The current extension of "double yellow line" carriageway, opposite Warren Court, is used by drivers to facilitate the passing of vehicles travelling on Plymouth Drive in the opposite direction - particularly where one or both vehicles is of lorry width.

Shortening this area of "full width" carriageway would have two adverse effects. Firstly, it would "back up" traffic onto the B2019, with impact on views towards the adjacent pedestrian crossing.

Secondly, removing this "pull over" area would result in increasing numbers of wider vehicles attempting to pass each other on the remaining part of the street, which is used by many school children on foot. The introduction of additional access ways onto Plymouth Drive is also undesirable in this context of pedestrian use by young school children.

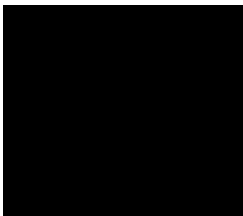
The arrangements successfully introduced on Plymouth Drive were the result of extensive consultation.

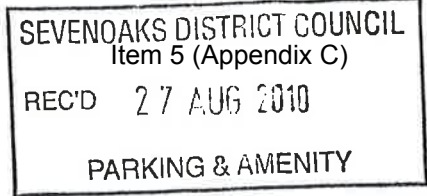
An area of wider carriageway, near the top of the hill, was made available in preference to inserting four additional bays (in two groups of two). The Council adopted that original design for good reason, and it remains good reason.

Your letter says the proposal "should have no effect on traffic movements or safety", but I am not able to agree.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Informal Consultation.

Yours sincerely





24th August 2010

Dear Mr Bracey

The Kent Council Country (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks) Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, disabled Person Parking Places, and On Street Parking Places (amendment No. 12) Order 2009.

Thank you for your letter dated 14th July 2010 detailing your proposed changes to the parking in Plymouth Drive and asking for views on the parking changes during the formal statutory consultation period.

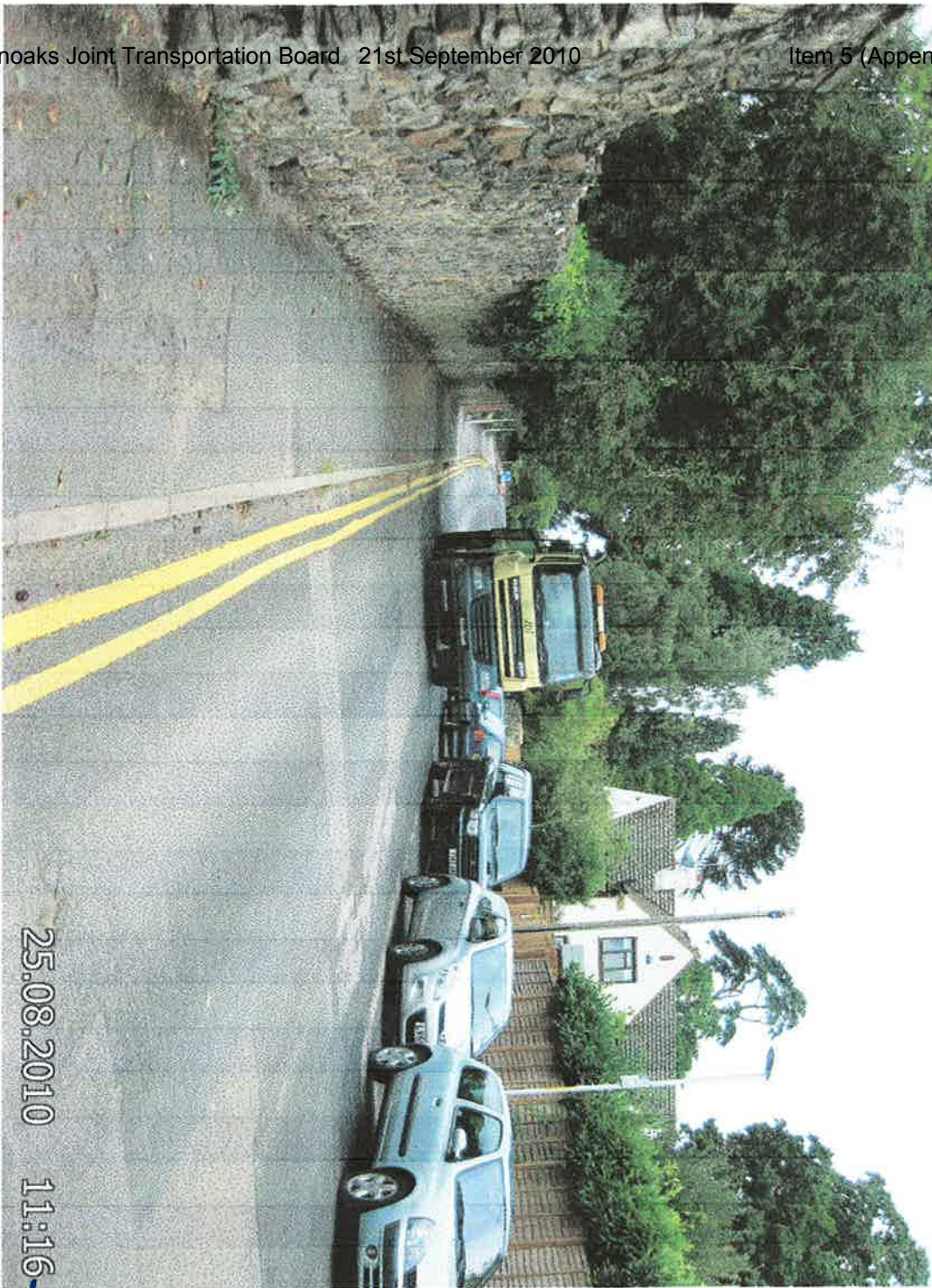
You are aware of our concerns regarding this change which were put to you during the informal consultation period but apparently none of these were deemed sufficient to alter your proposals in any way. Our concerns remain the same and we trust that these will be sufficient to sway your decision during the formal consultation. However, should that not be the case could we respectfully request that you take into account the experience of people who actually live in the area and have to contend with the day to day difficulties regarding entering and exiting their homes. Plans that look quite acceptable on paper and that comply with all the legal requirements sometimes do not work so well in actuality. Sometimes local knowledge can be helpful. Two examples which spring to mind are the original A21 Sevenoaks by-pass route which had to be re-built and the recently closed Waitrose car park which doubtless appeared simple to navigate in planning terms but in reality caused untold difficulties. Plymouth Drive serves as the only access route for the Sevenoaks Rugby Club, Clarendon Tennis Club, Knole Park fire access, Lady Boswell's school and other publicly used facilities some of which require regular deliveries by large vehicles. Sevenoaks Town Council stores their tractors, trailers, mowers etc which are used to care for several town locations. Coaches use the road for pick-ups for outings from the rugby club, school and other sources. This is without mentioning building sites, residential extensions all of which require skips and other large vehicle deliveries. These large vehicles mean that Plymouth Drive becomes a one-way street when parking bays are in use (see attached photographs). The current double yellow lines opposite Warren Court provide a passing place.

We request that you please consider these points when you are making your final decision.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Bracey
Community and Planning Services
Sevenoaks District Council
Argyle Road
Sevenoaks



No Room To
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25.08.2010 11:16 - 9hr

Bracey, Andy

From: Bracey, Andy
Sent: 27 July 2010 11:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Plymouth Drive - parking amendments

[REDACTED]

SDC will look at all comments received during the formal consultation, but comments must be submitted during that period.

If residents have already commented (and received a response) then they may not wish to take their comments further to a formal objection. If they do, they they will need to be re-submitted.

Andy Bracey
Senior Engineer, Traffic & Parking

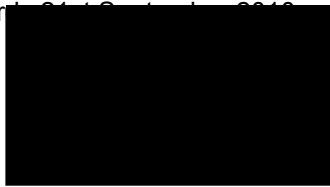
From: Hawkins, Janet
Sent: 27 July 2010 11:21
To: Bracey, Andy
Subject: FW: Plymouth Drive - parking amendments

From: [REDACTED]
Posted At: 27 July 2010 10:54
Posted To: Parking & Amenity (parkingandamenity@sevenoaks.gov.uk)
Conversation: Plymouth Drive - parking amendments
Subject: Plymouth Drive - parking amendments

Good morning,

I write with regard to the formal consultation on the proposed changes to the parking restrictions in Plymouth Drive. A number of local residents submitted comments at the informal consultation stage. Will these comments automatically be passed on to the formal consultation or will they need to be re-submitted?

[REDACTED]



Mr Andy Bracey
Senior Engineer, Traffic and Parking
Sevenoaks District Council
Argyle Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 1GN

25 August 2010

Dear Mr Bracey,

Your reference T/2009-Amend12 Formal – Plymouth Drive

Further to your letter of 14 July, I wish to comment as follows:

Firstly, you are the experts as regards the legality and safety of having parking so close to the junction with Warren Court, however this junction is often used by drivers of cars and lorries to execute 3-point turns and go back up Plymouth Drive. To me, it looks unsafe to have parking this close to the junction. You said in your letter of 17 June that there is no “engineering need” for maintaining a wide area opposite Warren Court free of parking, but I think this should be reviewed after your proposed changes – if implemented – have been in place for a few months, to establish the impact on safety and convenience for motorists and pedestrians, traffic flow etc. I remain sceptical...

Secondly, in your letter of 17 June you comment that the elimination of 2 spaces outside 1 Plymouth Drive would “protect the legal rights of access to the Highway for the resident requesting the change”.

Please be aware (if you are not already) that since that letter and indeed your letter of 14 July, SE/10/01407, which would have involved construction of a new house in the garden in 1 Plymouth Drive using the existing access, and therefore generated the “need” for a new access onto the road for the existing house, was refused by SDC on 26 July.

The owners of 1 Plymouth Drive therefore will continue to have an existing vehicular and pedestrian access from their property onto Plymouth Drive, so the proposed additional vehicular access is quite unwarranted. Providing 1 Plymouth Drive with a **second** vehicular access is surely NOT a statutory obligation, and the fact that the Highway Authority may be happy with the related proposal in terms of their criteria and responsibilities is necessary but not sufficient for it to be permitted.

Permitting it would result in loss of parking amenity for the public and loss of revenue for SDC. The existing parking spaces in Plymouth Drive are, as your statistics no doubt show and your parking officers will confirm, very well utilised indeed – close to 100%, from my observation, largely by full-day parkers at least Monday to Friday. In the interests of ratepayers, this part of your proposal should be reconsidered in view of the refusal of SE/10/01407 and withdrawn, as it would permanently deprive SDC of parking fee income from 2 spaces. In my letter to you of 9 June, I estimated the Net Present Value of this loss of income in perpetuity at over £25,000.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any clarification of the above.

Yours faithfully,

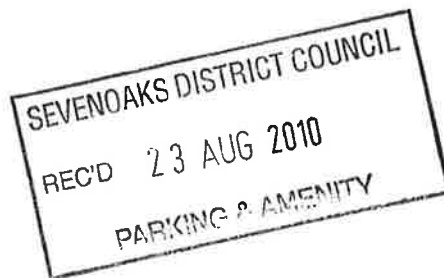


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21st August 2010

Andy Bracey
Community and Planning Services
Sevenoaks District Council
Argyle Road
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Dear Mr Bracey

Proposed parking changes in Plymouth Drive: Ref T/2009-Amend12-Formal

Along with many other Plymouth Drive users, we raised a number of objections to the above proposal at the informal consultation stage. Many of these objections related to the safety implications of reducing the size of the 'no parking' area opposite Warren Court and we were very disappointed that they were dismissed with so little consideration.

At the end of Plymouth Drive there is a primary school, playgroup, day nursery and several sporting facilities including a gym, tennis club and rugby club. These facilities not only generate a sizeable volume of normal vehicular traffic, they are also serviced by large delivery vehicles. In addition, they obviously attract a large number of pedestrians (and cyclists), many of them children. Unlike other primary schools in Sevenoaks, Lady Boswells does not employ a crossing patrol person ('lollipop lady') so it is vital that traffic is able to pass safely with dangerous manoeuvring kept to a minimum.

In our opinion, you cannot safely reduce the passing space in the upper section of Plymouth Drive, given that there is a junction with Warren Court and traffic going both up the hill and swinging round the corner from Seal Hollow Road.

Both traffic flow and safety would be seriously compromised by this proposal and we would urge that it be rejected.

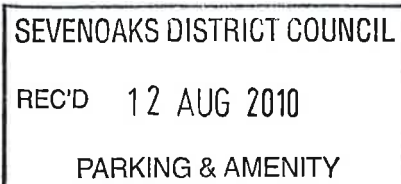
Yours faithfully

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Sevenoaks
TOWN COUNCIL

Mr A Bracey
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9th August 2010

Dear Mr Bracey

**RE: Kent County Council (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks)
Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading and
On Street Parking Places (Amendments 12, 13 & 14)**

The above documents were received and considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 02 August 2010 and the following comments were made:

Amendment 12 - Plymouth Drive

Sevenoaks Town Council considered that these plans were premature as the building they are based on has not been granted consent. The Town Council objects to the proposed pay & display parking bays opposite the entrance to Warren Court.

Amendment 13 - High Street

High Street 1

The Town Council requests that:-

- i). The disabled parking space Brewers be re-instated
- ii). No parking be permitted opposite the proposed loading bay outside 92/94 High Street
- iii). Loading times be restricted to 9.00am – 11.00am

High Street 2

The Town Council has no objection to the introduction of 10 pay and display spaces situated between 125 High Street and The Oak Tree provided that:-

- i). No parking is permitted on the opposite side of the road and that this is rigorously enforced to prevent traffic congestion
- ii). The Highways Officer is satisfied that pedestrians exiting from Blighs Road will not be put at risk from reduced sight lines [informative: When Blighs

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Mr Andy Bracey
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SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL
REC'D 29 JUL 2010
PARKING & AMENITY

Your Ref: T/2009 Amend 12 Formal
Our Ref: 235/TRO/11005/10

Date 27th July 2010

**The Kent County Council (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks)
Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading and On
Street Parking Places (Amendment 12) Order 2009
Plymouth Drive Sevenoaks**

Dear Mr Bracey

Thank you for your letter dated 12th July 2010 and attached drawing concerning the above subject.

Kent Police have no specific observations to make regarding this proposal, however in general terms we would expect the following:

- The application meets the necessary criteria.
- The introduction of prohibition of waiting complies in all respect with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
- If being used for 'corner protection' the prohibition of waiting restriction is for a 24-hour period and extends for a distance of at least 10 metres from any junction. Thus preventing vehicles mistakenly parking during the hours of darkness and contravening provisions of the Roads Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1994.
- The introduction of such measures will not leave the Police with the task of carrying out constant enforcement issues such as obstruction by transferring the problem to other areas.
- The safety of other road users is not compromised by the introduction of these measures.

Civil Parking Enforcement will require your Authority to ensure resources are available to enforce this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Paul Cave
Police Constable 7981
Traffic Management Unit.



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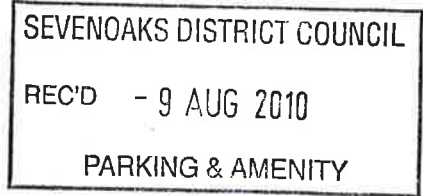
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Dear Sir

County of Kent Act 1981 Section 53
Re: Access, Plymouth Drive , Sevenoaks

Thank you for your letter of 12 July 2010 regarding means of access for the Fire and Rescue Service.

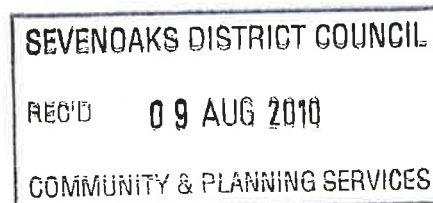
I confirm that the means of access is considered satisfactory.

If you require any further advice please contact this Fire Safety Office.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Graham

Fire Safety Inspector



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