

**APPENDIX 1 – BESELLS GREEN (PARK PLACE) PARKING PROPOSALS**  
**Consultation Responses and Officer Recommendation**

1. Park Place				
Proposal 1a	(Resident) permit holders only between 8:30am and 6:30pm every day			
Informal Consultation				
Requirement for Informal Consultation waived by September JTB				
Statutory Consultation				
For	Against	No Comment		
9 (100%)	0	0		
Officer Recommendation:	That the proposed (resident) permit parking area be implemented			
Officer Comments:	All respondents to the statutory consultation (8 questionnaires and 1 letter) were in favour of this proposal			
Proposal 1b	A two-space parking bay for permit holders/2 hours limited wait (no return within 2 hour) between 8:30am and 6:30pm every day to replace some existing double yellow lines on the east side, near the junction with Bessels Green Road			
Informal Consultation				
Requirement for Informal Consultation waived by September JTB				
Statutory Consultation				
For	Against	No Comment		
7 (78%)	1 (11%)	1 (11%)		
Officer Recommendation:	The section of the double yellow lines is converted to a two-space dual use parking bay			
Officer Comments:	Most of the respondents to the statutory consultation were in favour of the proposed dual use parking bay on the east side of the wider section of Park Place near Bessels Green Road. However, an email was received objecting to this proposal on the grounds that removing a section of double yellow lines to allow parking there could compromise road safety. In the light of the objection, the views of the highway authority, Kent County Council (KCC) have been sought. KCC have advised that the double yellow lines were provided as part of a locally funded member scheme. KCC supports the proposed changes and is of the opinion that highway safety will not be compromised and that the changes will greatly enhance the amenity of the local area. The crash records held by KCC indicate that there have been no collisions involving casualties in Park Place within the last 10 year period (up to end of June 2015), including before the aforementioned double yellow lines were introduced. The crash referred to in the objector's email occurred in Bessels Green Road in August 2015.			

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**COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA SURVEY WEBSITE AND E MAIL DURING STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

No.	Response Text
1	Parking become worse over the past 5 years resident parking needed
2	If this is not approved, please consider allocating 2 bays on Bessels Green Road, north of the junction with Park Place
3	<p>Sent: 30 October 2015 14:49 To: Parking &amp; Amenity - Subject: Response to Formal Consultation - New Parking Controls Park Place, Bessels Green Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>Apologies for sending this on the last possible day. Please find attached a series of photos evidencing our objection to the prosed parking scheme sent by letter dated 7 October 2015.</p> <p>We fully support the residents parking scheme on Park Place, we further support the idea of additional residents or 2 hour waiting area on the other side of the green.</p> <p>HOWEVER: Yellow lines were, after a considerable amount of consideration and road safety Assessments in line with current guidance and Highways Act implications, put in place to reduce the danger posed by the blind junction at the top of Park Place. Yellow line are not 'given out' lightly and it was with due care and attention that they were placed where they are. The proposed removal of these lines on a blind corner, coming off a blind curved single track road creates a road danger as evidence by 1) the placement of the double yellow lines in the first place; and 2) the attached photographs of the recent CAR CRASH/ ACCIDENT caused by the blind exit from this road into the path of overtaking cars. Points to Note:1) the top of Park Place is a single blind curved road leading to a blind corner 2) it is currently unstable for large vehicles (see pictures of jackknifed lorry and resulting damage) 3) it is currently difficult for the recycling and refuse vehicles to pass but due to the yellow lines is now SAFE for Ambulances and other emergency vehicles to pass or access. 4) the current car parking occludes the view from the blind corner further. 5) the proposal to remove the section of yellow line causes a danger because: (a) it forces a car leaving Park Place onto the wrong side of the road on a blind bend (b) it forces a car leaving Park Place into the path of a car driving up Bessels Green Road - which has no right of way and will pull in following overtaking the line of parked cars - in the blind zone (as a very very regular driver of this junction - neither car can see each other until both have entered the blind zone - directly in each others path) (c) your current suggested proposal narrows the blind zone further and makes it more dangerous - which is why the yellow lines were placed there - to prevent this danger (d) access or passing of emergency vehicles would be made very difficult (or impossible if parking was careless...I have more photos of careless and illegal parking in that area if you wish to see them) (e) this is a historically important and beautiful conservation area which should not be obscured by parked cars (f) there is ample NON-yellow lined parking on straight roads with no blind zone all the way up Bessels Green Road (please see photo attached) within 5 meters of your suggested area (g) the Baptist Church have well established arrangements with the Pub and Riverhead School for access to ample additional parking during services. (h) the Pub itself has 2 car parks. It should be further noted that the access via Park Place onto the A25 is a very busy also blind junction due to the position of the last house right on the road (barring a small pavement) and to drive along it - most cars need to mount the pavement to overtake the parked cars so this is not a suitable alternative route - and would arguably be safer if made one-way, given the need to reverse back onto the A25 if entering Park Place while a car is trying to exit - for ease of reference I have coloured the areas on Picture A showing all blind areas around Bessels Green. In Summary We very strongly object to the proposed removal of the yellow lines which were placed there to increase safety on a blind - and proven to be - dangerous junction. We support residents parking on the whole of Park Place (with no changes to the now perfectly placed yellow lines) We support a 2 hour temporary bay but on the Bessels Green Road side - as suggested by Picture C - map attached, Please can I kindly request that you give this your closest attention.</p>