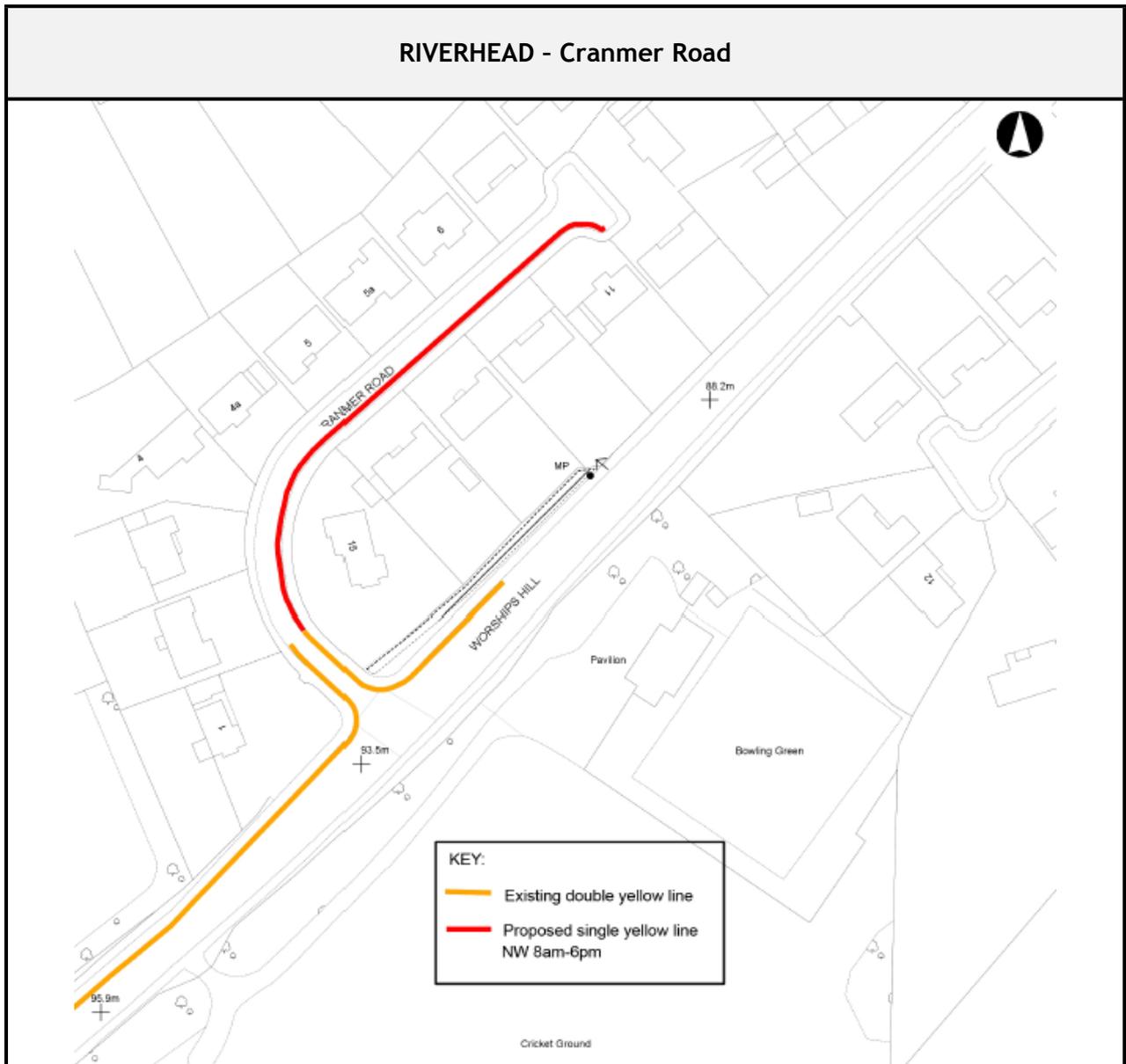


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Description	Proposed Changes
CRANMER ROAD - East and southeast side, from a point 16m north west of the north western kerb line of Worships Hill (A25), north westwards, northwards and north eastwards to the boundary of 10 & 11 Cranmer Road	Install single yellow line (no waiting, 8am - 6pm)

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**DETAILS OF OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS RECEIVED**

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| 1 | <p>I understand that, as a consequence of the recent Riverhead Parking Review, there is to be consultation on placing a single yellow line on one side of Cranmer Road to prevent parking between 0800 and 1800 Monday to Sunday inc.</p> <p>I am sure you are aware that, independent of the review, the residents of Cranmer Road have been concerned about congestion in the road during certain times of the day and have been pressing for a parking restriction to make their lives more bearable. I have been at the forefront of collating those views, together with Councillor Kim Bayley. Please regard the views below as those of the majority of residents.</p> <p>Please be assured that we welcome the advent of a single yellow line but so as to prevent parking only when the road is congested. As residents, we object strongly to the completely unnecessary times suggested above.</p> <p>In order to meet the parking problem in Cranmer Road and the needs of the people who actually live in the road we consider one yellow line, on one side of the road, preventing parking during 0800-1000 and 1400-1600, Monday to Friday only to be sufficient.</p> <p>In support of our suggestion I would be grateful if you would consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cranmer Road ONLY becomes dangerous to other road users and residents when it is congested. The ONLY times it is congested is during school drop off/pick up times and potentially if it is used by commuters during weekdays. The road has been in existence since 1960 and, until recently, parking in the road has never been of concern and certainly never considered dangerous by the residents, SDC or KCC. It has only become dangerous in the last few years as a consequence of the recent increase in vehicles being used to take children to and from Riverhead Infants and Amherst Primary schools. Many of the residents have lived in the road since before the Infant school was built and can confirm this.</li><li>2. Therefore the road becomes congested and dangerous ONLY during certain times of Monday to Friday. Those times are predominantly during 0800-1000 and 1400-1600.</li><li>3. The cause of the congestion is 'parent parking'. That is a fact and nothing to do with 'targeting' parents. But, in view of point 4 below perhaps SDC should be targeting parents. Also there is every reason to believe that the road could become congested during those same times as a consequence of commuters parking for Sevenoaks station - not just parents.</li><li>4. Please don't forget that Riverhead Infants School promotes itself as a 'green' school and only got planning permission in the first place on its assurances that it would become a 'walk to school' only establishment. Currently they are in breach of the original planning agreement by not putting measures in place to restrict parents using their cars. When the school was built SDC and KCC were seriously concerned at the</li></ol> |
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	<p>impact the school would have on parking on the surrounding roads. In our view SDC have a duty to encourage walking to school and not support parking within local roads by residents within walking distance i.e all Riverhead residents. In this instance, by supporting 'parent parking' in the local roads SDC are encouraging the school to break the original planning permission. The school grounds have ample parking and a large drop-off and pick-up area for use by parents if they managed it properly and complied with the original planning rules.</p> <p>5. All Cranmer Road residents are fully aware of the need to keep the road clear at all times and they and their visitors are very good at parking considerately and therefore capable of keeping the road safe during evenings and weekends - and have done so for a large number of years without the need for a yellow line.</p> <p>6. Surely the primary concern must be to not inconvenience the people who live in Cranmer Road. I note that there are numerous roads in the vicinity where parking is restricted only during specific times and days so as not to inconvenience the local residents too much. Why should those who live in Cranmer road suffer as a consequence of the actions of a few others who don't live there.</p> <p>7. When reaching the decision to place a yellow line in Cranmer Road were any views of other Riverhead residents taken into account? If so, can you advise me what those views are. If any of those views were parents wanting to park their cars then I refer you to point 4 above.</p>
2	<p>We are residents of Cranmer Road and write in full support of a neighbour's representation to the Sevenoaks Council and all Parking Authorities regarding the current parking situation and proposed parking restrictions on this road.</p> <p>We would be agreeable to parking restrictions of a single yellow line, however, strongly disagree with the proposed time restrictions. The parking problem only exists during drop off and pick up times for the schools Amherst and Riverhead Infants. The parking restriction should apply during "week days" only and for a period of time eg 8am-9.30am and 3pm 4.30pm.</p> <p>In addition serious consideration must be given to the parking along Worships Hill during these times and parking restrictions should be imposed along this road.</p>
3	<p>As residents of Cranmer Road we write in full support of the proposed single yellow line, for the reasons stated in a neighbour's correspondence with you. However we also feel restrictions at the weekend are unnecessary; and that weekdays only during 0800-1000 and 1400-1600, should be sufficient.</p>
4	<p>Support if restrictions are 8-10 &amp; 2-4 weekdays but opposes 8-6 everyday</p>
5	<p>The parking restriction is only needed from 08:00 to 10:00 and from 14:00 to 16:00. At other times there is no problem. As the double yellow lines on the corner are not enforced, a single yellow line will do nothing as people will ignore it and we (who</p>

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	respect parking restrictions) will lose half the parking on our road. So you are penalising residents.
6	I feel the yellow line should only be in force for two times a day ie 8-10am and 2-4pm only. We all have many visitors at various times during the week/weekends and feel that it would be unfair and cause more problems if they could only park on one side of the road.
7	This will reduce the many dangerous traffic problems that currently occur however, we do believe that weekend restrictions are not necessary.
8	Cranmer Road is often totally congested during school pick up/drop off times, making it dangerous as parents often have to manoeuvre buggies, etc. between cars and sometimes in the road. Also for residents of Cranmer Road, it is sometimes not possible to get into or out of our drives during these periods. Any emergency vehicles would not be able to gain access during these times. The congestion in the road is not a problem apart from between 8am - 10am and 2pm - 4pm on weekdays. At the weekend there are no problems and residents and any guests are considerate when parking. So, I support the single yellow line from Monday - Friday only.
9	I think it's unnecessary to have any parking restrictions to address such small times of the day where there is more cars in the road (15mins in the morning and 15 mins mid afternoon). I think a yellow line on one side will cause much more congestion and issues for residents on one side. Having all the cars on one side, half parking on the curb, will be a problem for people with disabilities or with children/prams to pass. I would prefer no parking restrictions.
10	I feel that at present parking is only an issue twice a day, and for a short amount of time. As a resident with a baby in a pram, to have all the cars on the side of the road that I live on, we will have to fight our way down the pavement, along with two other young boys, and it will just become too dangerous / congested. As it is not that bad. I also feel that it will push neighbours visitors on to our side of the road during the rest of the day, and it will cause a big headache where there need be none.
11	Vehicles using the road for school drop offs are creating problems for residents and should be using the schools designated area if they wish to do so. The single yellow line should only be for five days if the week two hours at a time.
12	It is unnecessary and will potentially cause more congestion in the road
13	I support the proposal for a yellow line as indicated on the map but NOT every day. 1. Cranmer Road ONLY becomes dangerous to other road users and residents when it is congested. The ONLY times it is congested is during school drop off/pick up times and potentially if it is used by commuters during weekdays. The road has been in existence since 1960 and, until recently, parking in the road has never been of concern and certainly never considered dangerous by the residents, SDC or KCC. It has only become dangerous in the last few years as a consequence of the recent increase in

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**OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENTS:**

This parking proposal is for a single yellow line parking restriction, operating between 8am and 6pm every day on one side of Cranmer Road, and is in response to concerns raised by residents about obstructions caused by inconsiderately parked vehicles.

The majority of the objections received to this parking proposal were from residents and were to the times of operation of the proposed parking restrictions. The objectors want a restriction that just operates during the school runs, i.e. between 8am and 10am and between 2pm and 4pm from Monday to Friday, when a number of parents regularly park there.

This type of short am/pm restriction is used to tackle commuter parking and maintain kerbside parking for residents at other times of the day. This is not the case in Cranmer Road. The proposed restriction will deal with vehicles parking on both sides of the road and obstructing the free flow of traffic.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the objections be set aside, and the proposal be implemented, as drawn.