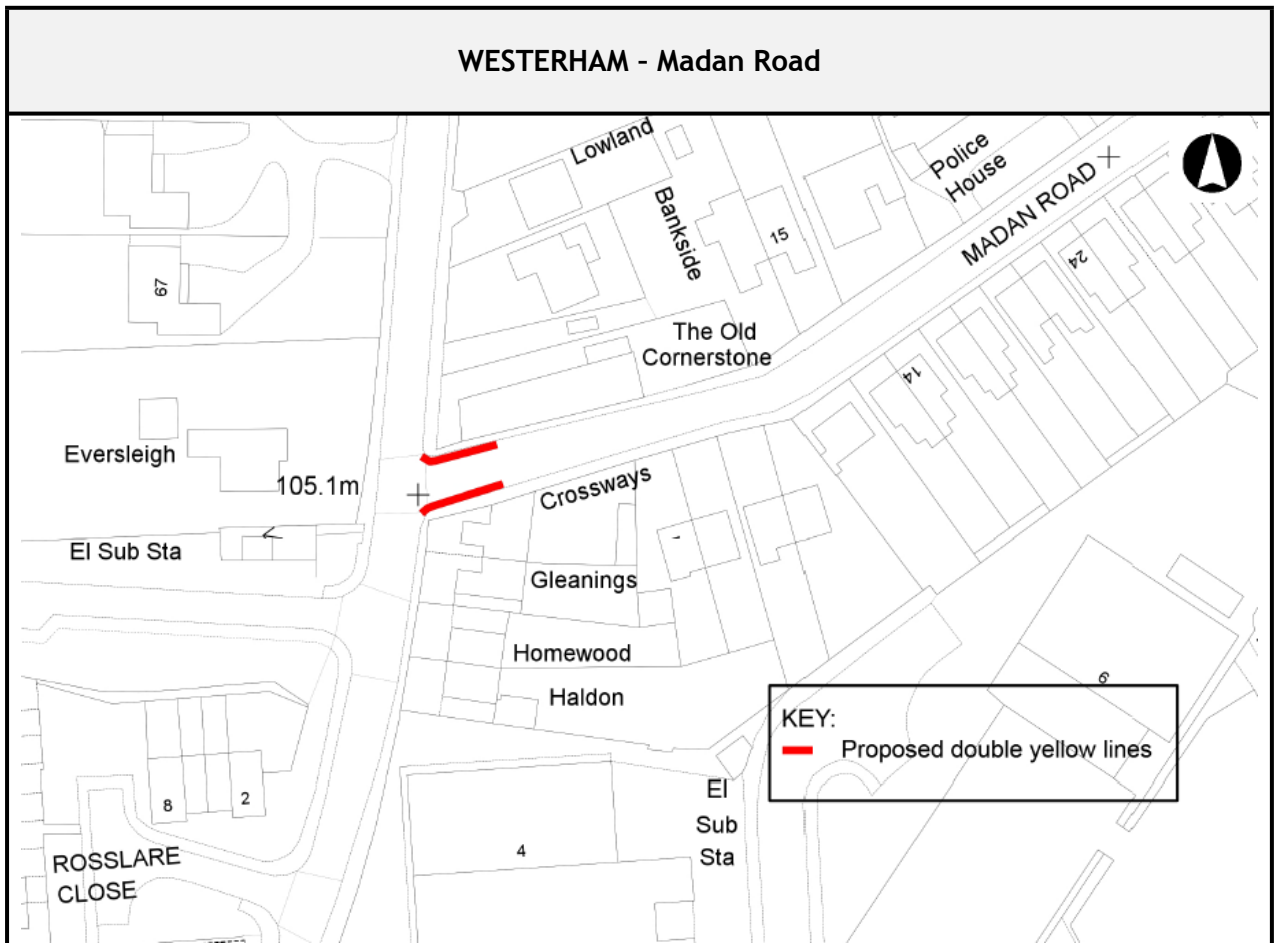


**APPENDIX 8 - FOR DECISION
WESTERHAM - MADAN ROAD - PARKING PROPOSALS**

Description and plan of parking proposals, details of objections/comments received and Officers' comments/recommendation



Description	Proposed Changes
MADAN ROAD - Both sides, from the eastern kerb line of London Road, eastwards for 12m	New double yellow line restrictions (no waiting at any time)

DETAILS OF OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS RECEIVED	
1	I have owned a local business for over 6 years. During that time the parking for my clients has usually been fine and has not caused a problem. Over the last year the parking has got considerably worse and for a large amount of last year, there was parking on both sides of the road near the junction due to the Linden Homes development. Things have now improved and we are back to where we were 2 years ago. I think that yellow lines on the South side of Madan Road are a good idea, however, putting them on both side would not be. I think one of the major issues has been the ability of large vehicles to get down Madan Road. I think if we have lines on both sides, 6 cars that are parked will be moved further down Madan Road resulting in a bottleneck there. A number of cars that park in the road belong to people who work in Westerham. It is the closest you can park to Westerham without paying. A number of cars either belong to, or are being worked on by a local mechanic. Sometimes those cars stay there for days. Perhaps an alternative for the north side of

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	<p>Madan Road would either be a pay and display, or a single yellow line with no parking for 1 hour a day, say between 1 and 2, so that working people did not park in the road all day. I fully understand why the proposed changes to the parking regulations has been suggested, but it does seem a bit extreme to have restrictions on both sides of the road. Is it not possible to try it on the south side first and then see if that resolves the problem? If it does not, then perhaps it will need to be reviewed</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>I am writing in reference to the proposal to implement double yellow line restrictions on both sides of Madan road at the London road end. Myself, my partner and my neighbours have concerns over the need for such extreme measures. The parking problems caused by parked cars on both sides has only really been an issue in the last year during the new housing development as they wouldn't let their contractors park on site. The issue is when cars park on both sides or too close to the London Road corner as its difficult for cars to turn into Madan Road and for pedestrians to cross. We feel that parking restrictions on the corners would be sufficient to make this safer.</p> <p>If you want to stop cars parking on both sides then double lines on the right side opposite the vets would also solve the issue. Double lines on both sides for 12m will only push all the cars and visitors to the vets further down the road towards the houses that don't have driveways where parking is difficult enough, or they will park on London road and cause chaos to the traffic flow. Please reconsider this proposal so that those of us who live in Madan Road don't end up having to park even further up The road away from our homes.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>I understand that there are proposals in hand for 12 metres(!) double yellow lines at the top of Madan Rd at its junction with the London road. This is as result of a petition for said lines by someone living in our road (who has his/her own off road parking). The petition is perhaps as a result of the recent congestion caused by the parking of contractor vehicles from Linden Homes development in Madan Road, which caused us all considerable inconvenience even though we were given assurances that no such parking would be allowed. So much for promises. Still, we thought they will be gone soon, and they have, now we are to be further reduced in our circumstances by yellow lines which will impact upon us again this time permanently. The Veterinary business in the London road often has customers who park in our road. We pointed out that that this would indeed happen when we sent our objections to the council regarding this business. And so it came to pass. Madan road has high density accommodation, and in these times this inevitably means more cars needing to park. What will happen following the installation of the lines, is that all the veterinary customer traffic will park further down the road causing us permanent inconvenience. May I point out that many of those who live in the street are retired and getting increasingly immobile and need to access their vehicles nearer their domiciles. I know there is no right to park in any street but this is the reality of modern living. But alongside the high density goes high contributions to the Council's exchequer and with those contributions go certain rights to decide what happens in our immediate environment. We have to park somewhere, if not in Madan Road can you suggest where? (As a side note I see that the 401 is removing some of its later buses if it has not already done so.). Therefore, may</p>

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	<p>I suggest that before painting, you please consider the impact on those who will actually be impacted. As a compromise, I suggest lines painted on one side only on the south side opposite the vet surgery which will allow ingress and egress by larger commercial vehicles and the emergency services.</p>
	<p>I wish to state my objection to the planning application for double yellow lines on either side of the top of Madan Road. We are only just returning to a state of normality after the not inconsiderable inconvenience caused by Linden Homes contractors who parked on Madan Road throughout the construction period of the houses on the London Road even though the contract said they would not do so. Double yellow lines would remove a number of parking spaces in an already very congested area. I would like to suggest in the strongest possible terms that this application be reconsidered.</p>
	<p>Our attention has been drawn to a proposal for yellow lines at the top of Madan Road. We would like to strongly object to this and point out that the issue of parking there was when Linden Homes were building opposite and this is no longer an issue. If you ask any resident of Madan Road they would say that yellow lines will make it IMPOSSIBLE to park in our road as cars from the vet and local offices will simply shunt down beyond the lines to park in front of our houses. Many of us have small children, are elderly or use our vehicles for business. Any increased issues with parking would lead to many of us having to consider moving house and this is crazy for a situation which is no longer an issue. Local business' workers and their clients parking in our road do need to be addressed but without parking permits, which we do not want to have to pay for, there is probably no good solution. Please, please consider what the residents are requesting and do not contribute to an already incredibly difficult parking situation. The problem needed interim intervention a while back, the problem is now over.</p>
	<p>Parking has always been a huge issue on Madan road especially up by the Vet. Linden Homes have been disgraceful in the way they have blatantly disregarded their planning obligations not to use Madan Road for their contractors to park. The reason you, the council, are looking at yellow lines is because Linden contractors often parked inconsiderately and indeed illegally on the RHS as you enter the road from London Road. I don't have a problem with potentially ONE side of the road to have some Yellow lines for say two car lengths as the curbing starts so that you can enter the road safely but to lose 12metres on both sides is ridiculous, this equates to roughly 10 car parking spaces?? The Vet constantly has clients needing to park and this will just shunt the problem further down the road. Also, you have the constant problem of local workers eg Crown house also congesting our road. In short: I object to the proposal as it stands.</p>
	<p>We, the residents of Madan Road are very concerned about the proposed parking restrictions at the top of Madan Road. This will make it impossible for us all to park safely and will impact on the selling of our homes. Over the years (I have lived here for 30+) there have been a few issues with parking but on the whole it has been manageable. Several of us highlighted the parking problem when the vet applied to move into the building at the end of Madan Road but this was passed without any</p>

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	<p>provision being made for parking. The vet however is not the main issue as the vet's customers do not tend to park all day. The main problem was when Linden Homes were on site and their contractors parked on the pavement at the top of the road, too close to the main road resulting in pedestrians having to walk in the road to get passed. They seem to now have finished and have moved on (after we cleaned up their disgusting amounts of litter including the contents of a can of beans) and the issue has gone away. There seems absolutely no need for yellow lines on both sides of the road and 12m seems very excessive. Yes, maybe on the very corners of Madan Road (same as Rosslare Close) to remind people not to park close to the junction and possibly on the south side to stop cars parking on the pavement which does not leave enough room for fire engines or ambulances. Please do not penalise the residents of Madan Road because of a few irresponsible motorists. There are provisions for car parking at both ends of the town and on Quebec Avenue but we have nothing at our end. If we have to resort to parking on London Road this will have a big impact on the traffic flow and I'm sure that the vet will lose quite a few of his customers. We need cars in Westerham with the last bus from Sevenoaks being 17.45 and the last bus from Oxted being 18.30</p>
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OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS:

The current parking proposal for Madan Road considered and agreed by Kent County Council, as highway authority, in the context of current legislation and best highway practice. Its main intention is to protect the junction with London Road from parked vehicles, which cause congestion to vehicles entering and exiting Madan Road.

Most of the objections received during the statutory consultation were opposed to the resultant loss of parking spaces in an area of high parking demand, and some considered that the length of double yellow line restrictions was excessive.

Officers have taken on board these views, and consider that the proposed 12m lengths of double yellow line restrictions could be reduced by 2m on both sides to 10m with minimal detriment to their objective and remaining in line with the Highway Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the objections be upheld in part, and the proposal be amended, such that the proposed double yellow lines be implemented on both sides of Madan Road, from the eastern kerb line of London Road, eastwards for 10m.