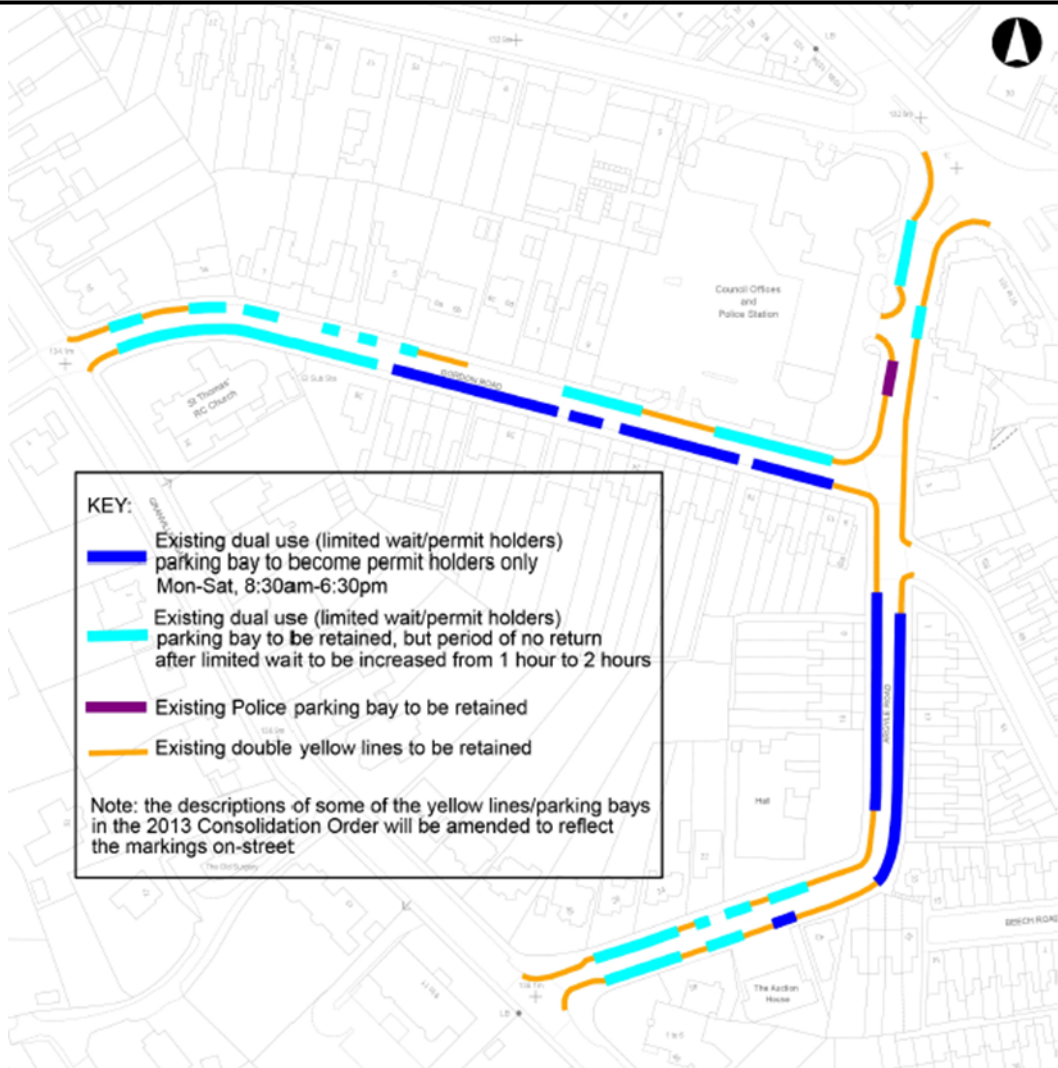


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SEVENOAKS - Argyle Road & Gordon Road



PARKING PROPOSAL 1
(Shown in dark blue on plan)

DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED CHANGES
Argyle Road Parking bays on both sides from the junction with Victoria Road to outside number 33, and the single bay on the south side outside the Auction House	Existing “dual use” permit “A” holders and 2 hours maximum stay (no return within 1 hour) parking bays to become permit “A” holders only, Mon-Sat, 8:30am-6:30pm
Gordon Road Parking bays on the south side from the junction with Argyle Road to outside number 35	

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1	Will only increase the already strained parking in Eardley Road. You must make the resident permit only across the board in this area for support
2	It is unfair on people who visit the council, the charities and town for short stay.
3	The amenity that the council says it will provide in making much of the area permit holder only is for the benefit of residents in the area. However many people who currently park in those spots will have an amenity taken away from them. The area has for many years allowed 2 hour parking for non permit holders and the people who live in the area have been aware of that. The council has also created a shortage of parking by its policy of bringing in parking restrictions in other areas to the serious disadvantage of local people but to the benefit of the council who gain money for themselves by selling permits. The council is supposed to be there to serve local people not to benefit itself as an organisation. Local trade has already been damaged because people do not want to pay parking charges in car parks and many people will simply stop going to the shops in Sevenoaks if another area where they can park without charges is removed. Also there is St Thomas' church nearby and people attend this church on days such as Good Friday and Ash Wednesday, but also on ordinary weekdays too. It is already often difficult to find parking near the church and these further restrictions will increase the problem - it should be remembered that many churchgoers are elderly and find it difficult to walk too far from their car to the church. My 91 year old mother for instance has dementia and cannot walk well but does not have a disabled parking permit would find it difficult if there were fewer parking spaces available in the area.
4	In Gordon Road under the current proposal the only house that does not have either off road parking or proposed 'resident parking' outside belongs to both the oldest and longest resident of the road.
5	The likely consequence is an increase to the congestion in the parking bays at the East (town) end of Eardley Road, which is already very busy. However, we would be in favour of the proposal if suitably extended to include resident only bays at the East (town) end of Eardley Road.
6	Because the problem will just move to surrounding streets and I request that all zone A permits are reviewed
7	<p>1) With already strained parking within the town as a result of the closure of the large car park near the Leisure Centre (due to rebuilding) this proposal should be postponed until completion at the earliest.</p> <p>2) As & when the Local Authority seriously consider improving public transport to the local rural communities, proposals of this nature will always further discourage visitors to the town centre & trade will suffer.</p>

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	3) There is no evidence provided in the Amendment No.27 to demonstrate "preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs".
8	There is a lack of short stay parking already as car parks frequently full. If you restrict further you will kill town off which seems to be suffering already. As an alternative, change use of District Council car park to public parking and force employees to park in long stay car parks paying for it like everyone else. There are also plenty of resident only spaces always free in Victoria Road, which is a very short distance from your new proposed restrictions.
9	Already lack of parking for short visits to town area
10	Until the new multi storey car park is completed (Buckhurst 2) this proposal will further stretch on street parking within the town, particularly as those season ticket users of Buckhurst 2 have been relocated to other side streets/parking areas.
11	The current proposals will displace casual parking to adjacent roads - in particular Eardley & Granville. Whilst the proposal for provision of resident only bays is good, the wider implications need to be planned for and mitigated prior to implementation.
12	I both support and object to this. I have sympathy with the residents of these roads, but we are also badly affected by inconsiderate parking and by blocking off these bays it will drive more traffic into Granville Road. Parking for the school and the church can make the road very busy indeed and impossible for visitors to find anywhere to park
13	There is sufficient parking within a short walking distance.
14	Because of their location these parking bays are ideal for short term visits to Sevenoaks to do shopping, visit Leisure Centre, opticians etc. during the week. There is already a shortage of parking within the town centre area so any reduction in these spaces will have an adverse effect on my visits in the week and loss of my spend in the town centre. Have other options been considered such as resident only on Saturday or reducing the time band when the spaces can be used by non-residents?
15	If Gordon and Argyle are having resident only bays, Eardley and Granville Rd also need these. Limiting spaces in the other roads will only force cars into Eardley and Granville Rd, which are already overcrowded and residents are unable to park in on a regular basis because of permits being sold to anyone and everyone. Non-residents should use the many car parks in Sevenoaks town centre- including the new multi-storey being built.
16	The two hour street parking surrounding our office allows our residents to visit and use our services without incurring parking costs. As a social landlord not all our residents can afford the additional cost of parking. Some of our residents have vulnerabilities and complex issues, which require face to face meetings that can be lengthy. HERO also operates from our office one day a week of which a lot of the residents attending use the two hour parking facility. Should the surrounding roads be

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	restricted, it is likely to impact on the volume of residents visiting. Our staff also use the two hour parking when needing to make short visits to the office. Having this parking nearby gives them greater flexibility to come and go as the business requires as well as ensuring they too don't incur expensive parking costs. A lot of the staff using the parking aren't based at our Sevenoaks office and are travelling from other premises based further afield to attend meetings, training and so on. Parking in Sevenoaks is extremely pressured at the moment, especially with the Leisure Centre parking out of action. Although the alternative of Moore Close is available this adds between 20 to 30 mins of travel time to any journey and isn't a very efficient alternative for staff to use.
17	I work at West Kent and would find it extremely difficult to attend meetings and work from the Sevenoaks office if it was not possible to park.
18	The inadequacy of parking in Sevenoaks, whether on street or in public car parks. It is increasingly difficult to find spaces in either a designated car park or off street. By reducing further casual car parking even further will make Sevenoaks a much less attractive place to visit
19	I work for West Kent Homes as a heating engineer. There are occasions when I need to go into the office for meetings and to pick up paperwork. Having to park miles away would impact on the time management of my job and therefore have a detrimental impact on the service we offer to elderly and vulnerable tenants.
20	Sevenoaks has seen a reduction in car parks. One has been taken to build a new Premier Inn and the long stay is currently not in use. Although there will be a multi storey it will not along for many more spaces. When I shop and work in Sevenoaks I need some where to park, have the two hour window helps in order for me to still use the local town and amenities. If parking is reduced much more then people will find an alternative areas to shop and may have to find work elsewhere. Sevenoaks is a strong vibrant community and it seems a shame that this could be affected through the use of parking. I understand the local residents concerns and frustrations but they did buy the properties knowing that the road was used by others.
21	This will remove about 50% of the spaces available to non-residents, exacerbating the shortage of parking for people who work in Sevenoaks, which is already a major problem for anyone commuting into the town for work. As a Maidstone resident who is required to travel to development sites for work, public transport is not a practical alternative. The County Council and District Council should give more consideration to the needs of people who work in Sevenoaks and should also have regard to the needs of local businesses, vital for the local economy.
22	As an employee of West Kent, I use the 2hr bays for short visits to the office

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23	There is not always a guarantee of parking within the High Street of Sevenoaks so people rely on being able to park within the local walking distance roads. One major car park is closed for the next year as you know.
24	Parking is limited for businesses in Sevenoaks already. Buckhurst car park is being redeveloped which has put pressure on parking already in 2018. Transportation links from some outlying areas are not great, making a car a necessity to get to work. It seems that changes are being made for a few that will affect the many.
25	There is limited parking within Sevenoaks already and only for a maximum of 4 hours. Buckhurst is currently closed on a long term basis. If people need to visit Sevenoaks district council or West Kent Housing association there will be nowhere for visitors to parking especially if they have limited mobility. If people live in these house I would think they would be at work most of the day so why not allow other people to park there when they are not there. There is far too much controlled parking already within Sevenoaks.
26	Parking in Sevenoaks particularly in this area is very limited, particularly with the current Buckhurst 2 project. It will make it extremely difficult to visit the Council offices and West Kent Housing which a number of tenants need to many of which are on low incomes and unable to afford the extortionate parking charges in Sevenoaks. It will also be very difficult for contractors carrying out works to the properties in these areas or visiting local offices. You would expect many of the residents to be at work during the day so is likely to have the effect of empty spaces during the day, which could be utilised by other car users.
27	Because staff at West Kent Housing come and go throughout the day and it is hard enough to find parking as it is
28	As someone who works predominantly in Sevenoaks and have done for the past 10 years the proposed reason for the change to "resident only" parking will not "preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs". I believe the reason for the proposed change is to facilitate residence wishes rather than preserve or improve amenities. The road is not a private road therefore if you buy a house/own a house with no off street parking you cannot then take offence that you do not have the space outside your house free all the time. Taking this and the fact there is extremely limited affordable long stay options and long waiting lists for "general permits" you are only moving the problem to another road, take for example the Rise on the approach to Sevenoaks from the A21 and Serpentine Road from Seal.
29	Please include #9 otherwise I am penalised for having a front garden!

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30	Never had an issue with parking on these roads. You would be better off stopping residents 'reserving' spaces illegally outside their houses or imposing much higher parking permit charges for houses with more than 1 car parked on the road.
31	Should be available to all
32	This will put undue pressure on the parking bays in Eardley Road unless the same approach is replicated there
33	We are wishing to register our objection to the above proposed changes to Permit Parking Bays in Zone A, Argyle Road, and Gordon Road, Sevenoaks. Since the loss of the Long Term Carpark in Pembroke Road, to make way for M&S, and the surrounding development, it has become increasingly difficult for some of our clients to park in Sevenoaks, particularly on Auction Days. They rely now on Short Term Parking, so that they can attend our sales, and they might need to park in the area to collect their purchases, or deliver goods to our Auction Rooms, located in Argyle Road. The ability to park in both Argyle Road, and Gordon Road, even for short periods, is of paramount importance to our business, and the continued loss of parking, and increasing parking charges, will, I'm sure start to have an influence on the local economy, when People can park where it is cheaper, and easier, in other towns and shopping areas.
34	Whilst we have every sympathy with the residents of Gordon and Argyle and their struggles with parking, we cannot support the proposal of resident only parking bays as we feel that the problem will just be pushed out to other roads nearby. As residents of a nearby property, in another road and close to St Thomas' Church, we also struggle with parking our car sometimes and residents only parking bays within Gordon and Argyle Road will create further frustrations elsewhere, possibly forcing us to use the residents only parking bays in Gordon and Argyle Road, which surely defeats the entire object of the idea. The actual residents of these roads could find themselves effectively squabbling with residents of Granville Road who have been forced to park in the residents only bays of Gordon and Argyle Road. Perhaps the residents only parking bays idea could be stretched to some hot spots in Granville Road too? We also feel that the parking bays are not adequately marked allowing for inconsiderate parking from people who are not resident in the area and do not understand how difficult it is to park. Some drivers park right in the middle of what could be considered a double bay, not allowing another car to park, or do not park right up to the end of a bay also not allowing others to park and effectively taking up two spaces. I appreciate that parking in general has become a complete headache for all involved and shoppers in general need to be encouraged to use the town shops, restaurants and other facilities, but not at the expense of the residents who live in the streets surrounding Sevenoaks.

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DETAILS OF COMMENTS SUPPORTING <u>PARKING PROPOSAL 1</u>	
1	As an owner it would be nice not to have to park a mile away from your property and have to walk in the cold, snow and rain only to have to go move your car late at night when parking bays open closer to home. I do not think its fair that people who are unwilling to take out a pound and pay for parking are in a position to disrupt homeowners' use and enjoyment of their properties. I have counted on numerous occasions and on average 3 out of 5 cars during weekends and weekdays are non permit vehicles. They also keep moving their cars from position to position enabling them to park for hours on end without sanction. Most properties in Granville and Eardley road have off street parking. It makes sense for these people to go park there.
2	Difficulty parking near our home at peak times. Difficulty for elderly neighbours/ those with small children loading and unloading shopping.
3	I am a resident and currently find the parking situation in Argyle Road abysmal
4	As a resident of one of the terraces for the last 10 years, we have found the last few years exceedingly difficult to park in our road or the neighbouring road, given the popularity of the town and the traffic from the SDC building.
5	Because it's becoming too much like a car park and residents cannot park in the bays because we are over run with visitors and people visiting the council offices. Who make a mockery of the 2 hour free parking. It's the busiest road in Sevenoaks.
6	Limited parking dedicated to residents in the area.
7	I'm a resident on this road and can never find a parking space. Predominantly as the council use our road as overflow for their staff, also as shoppers park here to save a few pounds when shopping around the corner in the high street. I frequently have to park roads away and walk to my house with my 2 young sons and shopping bags. This is not fair, I pay for a permit, plus an anomaly as there are roads further away from town than ours which are resident only parking. It's unprecedented elsewhere in the UK for a road with 50 yards proximity to the main high street of a busy town to not be permit only. The town centre gets busier year on year with bigger developments (new flats attracting visitors that have inadequate parking), bigger shops (large M&S) and more restaurants- it's a farce that the influx of visitors this attracts can park on our road and increasingly push residents out and further away from our homes.
8	Sick of being unable to park outside my house, even on my road. Have newborn and dread coming home sometimes with shopping. Being so close to the centre means people use it as local car park. I also suggest/ beg (!) that individual bays are marked out on the road as incompetent and thoughtless parking often means spaces are wasted and even less space is available!
9	Whilst I support the proposal I think you haven't gone far enough.

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10	I am a resident that owns a vehicle and most days it is extremely difficult to find parking in my own street. You want to avoid using the car, because you might not find parking when you return
11	Parking at my daughter and son in law's house is a complete nightmare and has got worse over the years that they've lived there, to the point that they've considered moving. While we want to encourage people to visit the town, the bigger houses with off-street parking adjacent to argyle and gordon road would be perfectly placed to assist with this. My husband and I regularly travel to Sevenoaks to help look after our grandchildren and trying to find somewhere to park remotely close to the house is a continue frustration, especially when the weather is poor. People also abuse the current parking system and stay far longer than they should do, or park here and then walk in to town to do their shopping with Waitrose bags which is frustrating when you can park there for free when spending £10. We often see some of the same cars parked for long stretches of time as well on the roads but they get around the parking restrictions by moving their cars slightly - again all very frustrating.
12	We regularly visit my daughter and her family to assist with childcare and trying to find somewhere to park anywhere near the house is a constant problem. We often have to drive around for what seems like an age, only to be forced to park a long way from the house and then have a big distance to cover with belongings, made worse when the weather is poor. I also see how the lack of parking directly affects my daughter who struggles with trying to get her 2 young children around.
13	It is a complete nightmare as a resident trying to find somewhere to park close to our house. I often spend up to 15 minutes driving around and around trying to find somewhere to park, only then to have to walk a long way with 2 young children and shopping. The problem has got so bad that I'm often put off from driving anywhere for fear of losing my space! While we want to support people visiting the town centre, there are always places to park on the road just round the corner on South Park and Granville where the bigger houses have off-street parking so I'd like to encourage people to park there instead. People also routinely abuse parking on Argyle and Gordon Road which is frustrating and we see the same cars parked there for most of the day but moved about to try to avoid the parking attendants.
14	Residents have great difficulty finding a place near their homes to park.
15	Parking congestion due to unrestricted parking. The scheme should be increased to cover the whole of argyle and Gordon Roads.
16	Residents have difficulty finding parking. Resident's guests unable to park nearby when visiting. Turnover of cars due to people parking for 2 hours free reducing traffic & pollution.
17	Difficulty for residents to park in Gordon road with current arrangement
18	Seems sensible

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19	Regularly difficult for residents to find a parking space near homes on road. During day- private/company cars 'hop in and out' of limited spaces causing traffic, noise, air pollution. Sometimes cars have been blocked in by parking.
20	Living next to the steps giving access to town centre, the road is used all day+ evening (now that parking charges apply to 9:30pm!) if I vacant my parking space I have no chance to returning to obtain a space near my home.
21	Our roads are used as a free car park. Argyle & Gordon should have resident bays. But Eardley road (close to the council offices) needs them also.
22	"Improved air quality due to less car drivers being attracted to this road.
23	Being able to park somewhere in own road instead of taking up spaces in Victoria Road making it difficult for the residents there. "
24	I frequently go shopping on a Saturday and return to find nowhere to unload my shopping. I then have to park at the far end of the road and can't get it back until the evening.
25	This gives each house a space to park a car in the road but gives parking for the church.
26	This would free up the bay for residents.
27	Health & safety of residents in street- to prevent 'merry go round' of workers from West Kent +HA Moving their cars every 2 hrs & racing for spaces.
28	When visiting family at the residences it's very difficult getting babies and small children in the house when nowhere to park but always lots of council work vans taking all the spaces for the whole day.
29	More safe to get to car
30	This sensible approach would hopefully help alleviate the severe parking issues that affect the terrace housing side in particular. Note this would simply equalize what is already in place for all of Victoria Road.
31	These roads are so close to the town centre that for them NOT to have resident only parking is not in keeping with almost every town in not only the county, but the country. visitors, and local workers first port of call for a 'free' space are these residential roads, subsequently they fully parked up all day long while there are ample spaces in the towns car parks. This also invites significant traffic as cars circle these roads waiting for spaces and regularly shift their cars from bay to bay throughout the day. They are largely Victoria houses with very little off street parking and given the proximity of these roads to town and the large M&S they should have resident only parking like almost all other roads of this type in the county. These restrictions should be in place until 21:30pm like Victoria especially with increase in charges for evening parking in Blighs.

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32	Hard to find parking where I live
33	To relieve the parking congestion in the named streets during weekday office hours.
34	Residents of Gordon & Argyle Road have to regularly park in Blighs despite paying for residents permits. This is because visitors to the town would rather use the 2 hour free parking in Gordon and Argyle than pay the extortionate fees in Blighs. Our neighbours are moving away. It has been an issue raised with SDC for the last 6 years
35	Resident only parking is included
36	To allow more resident parking
37	I am a resident of Gordon Road and I believe we deserve a place to park our car close to our place as against driving around to find a place and that too very far in many instances. Please implement this change as soon as possible! Thanks
38	Many of the residents are unable to park in their street due to its use by shoppers and commercial vehicles.
39	I am a resident of Gordon Road and its a nightmare during the weekdays for us to find a parking and more so when we have to carry heavy shopping or other things to and from the car to our place. This change will help our life immensely.
40	As a resident of Argyle Road for over 10 years, I have experienced increased difficulty trying to find a parking space within a short walking distance of my home. I now dread trips where I need to load/unload my car with heavy items e.g. visiting the Waste recycling Centre, as I know the procedure is likely to take several attempts before I can move my car within a sensible distance of my home. The availability of free parking on Argyle and Gordon roads so close to the town centre also encourages drivers to drive around the block looking for free parking in preference to using the town centre car parks, increasing the traffic and pollution in the residential neighbourhood and conservation area. While there is a discrepancy between free parking on Argyle and Gordon Roads and increasing charges for the town centre car parks, including Sunday charging, this situation can only get worse. The proposed charges to the residential parking in Argyle and Gordon Roads will go some way to resetting the balance.
41	Should reduce amount of parking in Argyle and Gordon roads
42	Residents should get priority
43	As residents of Argyle Road we have endured several years of seeing non permit holders abuse the system and prevent us from parking near our home due to the insufficient resources within the council available to monitor the parking. This has been extremely difficult with a young baby and another now on the way. Other nearby streets such as Granville Road and South Park have off street parking but the terraced houses do not. There are frequently entire bays empty on Granville Road despite

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	Argyle being full. Sometime we delay errands or visits to playgroups for fear of losing our parking space, which made my wife feel housebound when on maternity leave - this is just not right. The parking area A is also too large as many residents of lower Granville Road park on Argyle to visit town.
44	Loads of people use these roads as a carpark and residents cannot park
45	Because residents often find that they can't park anywhere near their houses due to the fact that these parking slots are dual use
46	This proposal will be of huge benefit to the local community. Due to factors such as local worker parking, town visitor parking and a significantly increased volume of planning permissions given to terrace houses in the area to extend thereby increasing household size and number of families, parking anywhere near to one's home has been getting more difficult in recent years. It has also resulted in higher volumes of traffic and speeding vehicles who are searching for the limited number of spare spaces that are attractive to workers and visitors as they are free of charge. With increasing numbers of children living in Gordon and Argyle, the volume and speed of traffic has become an increasing concern for families. These proposals should help to preserve the environment of a primarily residential area situated in a conservation zone. In balancing the needs of different groups, the proposals still allow visitor (no return) parking coupled with the opportunity for residents to provide scratch cards to visiting family/friends/tradespeople - this would appear to be a fair and appropriate solution for all. There are a range of other parking opportunities within central Sevenoaks which are often running below capacity so I do not believe that availability of parking can be used as an argument against these proposals. In line with Victoria and Beech Roads these proposals will establish a consistency and fairness for Residents and other groups in their access to central parking availability and represent a much better value for residents who, for example, pay over £100 per year if they have 2 vehicles / permits. I would wholeheartedly support this proposal.
47	To alleviate knock on effect to nearby roads of visitors parking in Argyle and Gordon Road. It will reduce car pollution in residential roads as cars will not have to drive around looking for a car space to park.
48	This will give an area where residents of Gordon Road can park during the day that is not shared with others. Given the difficulty in parking on Gordon Road during the week and at weekends during the day this will be most welcome.
49	Parking is currently intolerable for residents. Vehicle safety is also a problem..too many vehicles trying to park in this road...my car has been hit several times and the guilty party just driven off. It is high time the council listen to residents and rectify the dreadful experience we have suffered for far too long..i think more bays should be residents only

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50	It will level up the parking load in the town and make Blighs where there has been spaces more attractive. Residents need to be able to park in the road, the traffic volume is such that they have not been able to.
51	Not enough parking for residents
52	Good for residents and a good solution for visitors, and allows vibrancy.
53	As a resident I find it extremely difficult to park in Argyle Road because shoppers and council staff use it as a "free" car park
54	Residents cannot find any parking within 10 mins. walk of their houses on a regular basis- day and night. This would keep the key bays resident only and enable a small amount of residents to park nearer to their houses than at present.

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PARKING PROPOSAL 2

(shown in light blue on plan)

DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED CHANGES
Argyle Road & Gordon Road All “dual use” permit “A” holders and 2 hours maximum stay (no return within 1 hour) parking bays, Mon-Sat, 8:30am-6:30pm not included in Parking Proposal 1	Period of no return to be changed from no return within 1 hour to no return within 2 hours
Argyle Road & Gordon Road Both sides, existing parking bays and double yellow line restrictions	By way of a housekeeping exercise, the opportunity is being taken to amend the descriptions of some existing parking bays and yellow lines in the parent order to improve the detail of the sign and line markings on street. This exercise will not change the physical extent of the parking bays and double yellow lines

DETAILS OF OBJECTIONS TO <u>PARKING PROPOSAL 2</u>	
1	Resident only bays in Gordon Road will only displace the current issues into the surrounding streets. You would have more support if resident only bays were introduced into Eardley Road as well. Also, consideration should be given to how many business permits there are for the area and this should be reviewed.
2	Making Gordon Road resident permit holders only will only displace the problem to surrounding streets. For support you must include resident only bays in surrounding streets. Also, no more business Zone A permits should be issued and when the new multi storey is open they should all be moved there.
3	By making Gordon Road resident permit holders only will only move the issue and put strain on the surrounding roads
4	By making Gordon Road Resident Permit Holders Only will put greater strain on the surrounding streets therefore not solving any issues, just moving them somewhere else
5	By making Gordon Road Resident Permit Holders only it will just put greater strain on the surrounding streets not solving the problem
6	Leave it as it is
7	If there are enough parking places for residents (who are already paying an additional premium) there should be no need.

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8	Never had an issue with parking on these roads. You would be better off stopping residents 'reserving' spaces illegally outside their houses or imposing much higher parking permit charges for houses with more than 1 car parked on the road.
9	I personally do not see how this would make any difference and is an unnecessary expense to change.
10	I understand that increasing the no return period is a compromise, but I think the number of proposed resident parking bays might not be enough, which means that allowing non-residents to park longer once again puts residents at a disadvantage if the resident bays are full.
11	Will move the problem to neighbouring streets. Too many non-resident permits. Introduce pay and display to Eardley Road £2 a day"
12	Will only push the problem to surrounding streets. There also needs to be more yellow lines in Granville Road as you cannot see oncoming traffic when pulling out between the parked cars
13	Support resident only bays but problem will just go to another street in Zone A. Zone A needs to be made smaller and there are too many workers with Zone A permits
14	Elderly and have no car but I need my family to be able to park as they visit regularly
15	Elderly and don't own a car but have regular visits from carers so this would not be helpful
16	This proposal will further discourage visitors to the town centre.
17	Can you (KCC/SDC) demonstrate this proposal will rectify the problems of parking.
18	The current proposals will displace casual parking to adjacent roads - in particular Eardley & Granville. Whilst the proposal for provision of resident only bays is good, the wider implications need to be planned for and mitigated prior to implementation.
19	Gives the residents more freedom to find a suitable parking space
20	Because the problem will just end up with all the parked cars being in Eardley Road
21	Resident meetings can sometimes be lengthy due to their complexity. Having the flexibility to move their vehicle if required, allows meetings to be concluded rather than having to rearrange another visit.
22	My role is peripatetic and the increase in the 'no return' period would impact my day.
23	Sometime, one has to return to the Town within a relatively short space of time
24	I work for West Kent Homes as a heating engineers. There are occasions when I need to go into the office for meetings and to pick up paperwork. Having to park miles away

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	would impact on the time management of my job and therefore have a detrimental impact on the service we offer to elderly and vulnerable tenants.
25	I would agree to this if there was no resident parking
26	This is a lesser issue as far as I am concerned but it does show the same lack of due consideration for local workers and local businesses.
27	Already limited parking. Councils just want to make money out of everyone so they have to purchase permits or park in the car parks which are too far to walk if you have limited mobility. The car park at Buckhurst is closed. there is very limited parking already in the Sevenoaks area.
28	Parking in Sevenoaks particularly in this area is very limited, particularly with the current Buckhurst 2 project.
29	Because staff at West Kent Housing come and go throughout the day and its hard enough to find parking as it is
30	Hard to find parking where I live
31	This will put increased demand on the already busy parking on Granville Road. Would also like resident only in Granville Road.
32	realise the need for residents to be able to park but also should be able to worship
33	Will this be enforceable?
34	The likely consequence is an increase to the congestion in the parking bays at the East (town) end of Eardley Road, which is already very busy. However, we would be in favour of the proposal if suitably extended to include resident only bays at the East (town) end of Eardley Road.
35	Any attempt to increase parking in Argyle or Gordon Road should be halted. Both these and surrounding roads (Granville) need to be double yellow lined on one side for their full length to allow traffic to proceed in both directions in the interest of safety
36	I do not think there is a significant difference between these two positions. All you are asking with the 1 hour no return is that someone comes and moves their car within the road into a different bay if they are staying for longer. This is not changed by increasing the time for no return. The 1 hour is to prevent people from simply ignoring the time limit, and to give the means to show the rules do not permit you to stay longer.
37	We would support the increase of the "no return" period to 2 hours - would this be considered for Granville Road too?

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1	It is almost impossible for residents to park anywhere near there home.
2	It seem reasonable and I don't think many people would need to return within an hour.
3	Is the restriction even enforced? I have seen many cars pull in and park only to come and move the car to another spot in the same road...
4	Supported only if "resident only" proposal takes effect
5	This will prevent some people using our road as a free car park for the day
6	The no return in one hour should be increased to 2 or 3 hrs
7	Limited parking dedicated to residents in the area.
8	Parking officers cannot adequately enforce restrictions with a one hour no return
9	The people who are parking there are not visitors to the residents of Argyle or Gordon Road!
10	Could actually be made longer
11	Think permit holders should have as much access to parking as possible.
12	Would only agree to resident only parking if Granville road was included
13	Residents need to be able to park outside their home but I am worried the problem will spill into surrounding streets if the proposal goes ahead.
14	The roads are far too congested and residents cant park
15	Supporting the residents of other roads so beech road doesn't become the new issue
16	If parking was cheaper in the town we wouldn't have these problems. Needs to be resident only as it is becoming impossible to park
17	I think this would be much fairer and try to stop those people who currently abuse the system from doing so
18	It will hopefully stop people from abusing the parking system as we know that a lot of people park on the roads far longer than they should do
19	It will hopefully help to stop people abusing the parking system.
20	It might give other people a better chance of finding a parking space.
21	Congestion.

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22	Reduction in turnover of people parking for 2 hours free reducing the traffic & pollution.
23	It will make the traffic move around more
24	Resident parking is so difficult so this will help
25	Reduce abuse of the free parking by non-residents.
26	visitors should still be able to obtain Zone A permits. Sevenoaks need extra patrols the check the parking obligations
27	It is important that residents can park close to their homes
28	May prevent people just moving their cars around the different streets all day to gain free parking (mainly SDC and West Kent staff members). Instead they can use the town's car parks.
29	This would be a reasonable change.
30	People aren't normally there for that amount of time so I don't see the harm in changing this to two hours.
31	I thought it was a two hour period already? However any increase in time to park allowed means those business car users who only need a short period of time to come in and out of meetings will be better served.
32	I think this would be a more sensible option making more space available for residence while stopping the mass relocation to another road.
33	Reduce the number of people working in offices parking Monday to Friday and allow visitors to use them.
34	Seems sensible
35	Residential roads have eventually become a 'free short stay car park' and this fact Gordon Rd is entrance/out to council offices + car park means road is very busy for a mainly residential land use road.
36	I have mobility issues (however do not qualify for a blue badge) so this makes life difficult. Hopefully the proposed scheme will help alleviate the parking problems for residents.
37	The stretch of Eardley Road at the Granville road end should be reserved for visitors and non-resident permit holders. The arrangements at Gordon and Argyle if adopted will displace visitors elsewhere.
38	Not having a car on my tail when trying to reverse into a space.

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39	The no return period will create a calmer feel to the road.
40	Current parking system is being exploited and is making our road a free car park for people working in the offices around it. Gordon Road is the only road close to town with a 'free' parking system, a nightmare to keep small children safe.
41	Better for traffic wardens
42	Hopefully should help a more balanced car parking system.
43	These roads are so close to the town centre that for them NOT to have resident only parking is not in keeping with almost every town in not only the county, but the country. Visitors, and local workers first port of call for a 'free' space are these residential roads, subsequently they fully parked up all day long while there are ample spaces in the towns car parks. This also invites significant traffic as cars circle these roads waiting for spaces and regularly shift their cars from bay to bay throughout the day. They are largely Victoria houses with very little off street parking and given the proximity of these roads to town and the large M&S they should have resident only parking like almost all other roads of this type in the county. These restrictions should be in place until 21:30pm like Victoria especially with increase in charges for evening parking in Blighs.
44	To relieve the parking congestion in the named streets during weekday office hours.
45	"A good resident friendly proposal and one I hope is implemented in conjunction with consulting with residents on these two roads.
46	Parking is difficult, particularly the section of road outside the terrace houses. The situation has been compounded by M&S and other surrounding roads are charged, yellow lines. Gordon/Argyle road are viewed as free car park of Sevenoaks. Sevenoaks generally do a great job and overall want Sevenoaks to thrive as a market town. Think resident parking bays are best compromise
47	It will enable residents to park closer to their homes.
48	Residents of Argyle Road. No parking for residents.
49	I support but feel will push people to surrounding areas, which are already congested with non resident. I would support the same proposals for Eardley Road
50	Common not to find parking space. Current situation ridiculous. Proposals for Zone A would go a long way to improving resident parking.
51	Quality of life for residents (reducing stress)
52	Like to be able to park where I live. The council cannot ignore this situation any longer

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53	As an absolute minimum. To avoid Council Workers swapping their cars every 2 hours and to deter shoppers from doing so. I am not sure this will make much difference though.
54	Should help with long term parkers and bay-jumping. but please make the street signs clear to avoid confusion. Signs should clarify that there is no return to the parking zone within 2 hours.
55	To allow people to carry out their business in the area without the fear of a fine
56	Again this change will make the lives of us residents much easier.
57	Visitors can spend longer in town etc.
58	Many of the residents are unable to park in their street due to its use by shoppers and commercial vehicles.
59	Again this change will increase the chances of us finding a parking space.
60	At the moment it is difficult for the traffic enforcement officers to enforce the no-return within 1 hour policy, as it is almost impossible for them to observe a vehicle breaking the rule and cover the area that they are responsible for in a shift. By increasing the no return to 2 hours, drivers will be discouraged from moving their car within the zone and should instead use (and pay for) the town centre parking, increasing the turnover of spaces for people who just need to pop into town for a short while.
61	Need more time to get around Sevenoaks
62	It is regularly abused as non permit holders simply move the cars across the street and there is simply not enough resources to monitor the parking to see what happens. People often park here all day but move their cars regularly - we have seen this by council workers and other local business owners based on Argyle.
63	No rationale to object
64	Will prevent people not living in the area to park there
65	Because the other changes will push more cars into these spaces so these will be at a premium, particularly at school drop-off and pick-up times
66	This would really help with managing space availability in a primarily residential area based in a conversation zone. Due to factors such as local worker parking, town visitor parking and a significantly increased volume of planning permissions given to terrace houses in the area to extend thereby increasing household size and number of families, parking anywhere near to one's home has been getting more difficult in recent years. It has also resulted in higher volumes of traffic and speeding vehicles who are searching for the limited number of spare spaces that are attractive to workers and visitors as they are free of charge. This solution would also appear to be much easier

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	for the SDC traffic enforcement officers to manage. In balancing the needs of different groups, the proposals still allow visitor (no return) parking coupled with the opportunity for residents to provide scratch cards to visiting family/friends/tradespeople - this would appear to be a fair and appropriate solution for all.
67	To alleviate knock on effect to nearby roads of visitors parking in Argyle and Gordon Road. It will reduce car pollution in residential roads as cars will not have to drive around looking for a car space to park.
68	Would help if the council start to monitor parking in the road properly. Otherwise won't make any difference
69	It will be easier for the wardens to enforce.
70	Not enough parking for residents
71	Good for visitors to the council offices and good for visitors to the residential homes.
72	It would give residents more access to parking places near their houses
73	It will stop drivers returning to the area for two hours and give other shoppers a chance to park. Currently people pretend to 'move ' their cars after one hour away- often by rotating the wheel cap slightly.