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From: Adrian FUTERS C/INSP 8139 [redacted]
Sent: 21 February 2011 20:35
To: Andy Bracey
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: KNOCKHOLT STATION

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Andy

There is no problem in sharing my email as the "restricted" marking appears automatically. I wasn't sure of your role but cc'd you as [redacted] had obviously been in contact with you previously.

The location features consistently within the District Community Safety Partnership Meetings and therefore we need to find a sustainable solution, which from my perspective can only be the removal of the vehicles through the implementation of parking restrictions.

I'm back at work next week if you would like to discuss. I would appreciate if you can keep me updated from your perspective.

Many Thanks
Adrian

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>>> "Andy Bracey" <Andy.Bracey@sevenoaks.gov.uk> 21/02/2011 15:36 >>>
Dear Chief Inspector Futers

With regard to your email (below) to [redacted] that you copied to me.

The issues associated with parking near to Knockholt Station may well be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board and to enable a fuller representation of the situation it would assist the District Council to be able to include your comments.

May we have your permission to include your comments in the discussion papers? Personal contact details of you (other than name and rank) and of those on the distribution list would be redacted.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: 17 February 2011 19:05
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: KNOCKHOLT STATION

I have been passed an email you sent to a Mr Bracey at Sevenoaks District Council on the 30th January in relation to the parking problem at Knockholt Railway Station. Please be rest assured that the Police totally support the need for parking restrictions to be put in place urgently in order to prevent an accident and additionally combat what is now an escalating crime problem associated with the parked cars. Both the Parish Council and myself have been in contact with Michael Sammut (Kent Highways Senior Transport Engineer) who is now dealing with the issue. Mr Sammut stated today that limited restrictions would be in place immanently in Old London Road and Wheatsheaf Hill, Halstead which will be "designed to deal with the on-street commuter parking issues, at the most safety critical parking locations". He further stated "It is planned to carry out a post completion review of these restrictions, with a particular focus on the potential to extend on-street restrictions if necessary. This is usually carried out in the 6 and 12 month period post completion". I appreciate your frustration in relation to lack of positive action and having now become involved I am anxious to push for comprehensive parking restrictions where feasible. Mr Sammut can be contacted on [redacted] or Michael.Sammut@kent.gov.uk should you wish to make your point directly.

PCSO Nick Barker (Edenbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team) covers the Halstead area and can be contacted on [redacted] should you want to discuss the situation with him.

I understand from the Parish Council that previous attempts to implement such restrictions were shelved following public consultation with the local community. I hope the time is right for this to be revisited and together pressure can be applied to achieve a sustainable solution.

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**Sent:** 25 February 2011 10:00  
**To:** 'Adrian FUTERS C/INSP 8139'  
**Cc:** Richard Wilson; Gary Connor  
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**To:** Michael.Sammut [REDACTED]; Parish.Council, Halstead; Andy Bracey



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Clerk to Halstead parish Council

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**To:** adrian.futers [REDACTED]; gillian [REDACTED]; michael.fallon [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2011 1:42 PM

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**To:** Sammut, Michael - EHW KHS; Adrian FUTERS C/INSP 8139; FALLON, Michael

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Parking in London Road-Sevenoaks Road

**Importance:** High

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Mr Michael Sammut  
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**Sent:** 26 February 2011 11:03

**To:** Andy Bracey

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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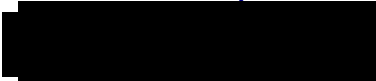
Andy,

I understand the below was rejected following local consultation undertaken by the Parish Council. However, it seems to offer an ideal cost effective solution. My information is that the majority of those who park in the road are not local residents and those that did originally object now realise something must be done. I'm therefore very keen to support your proposal and hope it can be reinstated and progressed as quickly as possible.

I would be extremely grateful if you could update me post the Joint Transport Board meeting.

Many Thanks  
Adrian

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Michael/Gillian,

I appreciate the proposed parking restrictions for the above road are designed to alleviate the traffic issues only but I've also had them reviewed in relation to the significant car crime problem. In the view of local officers the proposed parking restrictions would have very little or no impact on the crime problem. There is also some concern the proposal would have very limited impact on road safety unless both sides of the road were marked.

From the Police perspective the only solution is the creation of a controlled, secure and managed parking area for commuters to use. I understand such an option may have been considered in the past but there appears to be at least three alternatives that should/could be explored:

1) Land owned by the golf club parallel to London Rd. I understand the club did appear interested a few years ago.

- 2) Land owned by Bromley Council again parallel to London Rd on the opposite side to the golf club.
- 3) The traveller site, right hand side of the station entrance owned by [REDACTED], who did offer to sell a few years ago.

Would the Parish Council consider convening a "professionals" meeting so potential solutions to the problem could be explored a fresh?

Andy,

For your info re the Joint Transport Board

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