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Mr Andy Bracey
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Your Ref: T/2009 Amend 19 Formal
Our Ref: 235/PW/11336/10

Date 29th November 2010

The Kent County Council (Various Roads in the District of Sevenoaks)
Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Unloading and On Street
Parking Places (Amendment 19) Order 2009
Hitchen Hatch Lane Sevenoaks

Dear Mr Bracey

Thank you for your letter dated 24th November 2010 and enclosed drawing concerning the above subject.

Kent Police have no specific observations to make regarding this proposal, however in general terms we would expect the following:

- The application meets the necessary criteria.
- The introduction of prohibition of waiting complies in all respect with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
- If being used for 'corner protection' the prohibition of waiting restriction is for a 24-hour period and extends for a distance of at least 10 metres from any junction. Thus preventing vehicles mistakenly parking during the hours of darkness and contravening provisions of the Roads Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1994.
- The introduction of such measures will not leave the Police with the task of carrying out constant enforcement issues such as obstruction by transferring the problem to other areas.
- The safety of other road users is not compromised by the introduction of these measures.

Civil Parking Enforcement will require your Authority to ensure resources are available to enforce this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Paul Cave
Police Constable 7981
Traffic Management Unit.

If you wish to comment on the proposals, please return this completed form by 31st December 2010.

To:
 TRO 2009 Amendment 19 - Formal
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Formal consultation response

Name:	[Redacted]
Address	Hitchen Hatch Lane Sevenoaks Kent TN13 3AY
Phone number:	[Redacted]
Email:	[Redacted]

I am / ~~am not~~ (delete where applicable) in favour of the proposed changes to the parking restrictions in Hitchen Hatch Lane (between Oakwood Drive and White Lodge Close), Sevenoaks.

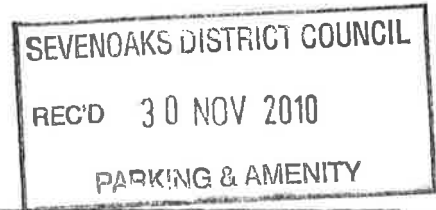
Comments
<p>This proposal has my full support.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Chairman HML Residents Association.</p>

Signed:	[Redacted]	Dated:	30 th Nov 2010
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Alex 10/12/10

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Comments
 By commencing parking after the bend in the road instead of before it the obstruction suffered by traffic travelling up the hill will be removed & it will not be necessary for traffic turning right to enter 654HL to take position in the centre of the road facing traffic coming down hill & around the blind corner. Traffic leaving 65/67/69 will not have to ~~wait~~ take action to avoid vehicles travelling down hill & around that same corner.

Signed:	[Redacted]	Dated:	26-11-10
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Ack 8/12/10

Andy Bracey

From: [REDACTED]
Posted At: 30 December 2010 14:29
Conversation: TRO 2009 Amendment 19 - Formal
Posted To: Parking & Amenity (parkingandamenity@sevenoaks.gov.uk)
Subject: TRO 2009 Amendment 19 - Formal

Dear Mr Bracey,

Our apologies for the following belated comments with regard to your letter dated 24th November, and we hope that they will still be taken into account.

We live at [REDACTED] Hitchen Hatch Lane and at present very few cars use the marked parking bays opposite our house.

However on the rare occasion that they do it is particularly dangerous for us exiting, and returning from our drive. We have limited sight lines up and down the road as we're on a slight bend and cars can be going quite fast at this point having got up the incline further down (Station end), or come through the narrow bit of the road at the top (Vine end).

We are used to this, but there would be a problem if the parking bay is used more which it would if it's changed to start further up the road.

Cars will still try and pass each other, meaning 3 cars side by side on the road. This would make it very difficult for us to drive in and out safely as we have to stick the nose of our car out into the road to see what's coming around the bend, and because of the angle of our drive entrance we need to go across to the other side of the road to gain entrance if approaching from the Vine end.

In fact the other day a friend of mine and her child were very nearly hit whilst standing in my drive, by a car that swerved into the entrance of our drive to avoid an on-coming car - There were cars parked in the carparking bay at the time.

It does seem a bit strange to me to encourage parked cars away from a straight bit of road to an area with bend?

We have no problem in theory with people parking outside our house, but not if it causes unnecessary danger to ourselves and other road users.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]