

## Andy Bracey

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**From:** Parking & Amenity  
**Sent:** 05 December 2014 07:18  
**To:** Andy Bracey  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to 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 2) ORDER 2013  
  
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**From:** Cllr Fleming, Peter  
**Sent:** 04 December 2014 16:30  
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Dear Sir

I wish to object to the introduction of the following new restriction.

### Sevenoaks

**High Street, West Side, near Oak Tree Pub. Introduction of a night-time taxi facility in the existing daytime loading area.**

And in particular take issue with the reasons given for the need for this change

'High Street (near the Oak Tree pub) The District Council's Licensing Team have asked that there be additional taxi facilities in the town centre to deal with evening taxi issues. There has been a reported problem with dispersing pub customers at closing time, and easy and convenient taxi access would help reduce public order incidents. To this end we are proposing to make the existing loading bay (which only operate during the day) in to a dual use bay, that also operates as a parking place for taxis during the evenings.'

The Sevenoaks District Council's Licensing team may have asked for this change but I would contend that the first reason that they give, 'the dispersal of pub customers and the reduction of public order incidents' is in fact at least 12 months out of date. I would ask you to look at the crime statistics for the last year, a year in which the Oak Tree Pub has been in different ownership <http://www.police.uk/kent/210/crime/public-order/> there is not a single public order case linked to this pub.



The second claim is that there is a lack of taxi rank spaces in the town and this is needed. The Blue arrows show the positioning of the current town centre Taxi Ranks, the red arrow shows the unofficial but well used loading bay in Blighs Meadow.



The current Taxi ranks are very rarely used in the evening and most people requiring a taxi will either call a firm, pick one up in Blighs Meadow or walk to the railway station. The case for 'need' is clearly not proven.

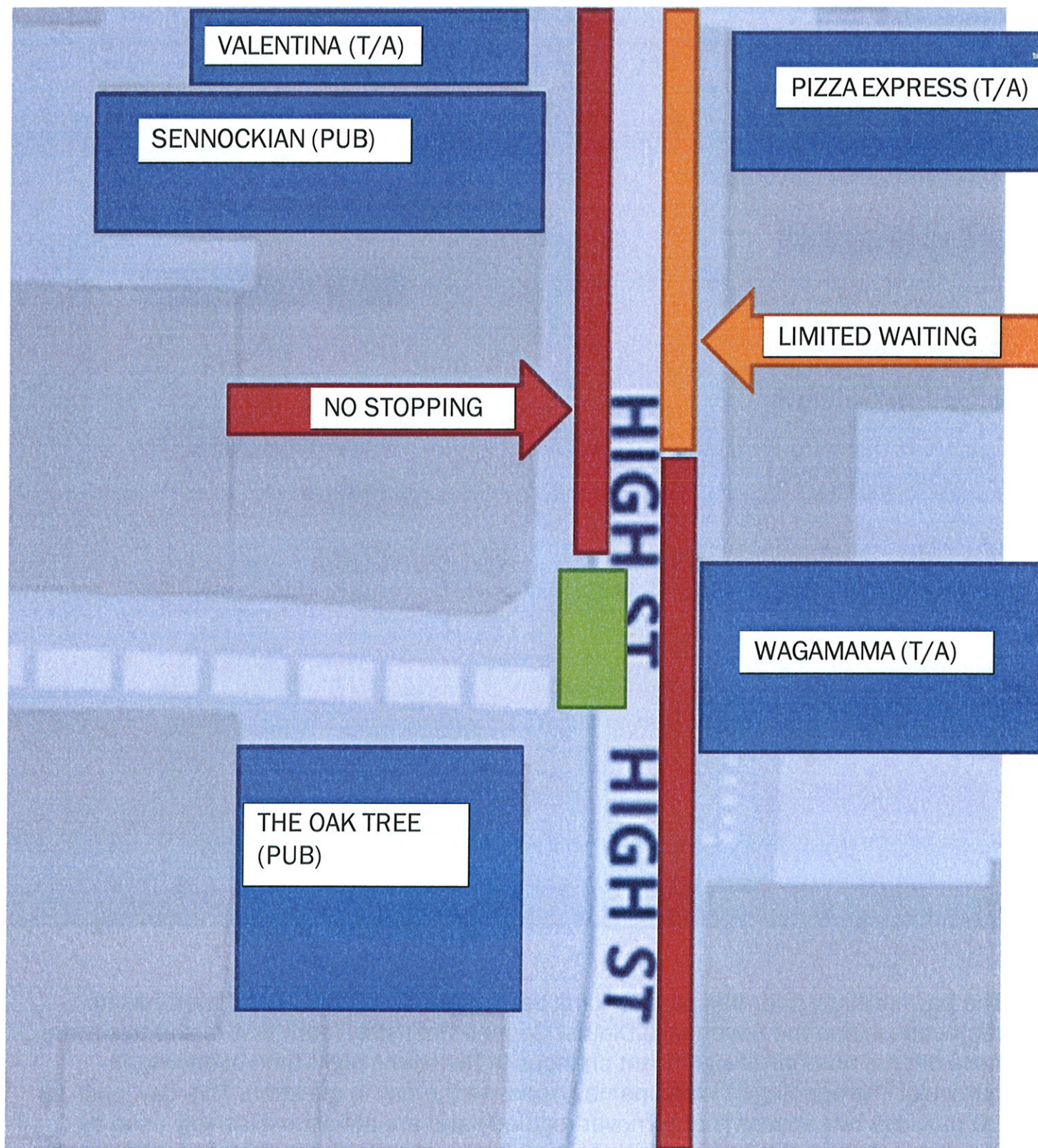
The map below shows the concentration of housing in the town (blue areas) in relation to the proposed rank (red area). I have also shown the Blighs Meadow loading bay in relation to housing.





The bay currently operates as a Loading bay from 8-30 till 18-30 and then has no restriction, since the Sevenoaks District Council Licensing Team first raised this there have been a number of significant changes in the towns night time economy, in particular the opening of Wagamamas opposite the bay in question. This bay, post 18-30 provides two spaces that turnover regularly and are almost exclusively used by people picking up takeaways. I am sure you will agree this is preferable to cars pulling up onto the pavement.





For the reasons set out above I hope you will look unfavourably on this particular proposal, if any change is needed may I humbly suggest that limited waiting post 18-30 is adopted (20 min), which will have the effect of these spaces remaining in the useful service they have found themselves in.

Of course either currently or with the slight modification above there is nothing to stop taxis from using this bay currently or in the future.



Kind regards

Peter Fleming



If you wish to comment on the proposals, please return this completed form by 7th December 2014.

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I ~~am~~ am not (delete where applicable) in favour of the proposed changes for the High Street (near the Oak Tree pub) area of Sevenoaks.

Comments
<p>Sketch out 5 or 6 bays in the central car park clearly signposted for use 8pm - 4am would I think provide an adequate facility to accommodate an overnight taxi rank in the town centre.</p> <p>Two car lengths of road space in the High Street at the Bligh's Road ingress, seems rather an adequate. I oppose the idea as failing to provide an overnight taxi facility appropriate to our town.</p>

Signed:		Dated:	15 November 2014.
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