

28 November 2014

Parking and Amenity Team

Sevenoaks District Council

Argyle Road

Sevenoaks

TN13 1HG

Dear Sirs

2013 AMENDMENT TWO: APPLICATION FOR KERB CUT OUTSIDE 53 THE DRIVE

I write on behalf of local residents to object to this application, which will involve the loss of two parking spaces in a part of the town where on-road parking is already in short supply. This area at the bottom of The Drive is a much-valued local amenity, used by clients of the Oasis Dental Practice, shoppers at the already over-crowded Tubs Hill Parade and local residents who do not have parking of their own, as well as visitors to the town.

The owners of 53 The Drive already have a driveway with parking for two cars and I can see no reason why they could not have extended the paved area within the grounds of their property without affecting on-road parking. It is a matter of considerable concern that work has already commenced on the site, with the removal of a hedge and preparation for further work, before permission has been granted.

While I understand that the planning permission given for extension of this property in September might be construed as relevant only to residents of The Drive itself the loss of parking amenity, with its wider implications, should have been foreseen and certainly the owners should never have been given the green light to proceed with work that assumes that permission for a kerb cut will be granted. The existing spaces cannot be replaced by closing the existing entry because it is shared with a neighbouring property, separated only by a fence.

We hope that this request will be refused.

Yours faithfully

Cc: Councillor Peter Fleming

Ref 4/12

Andy Bracey

From: Parking & Amenity
Sent: 21 November 2014 07:41
To: Andy Bracey
Subject: FW: 2013 Amend 2 Form-27

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 November 2014 17:41
To: Parking & Amenity
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2013 Amend 2 Form-27

Thank you for your letter of 12/11/2014 re parking at/near 53 The Drive.

We are so disappointed that, quite apart from the obvious strong practical reasons for rejecting this application, the objections of many in the neighbouring area have been ignored.

It is hard to see why any resident can justify having 3 or even 4 accesses across the pavement. Others are happy with 1 or 2! Will there be 4 cars coming and going?

Why are double yellow lines to be applied, when the rest of the road has single lines across their accesses?

As a result of these changes, 2 or 3 much-used parking spaces will be lost. This surely cannot be the way to go when there is such a demand for more parking, not less.

Please think again.

[REDACTED]

Andy Bracey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2014 13:53
To: Parking & Amenity
Subject: 2013 Amend 2 Form-27

Ref Sevenoaks - The Drive near n53 130314

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November regarding the potential change to the parking bays outside number 53.

We are not in favour of any reduction in parking bays in this heavily congested part of The Drive.

The new access is removing two usable spaces and yet the original access will also remain so the loss of spaces is not being compensated with the creation of any new spaces.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Andy Bracey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2014 17:02
To: Parking & Amenity
Subject: "2013 Amend 2 Form- 27"

Dear Mr Bracey

I am confused by your letter of 12 November and particularly wonder what has changed since the earlier letter of 21 March and my response below? There also appears to be a word missing in the 1st line of the 3rd paragraph of your letter "the changes were what the ???? was asked for.

Something presumably has already been agreed with the occupier of No 53 as the lamppost has been moved and a digger has been delivered to site.

My concerns remain unchanged in that the proposals will result in the loss of valuable short term and resident parking whilst I see no reason to introduce unsightly double yellow lines across driveways when single white lines elsewhere in The Drive are perfectly adequate.

I still trust that you will consider my concerns when reaching a decision in this matter.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2014 14:43
To: 'parkigandamenity@sevenoaks.gov.uk'
Subject: "2013 Amend 2 Inf - 27"

Dear Sirs

I refer to your letter of 21 March seeking the views of residents on potential adjustments to parking arrangements outside No 53 The Drive.

I am the owner and occupier of [REDACTED] The Drive, the house [REDACTED] No 53 and accordingly the one likely to be most affected by any changes to the current arrangements. As you may be aware I objected to the planning application submitted in respect of the proposed alterations and additions to No 53 primarily because I was extremely unhappy with the loss of existing parking spaces and the visual impact of the changes. Having been notified that the application had been successful I had assumed therefore that my concerns had been disregarded and that the re-arrangement of the parking would be implemented. Accordingly I welcome the opportunity to re-iterate my concerns and express my opposition to the proposal.

The current parking arrangement has been in place for several years and works pretty well - at least it does when the restrictions are enforced. There is currently space for 7 cars to park outside No 53 whilst it benefits from a single crossover and vehicle access for off street parking. Even now these spaces are very often all occupied throughout the day, both during the week and at weekends, generally by permit holders from both the Drive and from London Road. Even now delivery vehicles and trades people often have difficulty finding a space and have to resort to parking either on the opposite side of the road or across a driveway whilst making a delivery. Our window cleaner was recently unable to find anywhere at all, even though he would have been given a temporary parking permit if necessary, and had to abort his visit.

The applicant is now proposing that a new crossover is provided to allow for 3 cars to park at right angles to the road (with a lamp post in the middle). I will not dwell on the aesthetic impact this will have as I assume that this is not a factor that you are able to take into consideration. The net result is a loss of at least 2 spaces, possibly 3, purely to allow No 53 to be able to park 3 cars off street. As mentioned in my planning response I would have thought a single

crossover with parking spaces parallel to the Drive would be perfectly feasible? However, I am equally concerned to note that it is now proposed to paint double yellow lines across both the new crossover and the existing access (which I had expected to be removed) as well as that to [REDACTED] Why double yellows when there are no others in the Drive, other than at the pinch point? Surely the single white lines as at present are adequate, and allow delivery vehicles short term parking for loading and unloading?

In conclusion I would confirm that I am totally opposed to the requested adjustments on the grounds of loss of short term and resident street parking and the introduction of double yellow lines.

I trust that you will consider seriously my concerns before reaching a decision.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Andy Bracey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 November 2014 11:26
To: Parking & Amenity
Subject: 2013 Amend 2 Form-27

Hello

We live at [REDACTED] London Road, backing on to The Drive as mentioned in the form. We showed concern initially that the existing white line would be changed & possibly restrict our access - the amended form sent 12th November 2014 shows the addition of double yellow lines outside our property to safeguard our access.

- Thank you but we just want the existing restrictions to remain as they are!

We've filled in the form attached to the letter as well, sorry but you'll get this from 2 angles!

Please just leave the existing lines in place - thank you in anticipation.

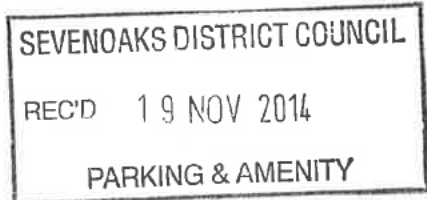
Regards

[REDACTED]

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

To:
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Sevenoaks District Council
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Formal consultation response - 2013 Amend 2 Form-27

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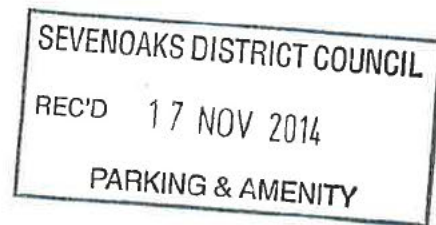
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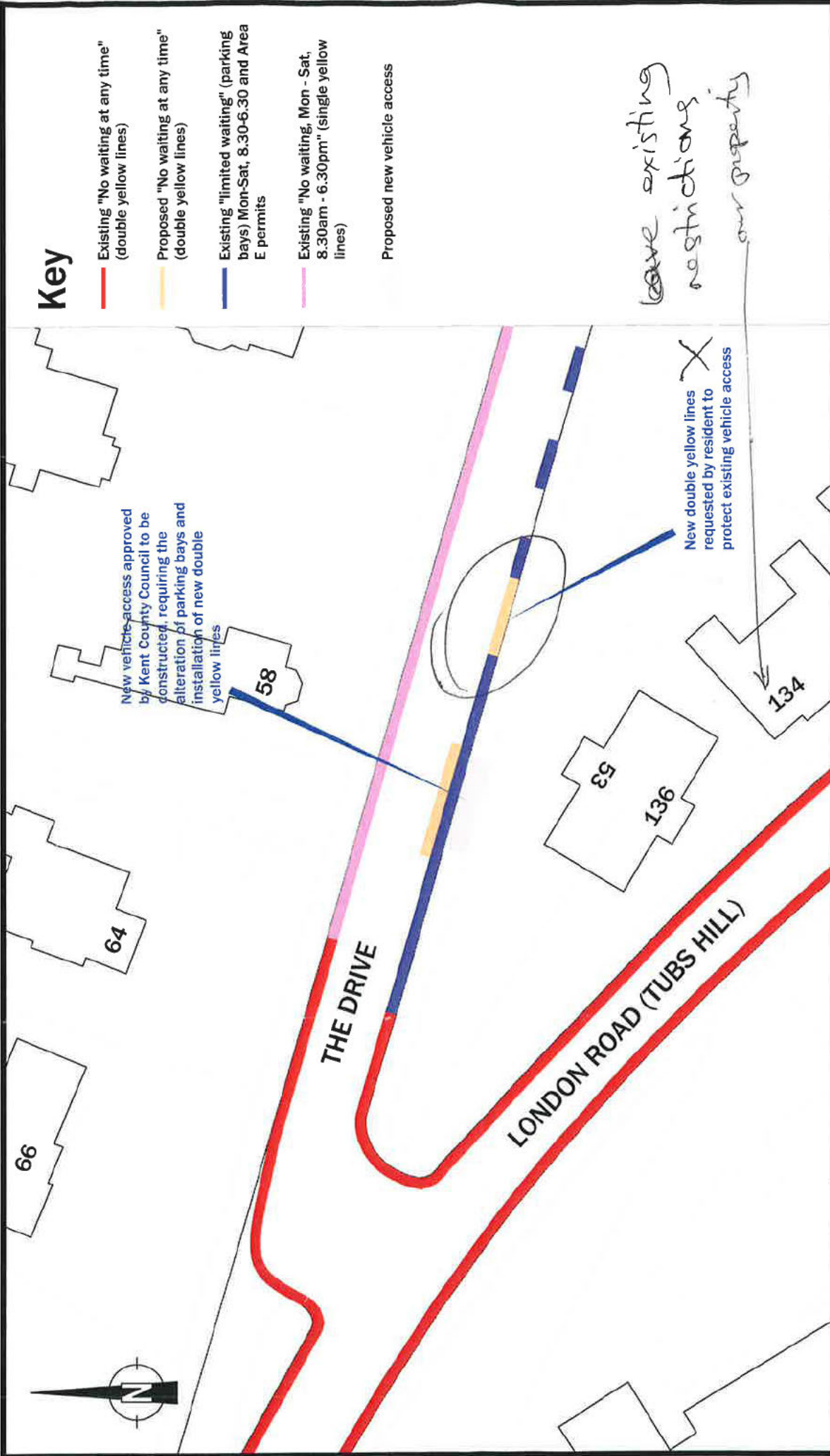
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Comments
<p>But we <u>don't</u> want double yellow lines <u>outside</u> our <u>property</u> - just leave the existing restrictions in place.</p>

Signed:		Dated:	14/11/14
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Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Formal Consultation

53 The Drive Sevenoaks

Date	Revision	Ref	Drawn

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