

## **Andy Bracey**

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**From:** Westerham Town Council <office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 December 2014 12:18  
**To:** Parking & Amenity  
**Cc:** andrew.bracey@sevenoaks.gov.uk  
**Subject:** 2013 TRO Amendment 2

**Importance:** High

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Please find below Formal Consultation Response from Westerham Town Council on potential new parking restrictions within Westerham.

#### **Bartlett & Delagarde Road**

If residents are happy with the proposals WTC supports the proposed changes.

#### **Black Eagle Close**

Several residents attended the Town Council's Highways & Lighting Committee Meeting held on the 24 November 2014, to raise their concerns about the proposals of double yellow lines. Residents present at the meeting felt more yellow lines are not necessary and would make the situation worse. If SDC went ahead with their proposals then concern was raised that the displaced vehicles may end up parking in the Black Eagle cul de sac.

WTC does not support the proposals however the Town Council feels that the existing double yellow lines if extended slightly on both sides only in line with the edge of Osprey House may help to improve sight lines.

#### **Farley Nursery and Westerbury Terrace**

Several residents attended the Town Council's Highways & Lighting Committee Meeting held on the 24 November 2014, to raise their concerns about the proposals of double yellow lines. Cllr Rodgers attended the site on the 24 November and found that none of the residents she spoke to supported the proposal. WTC does not support the proposal.

#### **The Green**

- **Minor amendment to parking bays to create a gap**

WTC fully supports the proposal as it will help the disabled and those with prams to access the path across the Green more easily.

- **Relocation of existing police bay outside Costa (No1)**

The mobile police vehicle is no longer required on the Green. Police sessions are held at Wolfe Garage, London Road. Feedback from Traders is that the change would cause problems with access and is not wanted. WTC feels that the reason for the change is no longer valid and if the change went ahead would cause difficulties with vehicular access for traders around the Green therefore it does not support the proposal. It would be of more benefit to the traders to have a Loading Bay instead of the police parking space.

#### **The Paddock – request for disabled bay**

If there is a need for a disabled parking bay and the resident meets the criteria for one WTC supports the proposal.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2014 20:53  
**To:** Parking & Amenity  
**Subject:** "2013 Amend 2 Form-29"

Dear Mr Bracey,

The removal of the parking space blocking access to the footpath on the Green makes common sense.

The re-positioning of the Police bay does not.

It is in a bad place already, making it dangerous to pull out of the Green onto the A25 when the Police car is there.

Vision is poor as you have to look through the Police cars windows to see oncoming traffic.

To put a new Police parking slot outside the Costa Coffee shop is equally bad as that space is used for cars driving sharply onto the Green, approaching from Vicarage Hill.

The Police are of the assumption that having the presence of their car on the Green deters speeding drivers – this does not!!

It is not necessary for any Police car to be parked on Westerham Green.

Also, we do not have a loading bay on the Green, & as we already have to take in our deliveries quickly as to avoid the wrath of the Traffic wardens, not being able to back up neatly outside the Costa Coffee shop if a Police bay is there, is only going to hamper business of all us traders on the Green.

I don't know how many other traders of Westerham Green have made contact with you but we feel that us traders should have been consulted in some way before these new plans were put into action.

It wouldn't hurt for someone to physically walk around Westerham, making contact with the traders who keep Westerham's economy ticking over, & take in the full picture.

[REDACTED] my husband, & I have been trading at [REDACTED] for twenty years as of tomorrow, 8<sup>th</sup> December, & we have seen many changes. The one thing that hasn't changed though is the consideration of the traders by the Councils.

I do wish there wasn't such a divide & that there was more interaction with decision making.

I hope you will re-think this plan.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 November 2014 13:35  
**To:** Parking & Amenity  
**Subject:** 2013 Amend 2 Form-29

**Importance:** High

Dear Sir

Please accept this email as an objection to the potential new parking restrictions to The Green in Westerham.

Firstly the proposed double yellow lines at the end of the pathway across The Green. The parking around in Westerham is woeful at best and around The Green it is particularly limited. Within recent history parking spaces have been lost outside Food For Thought and Beverley Deen Interiors and more and more residents have obtained permits meaning that the available parking for visitors/shoppers is in very short supply. This proposal will take away yet more parking facilities to leave clear a space for the once in a blue moon footpath user. Most pedestrians use the footpath from the church or have come by bus and use the path closest to the A25. The path across The Green gets so little use and is also very slippery unless completely dry that I object to losing parking facilities for the reason stated.

I also object to the second proposal to relocate the Police parking bay. The Police bay is perfectly ok where it is. It makes the Police car very visible from all directions and does not obstruct. Moving the bay to outside Costa is a very ill conceived idea. As can be observed on any day of the week the area outside Costa, although double yellow lines, is used by many delivery drivers(TNT, UPS, DPS etc) servicing businesses and residents. Also larger lorries are able to park there to unload pallets etc. It means that deliveries can be made without causing obstruction on the A25 and without danger to the delivery drivers. In the eight week run up to Christmas this is highlighted even more as we are receiving deliveries every day. Moving the Police bay will force delivery firms to block The Green or stop on the A25 to make deliveries. The rare appearance of the mobile Police station does not warrant the daily disruption that will be caused to business operations in the town.

I would also like to point out that all councils talk is about lack of funds yet these 2 proposals are deemed a suitable way to spend the very limited resources of the council.

In case there is any doubt I totally object to the proposals.

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Yours faithfully

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Please phone if anything needs clarification.  
Thank you for contacting us.

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The Parking & Amenity Team  
Sevenoaks District Council  
Argyle Road  
Sevenoaks  
Kent  
TN13 1HG

Copies with plans to -  
- Westerham Town Council  
- Westerham Society

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We are \_\_\_\_\_

I am / am not (delete where applicable) in favour of the proposed changes for the The Green area of Westerham.

provided that the effect on those residents with parking permits is taken into account - since existing provision for residents is wholly inadequate.

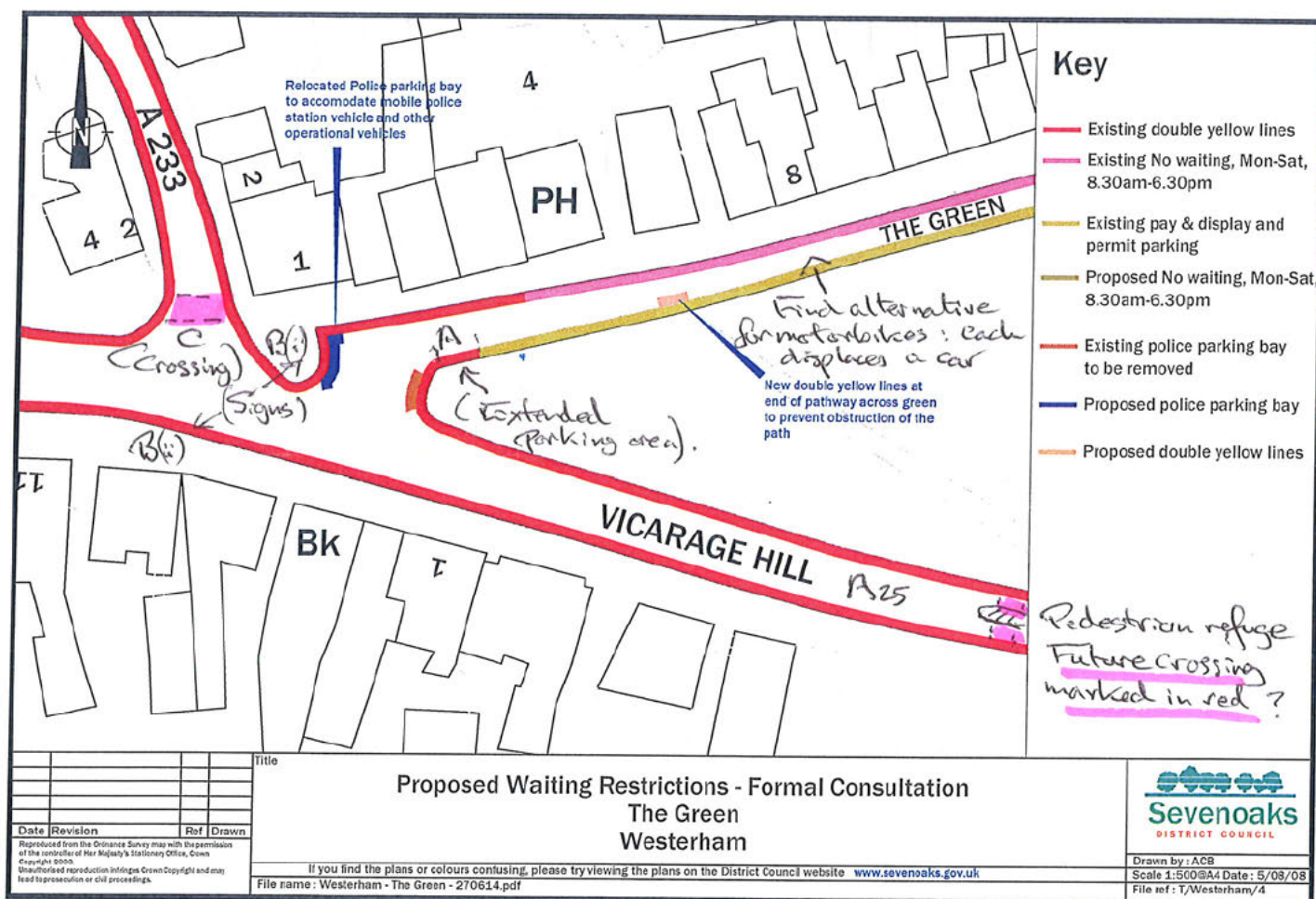
Comments

- ① While the path is only 1 metre wide, the new double yellow lines may well be wider. At present maximum capacity to the north of the Green is only 12 vehicles with careful parking. The parking area must be extended westwards at A by a corresponding amount at least.
- ② There should also be prominent road signs at B(i) & B(ii) to encourage visiting drivers to use the free parking spaces in the Main Town Car Park (Darent) which might ease pressure pending other solutions: i.e. one-way system allowing diagonal parking at east end where we have previously lost spaces (to help the shops).
- ③ Consideration for pedestrians is welcomed. Since re-marking will be necessary, the opportunity should be taken to introduce a 'red crossing route' at the top of London Road shown at C.\*

Signed:		Dated:	28 November 2014
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\* This has been done effectively at the entrance to Bligh's Meadow in Sevenoaks and has been suggested previously since there is no central refuge and it is hazardous with incessant three-way traffic even when drivers are careful. (We appreciate that an additional zebra or controlled crossing remains too expensive).

- ④ If the measure proposed at ③ proves successful, then the same inexpensive solution could be applied at the two crossing-points on the A25 - starting to move us towards Braisted safety standards



See Comments -





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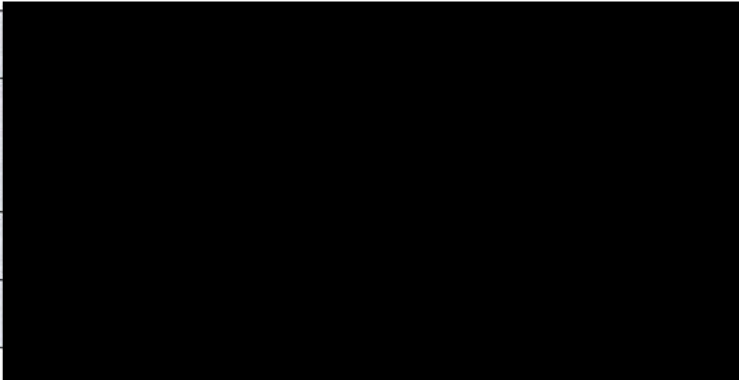
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Comments

Dear Mr. Boracey. I can see from the proposed plan the need to create a better access for disabled elderly etc and totally sympathise. My main concern is the further loss of parking around the Green - and the difficulty this poses for trades wishing to unload deliveries etc.

I am enclosing some further notes for your consideration and would be grateful if you would be kind enough to give this some thought.

Kind Regards.

Signed:

Dated:

18/11/2014

20/11



18th November 2014

Ref Parking restrictions The Green Westerham

Dear Mr Bracey,

Regarding the proposed changes outlined in your letter dated 12th November 2014.

I do not object to the proposals, however I would like to identify a problem which effects the traders' around the Green and I wonder if it is possible to incorporate something to help the traders out.

Many of the traders, including myself do not have storage at our shops and need to store stock off site. From my own perspective this means collecting stock and bringing it to my shop by car, meaning that I need to unload close to the shop as boxes are often heavy. As far as I am aware this is a similar problem for many traders around the green.

If I am lucky I may be able to find a metered space outside, if not I have to park as close as I can and unload very quickly, this usually takes 5-15 minutes.

Under the new proposals several of the parking spaces would be removed, so I feel it will be even more difficult to restock our shop.

Might there be any possibility of allocating one space for traders around the Green to use, perhaps with a maximum of 15-20 minutes? As a suggestion the old police bay could be used.

Traders could apply for a parking badge, perhaps for a modest fee and display this in the window of the vehicle.

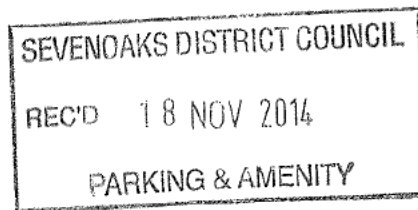
I believe that all the traders make a valuable contribution to Westerham commerce, however with access to the Green becoming increasingly difficult and with parking wardens often not at all sympathetic I feel it would be of great benefit if you could give consideration to the practical problems we face

Yours Sincerely



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Comments
WOULD IT BE AT ALL POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ONE DISABLED BAY?

Signed:		Dated:	14/11/2014
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