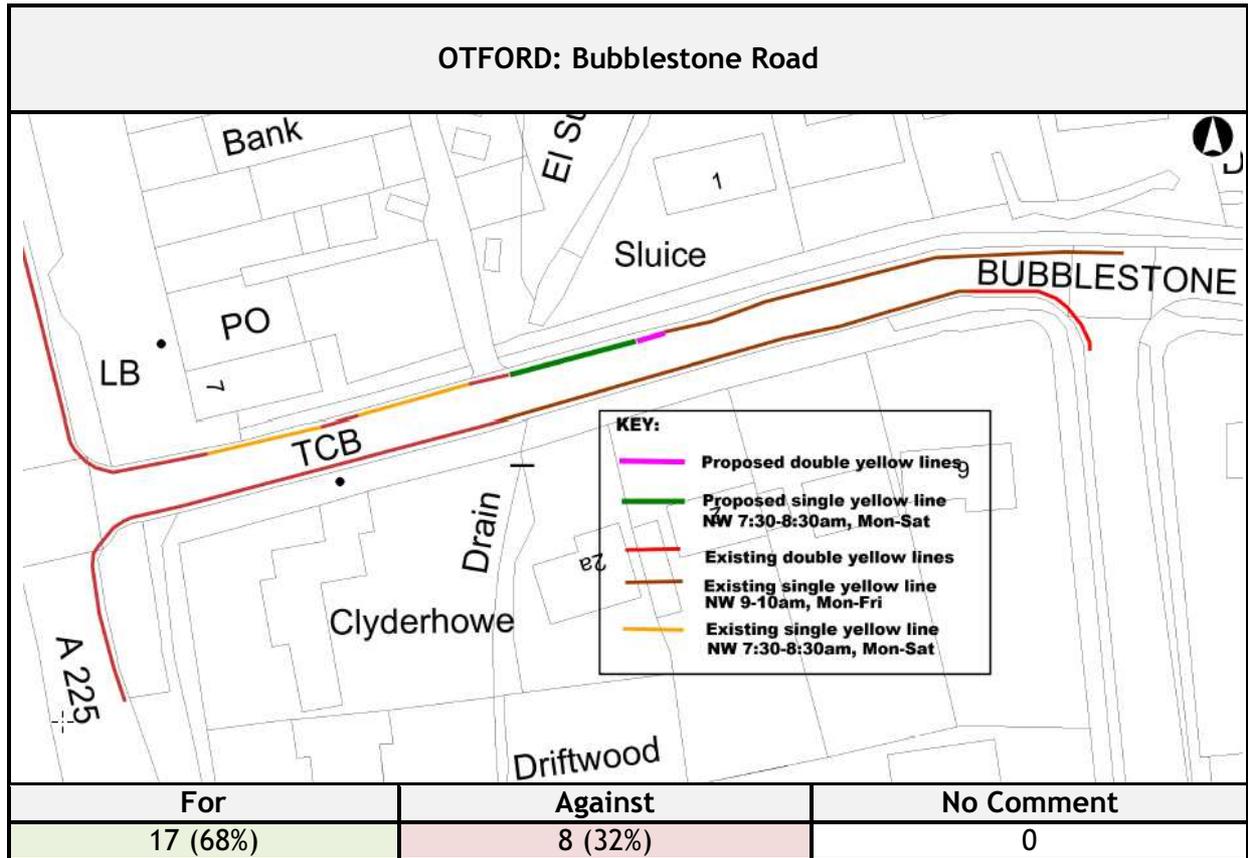


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STATUTORY CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
1	This will adversely affect shoppers
2	I am a woman in my 60s, with arthritis and my son lives in a flat in the Otford market parade. I oppose this proposal as this will cause a lot of inconvenience to the flat residents.
3	It will be very unfair for the flat residents, as we visit our relatives often.
4	We have relatives living in flats above shops in Otford parade and we visit them often. It will put our kids at risk if we cannot park on Bubblestone road and instead have to park on Sevenoaks road by the pond, which is a very busy road and there is no zebra crossing.
5	It's already very complicated for the residents of flats above the shops. Kindly do not implement anymore yellows on Bubblestone road, as it will put our kids in danger by parking by the pond and crossing the road, especially when there is no zebra crossing.
6	Council has completely ignored and where the residents of flats above shops shall park. We are strictly against the proposal of double yellows or even single yellows on Bubblestone Road.
7	I am writing to protest against the proposal of new parking restrictions for Bubblestone Road. We are the flat residents and already have limited parking space. If any yellows are installed on Bubblestone Road, we will have almost nowhere to park, and our kids will be put in danger if we are to park by the pond, as Sevenoaks Road is quite a busy road and there is no zebra crossing. There is a history of accidents on that road. We are disappointed in the first place that council is conducting this survey, any complaints could have been dealt with on individual basis. Bubblestone Road is a public road and I hope we the tax payers

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	will not be left with nowhere to park.
8	Same text as response 7, but from different person
9	To stop commuter parking
10	To provide parking for shop workers
11	To enable shops to survive
12	To give parade staff more parking and stop commuters blocking up our roads
13	It will make the flow of traffic easier.
14	It will make access to Bubblestone Road safer for both pedestrians and cars.
15	To improve consistency
16	Because commuters park there all day which precludes the use of the space by shop customers.
17	Because it will further improve the already parking problems in the area
18	It makes better practical sense for local shops and reduces use by commuters
19	For shoppers and other people who wish to park during the day it is becoming increasingly difficult because commuters use the spaces all day. It is also adversely affecting local trade.
20	To further enhance the recently imposed restrictions which, in a short space of time, have significantly improved the life of the village.
21	To improve services for the village
22	To complete existing restrictions
23	Consistency with existing road markings, avoid confusion for drivers and residents
24	Commuters are taking up spaces all day preventing users of local shops and facilities from parking
25	To create parking for parade staff to ensure the survival of the shops. Most parade staff are unable to leave the premises during the working day

OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

These parking proposals were requested by local representatives on the grounds that most, if not all of the vehicles that are parked there regularly belong to commuters or workers at the nearby car dealership on Sevenoaks Road, thereby restricting parking availability for local businesses. However, some of the responses opposed to the parking proposals suggest that this currently unrestricted section of Bubblestone Road is a valuable and convenient parking amenity for a number of residents of the flats above the retail premises at Bubblestone Parade in Sevenoaks Road and their visitors. In view of this, it would be difficult to recommend proceeding with parking proposals that would disbenefit local residents.

The single yellow line restrictions recently installed in Bubblestone Road, Sevenoaks Road and Warham Road nearby and the car parks in the village provide parking for workers at the retail premises at Bubblestone Parade to use. There are a number of limited wait parking bays outside the retail premises at Bubblestone Parade, which ensures a good turnover of parking spaces for these customers.