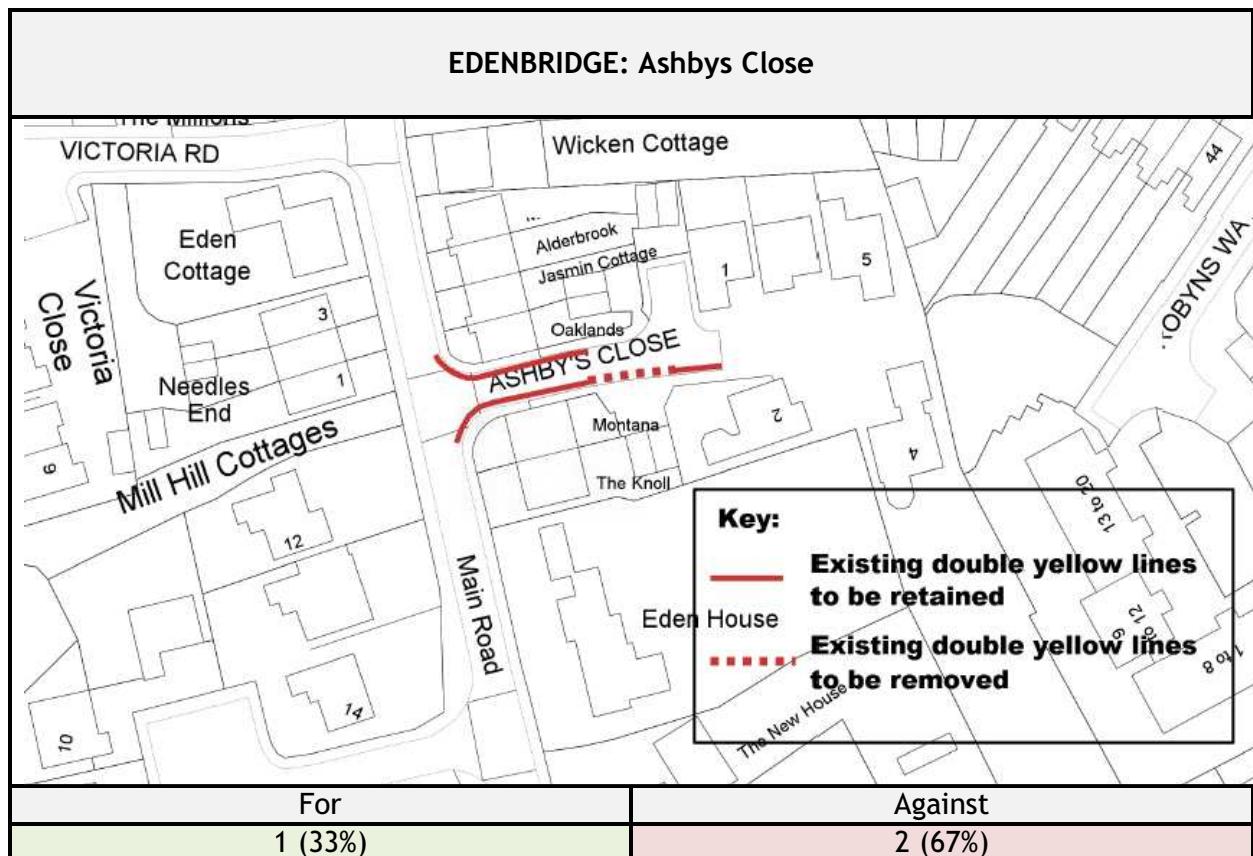


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**STATUTORY CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

1	Edenbridge Town Council - The members of Edenbridge Town Council have considered the consultation and support the removal of the double yellow lines from Ashby's Close. In addition, they also want the other double yellow lines on the south side of the road to be removed, although they don't want that to delay this current action.
2	The yellow lines were installed to ensure unrestricted access for emergency, service vehicles and residents. Rubbish in that area, plus trade vehicle parked is not helping with the often badly parked cars opposite. Removal of these lines will encourage parking on both sides stopping access in or out. Current arrangements have been working well. Therefore we object to the removal of the existing parking restrictions at the point indicated.
3	The parking restrictions in the Close are to enable full access for service vehicles and emergency vehicles to the houses at the end of the Close. Removing the length proposed will permit vehicles to be parked opposite each other in the Close thereby 'closing' large vehicle access. The access entry to the said houses is only 4.13m wide therefore anything parked in the line in front of the entry point blocks free access particularly for larger vehicles. In the winter Council vehicles will not reverse into the Close unless there is free access. The proposal will restrict the current access further. The Close is inhabited by elderly people at present for which ambulances are a regular occurrence. The current arrangements work well

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	for access, though we can appreciate that the drive across which it is proposed to remove the restriction does not provide parking for the present occupier's large white trade vehicle and a car - unfortunately that is the product of the situation that was the case when that occupier took up residence last year. I am a Chartered Surveyor and understand road traffic requirements.
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**OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENTS:**

The parking proposal involves the removal of a short section of existing double yellow line restrictions, and is required primarily to improve the availability of parking spaces for carers of an elderly resident of Mill Hill, whose detached garage is accessed via Ashbys Close. The presence of the double yellow lines across the dropped kerb that serves the garage means that if the driveway is occupied, no other vehicles can park there, as the restriction applies to vehicles parked on the vehicle crossover, as well as those parked on the carriageway.

Edenbridge Town Council supports this proposal, but as suggested by the objectors, the double yellow line restrictions were originally introduced in 2015 as part of a package of restrictions aimed at reducing the likelihood of traffic using Ashbys Close being obstructed by parked vehicles. It is also acknowledged that, if a vehicle was to be parked wholly on the carriageway in front of the dropped kerb (as opposed to on the vehicle crossover) when another vehicle is parked opposite, then the road may become obstructed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Since alternative on-street parking is available locally to the carers of the elderly resident, it is recommended that the objections be upheld, and the parking proposal for Ashbys Close be abandoned.