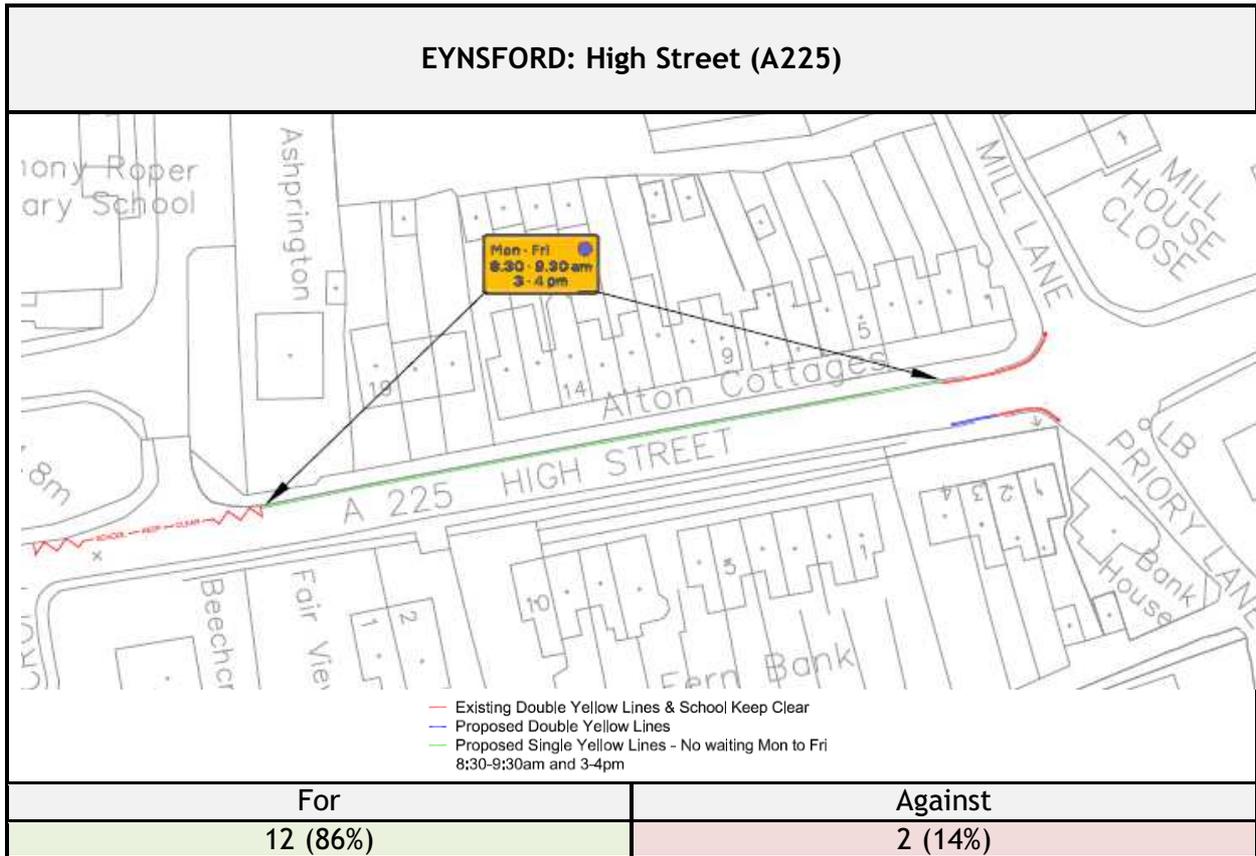


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STATUTORY CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
1	Eynsford Parish Council - The council supports this proposal and believes it will help to reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety.
2	Councillor M Horwood - Thank you very much for your e-mail about the traffic order, which I am fully supportive of.
3	I am writing to express my support for the additional timed parking restrictions that are being proposed outside Alton Cottages in Eynsford. This would relieve traffic congestion during the times of school drop-off and collection and would make the roads safer for all concerned, including residents.
4	I would like to register my full support for the proposed parking restrictions on High Street, Eynsford. Inconsiderate parking on this stretch of road during the busy school periods creates a significant obstruction to traffic flow and increases the risk of accidents. It also causes problems for elderly or infirm pedestrians. Please ensure this proposal is implemented as soon as possible.
5	I would like to register my total support for the proposed parking restrictions in High Street, Eynsford outside Alton Cottages by Antony Roper School. The idea of a temporary parking will stop congestion on the main road at school drop/pick up times, stop selfish cars drivers blocking pavements so that prams could not even pass and allow emergency vehicles to get thru without delay. It will also encourage

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	people to walk their children to school instead of driving them a short distance, and to use the free parking offered in Old Mill Close, or the Castle Hotel in the High Street. It is an excellent idea provided it is policed, as if it just introduced and not checked, people will still continue to park without consideration.
6	I would like to say this will be a fantastic idea. At present the parking along this road is dangerous especially during school drop off and pick up. Also if large lorries come thru it's difficult for them to get by.
7	Living on the main road opposite the school, we are constantly blighted by inconsiderate parents who think it is there given right to park up on the pavement or opposite another car thus narrowing the road to one lane, which causes mayhem and constant traffic jams and road rage!!!
8	The parking and driving on the pavement there is very dangerous to pedestrians. There is a well known bottle neck here caused by the double parking at school times. There's a similar problem further into the village on the south side of the school and that should be considered too.
9	This road gets heavily congested with cars parking on both sides. Cars parked on the pavement outside Alton Cottages make it unsafe and difficult for pedestrians to pass, particularly those walking to school.
10	Very pleased to see something being done to address the appalling parking issues on this very busy main road. Twice a day five days a week this stretch of road is an accident waiting to happen. My concern is whether these parking restrictions will be 'policed' because I can guarantee they will be ignored if not.
11	To allow access for emergency vehicles & reduce traffic noise, disruption & damage
12	I am disabled and live in Fernbank. I have difficulty walking, problems with proprioception and joints that dislocate easily. I am regularly forced to walk in the road even by own neighbours who park their cars on this stretch of pavement and block the footway entirely, so I support this proposal as hopefully it means there will not be so many cars blocking and also damaging the pavement. I do also worry during school times as the road is often completely blocked with vehicles and people get very irate as they cannot get through. I can hear them swearing and arguing from inside my home. The only thing I would ask is that some parking enforcement is carried out as we never seen anyone here and this would help with the problem. Thank you for putting these proposals together.
13	The school traffic needs to be catered for by reopening and adapting the school car park. Other measure like buses and a wider start time could be considered. I don't think the restrictions will be policed so the lines are a waste of money. They urbanise the village and make it harder for people to get their children to school. At best the problem will move elsewhere.
14	As a mother travelling from outside the catchment I feel there should be necessary steps to ensure that we have an opportunity to park. If these restrictions are put in

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place, I seriously question what other options there would be. You cannot take away such a fundamental space and not provide an alternative.

OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

COMMENTS:

The parking proposal is required to improve the safety and efficient movement of traffic using this busy principal road, especially during the morning and afternoon school runs when the road often becomes congested. This is to be achieved through a short extension of the double yellow line junction protection on the north east side of the High Street (A225) to the southwest of the Priory Lane junction, and by prohibiting parking on the northwest side outside Alton Cottages for 1 hour periods during the school runs.

The decision to reopen and adapt the school car park rests with the Anthony Roper school and is outside of the Board's control. The proposed restrictions would receive regular enforcement from SDC's parking wardens.

Alternative parking is available for parents within a short distance of the school.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the majority of respondents to the statutory consultation were supportive of the parking proposal for High Street (A225), it is recommended that the objections received be set aside, and the proposal be implemented as drawn.