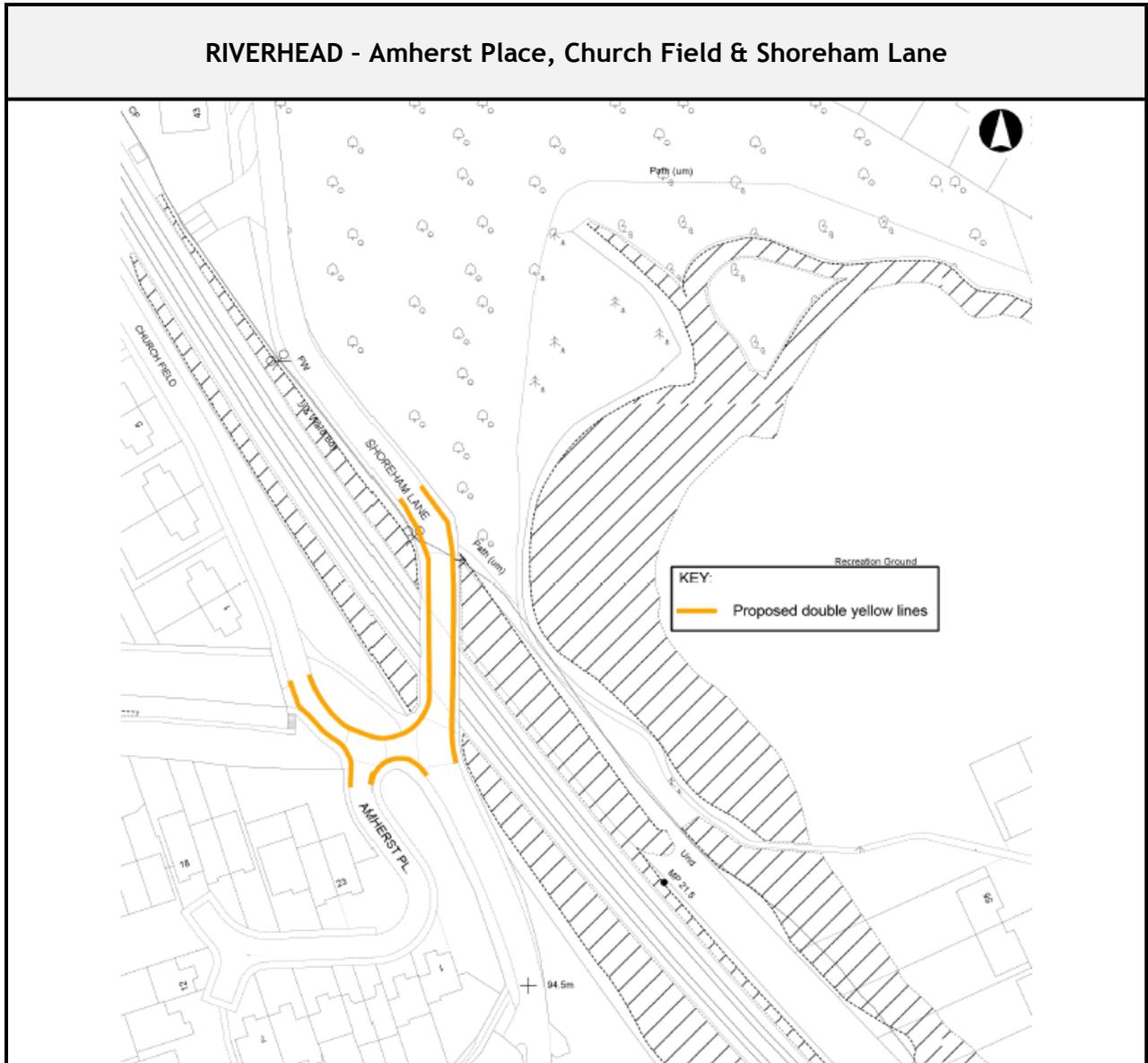


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Description	Proposed Changes
AMHERST PLACE - Both sides, from the southern kerb line of Church Field, southwards for 8m	New double yellow line restrictions (no waiting at any time)
CHURCH FIELD - Both sides, from the western kerb line of Shoreham Lane, westwards and north westwards for 37m	
SHOREHAM LANE - Both sides, from a point 52m north of the northern kerb line of Church Field to a point 10m south of the southern kerb line of Church Field	

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<b>DETAILS OF OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS RECEIVED</b>	
1	<p>We would like to add our opposition to the continuing nuisance of cars being parked in Shoreham Lane, Riverhead between Church Field and Glebe House. Whilst we understand double yellow lines are proposed for the bridge over the railway lines and around the corners of Church Field this will not in itself remove the constant danger posed by numerous parked cars along the remaining section up to the Glebe House drive. These parked cars make it impossible to see round them when approaching this hazard due to the very narrow and curved nature of this section of road. Cars approaching either end of the hazard have to more or less stop and wait to ensure no one else is coming round the other way before "running the gauntlet" to get through before anyone else turns up thus causing a potential traffic jam or accident waiting to happen. The position is of course made considerably worse when lorries and vans are involved. In our opinion none of Shoreham Lane is suitable for permanent car parking given its narrow lane status and the need to ensure emergency vehicles can get through all of the sections all of the time. It would also appear that some car owners have parked their cars in the area under review for weeks on end. We have lived in Uplands Way and used Shoreham Lane for over 30 years and have noticed that unwanted car parking in Shoreham Lane has never been as dangerous as it is now. We would urge the appropriate authority to extend double yellow lines up to the drive leading to Glebe House to ensure moving vehicles can safely pass and repass each other as they were always able to do so in the past.</p>
2	<p>In support of my response on the consultation survey, I'd like to voice my concern over the proposed yellow lines on Amherst Place, Church Field and Shoreham Lane in Riverhead. I contacted yourselves, Kent highways and the police when the parking first became an issue. My concern is that the proposed yellow lines whilst preventing people parking will not increase the safety of a currently dangerous situation. I drive the route up to six times a day with two very small children on board. The line of parked cars along Shoreham Lane starting from Glebe house cause an obstruction resulting in cars overtaking them blind into oncoming traffic! If you meet another vehicle then either has to reverse back down the lane, again into oncoming traffic. The cars also park partially on the pavement, which prevents me walking with my pram on the pavement as there is not enough room. I am then forced to walk on the road into oncoming traffic with my baby. I feel that I am risking an accident and most importantly the safety of my children on a daily basis. Please can consideration be made to extend the yellow lines further along Shoreham Lane towards Uplands Way.</p>
3	<p>With reference to the parking restrictions proposed for Shoreham Lane I consider it would be much safer to have a yellow line far longer than the 10m proposed in the southerly direction. As proposed, traffic coming up from Bradbourne Vale Road will, having crossed the bridge, assume there will be room for two-way traffic beyond the bend. There will not be, if traffic is coming in the opposite direction. Also, cars parked</p>

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	close to 'The Vicarage' restrict the width of the road so much that large vehicles cannot get past them. The ban should extend to that point to remove this problem.
4	I wish to object to the proposed parking restriction in Shoreham Lane because the prohibition does not go far enough from the corner of Church Fields in a southerly direction towards London Road/Amherst Hill. As the road narrows here, parking causes problems for large vehicles, such as fire engines, added to which there is a slight bend in the road, obscuring oncoming traffic. The prohibition should extend the length of the pavement to the point where a footpath leads to Riverhead village.
	Inadequate to improve safety on Shoreham Lane between Church Fields & Uplands Way. Needs minimum single yellow lines during the business day.
	The proposed yellow lines are not enough to increase safety and prevent an accident occurring on Shoreham Lane. The line of parked cars along the lane from Church Field create a major hazard. I drive this route up to 6 times a day with 2 small children on board. On a daily basis I have to over take parked cars along Shoreham Lane on a blind bend. If I meet another car the only option is for one of the cars to reverse back down the lane. The yellow lines need to be extended further down Shoreham Lane.
	The new yellow lines are simply not sufficient to evade the potential dangers which we are subjected to since cars have been parking here. Yellow lines need to be applied all the way down to Glebe house and on Shoreham Lane. Cars are left abandoned for days, cars are on the path preventing people getting past (and having to walk in the main road into oncoming traffic, never mind the dangers which motorists also have to face. Please reconsider the plans by increasing the scope of yellow lines all the way to the beginning of Uplands Way.
	Support as far as it goes but request that restriction is continued further along past Amherst Place as approaching the bridge can often be dangerous.
	The double yellow lines should be were you have proposed, but to also include the rest of Shoreham Lane up to the entrance to Uplands Way. As a residents of Uplands Way we find it extremely difficult to drive down Shoreham Lane due to the danger of oncoming vehicles when trying to pass parked cars. Also there is no room for emergency vehicles to get through!!!
	I live on Amherst Place and have been concerned about parking in Riverhead since the introduction of parking charges at the Harvester/Miller & Carter car park. First of all, thank you for considering the use of double yellow lines on parts of Shoreham Lane, Amherst Place and Church Field. The yellow lines have become a necessity, as parking is often inconsiderate and dangerous.
	Double yellow line should be continued at least up to Glebe House because the road being at an angle, drivers cannot see whether a car is coming on the opposite direction. It is dangerous for driver and cyclists. Some people horned all the way. The

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	road become very narrow just before Glebe House (4.7m wide). When a car (average width 1.8) is park there, there is not enough space for fire engine to go through. It also happened frequently that cars are parked partly in front of our entrance with the result that we cannot turn left coming out of our drive.
	Should extend further along Shoreham Lane towards Uplands Way.
	The yellow lines have not been taken far enough as they do not address the danger caused by cars travelling north having to pass up to 10 parked cars on the wrong side of the road with no chance of cars travelling south being able to see them. It also fails to resolve the issue at the narrowest point where poor parking has already narrowed the road too much to allow a lorry through. If this is allowed to continue, then there are implications for emergency vehicles trying to access both houses on the drive at the point and then all the houses beyond that point.
	I SUPPORT double yellow lines, but the proposed idea does NOT make the lane safe. We need to have traffic using BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD on the approach to the bridge. It is a BLIND bend from the Western approach. Another few yards would make all the difference.
	Support. However the yellow lines do not extend far enough

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**OFFICERS' COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**COMMENTS:**

The proposed double yellow line waiting restrictions for Amherst Place, Church Field and Shoreham Lane are shown as advertised in the statutory consultation.

All of the consultation responses supported the proposals, however some asked for additional yellow lines, particularly in the section of Shoreham Lane between the Church Fields and Uplands Way junctions. Under the legislation it is not possible to implement additional restrictions; only the advertised and consulted restriction or a lesser restriction can be implemented. However, requests for additional restrictions can be made to the County Council for future consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

As there were no objections to the proposals, it is recommended that the proposals be implemented, as drawn.