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PARKING PROPOSALS FOR GREATNESS ROAD, SEVENOAKS

New double yellow line (no waiting at any time) restrictions Both sides, at junction with Seal Road (A25).

STATUTORY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

COMMENTS RECEIVED IN SUPPORT

1. The way some people park at the top of the road would prevent larger emergency vehicles getting down the road. I think when you put it in that context, the idea that a fire engine wouldn't be able to get down the road, this shouldn't even been a consultation!
2. Provided that this is the absolute maximum length. Parking in Greatness Road is always severely compromised; resident parking permits, bays and a prohibition on long wheel base vans would improve this further. I'm supporting the proposal because of the risk that emergency vehicles cannot access the road. Refuse lorries regularly are unable to swing round, because of parked cars at the very top.

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OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

1. Double yellow lines that are 10 metres long on both sides are totally unnecessary, and will take away what is already a very limited amount of parking for residents. I'm all for parking permits to stop non-residents parking in the road (and therefore not force residents to have to park so close to the top of it), but simply taking away space for four cars is unfair and unjustified. If double yellow lines are deemed necessary to stop cars parking right next to Seal Road, and make entering and exiting the road safer, then they need only be two metres long. Ten metres is just ridiculous.
2. They are unnecessary and will create parking issues elsewhere in the local roads.
3. Parking is already extremely difficult and limited due to the limited amount of space which is made worse by non-residents parking on the street, households that have multiple cars and that the users from the flats at the top of the street that have their own car parking also use the street. By imposing double yellow lines at least another 2-4 parking spaces will be lost. The council should make the street residential permit parking which is free for the actual residents.
4. I Agree parking at the very top of this Road is a danger, But I do not agree with the Proposed 10 Metre length of double yellow lines. This is excessive. All that is needed is a reasonable length of yellow line to prevent car owners from parking across the pavement on A25, and to allow vehicles to reverse in Greatness Road (refuse lorries). Shorter road markings would be sufficient, to keep cars away from the top of the road, and would still allow refuse lorries to reverse into the road (as they did this morning 4/2/21) without two cars spaces one either side at the top of greatness Road. Parking is bad enough, without parking spaces being taken. As I said before I would welcome lines at the very top of the road to prevent idiots parking and blocking the pavement running along A25, and allowing easier access for vehicles.
5. Parking is a premium and the loss of parking would make matters worse.

OFFICERS' COMMENTS

One of the main reasons for the proposal to install parking restrictions in Greatness Road at its junction with Seal Road (A25) is to improve the efficient movement of traffic using the junction, especially large vehicles, such as refuse freighters and fire tenders, by protecting it from parked vehicles. This in turn supports the advice given in Rule 243 of the Highway Code about not parking on junctions.

There is also a pedestrian dropped kerb in Greatness Road near the junction, which the proposed restrictions would protect from parked vehicles.

The proposal will also help to improve road-user visibility and reduce congestion.

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In order to minimise the effects on local parking space availability, the proposal is to introduce a very short section of double yellow line restrictions at the junction.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the objections be set aside, and the proposal be implemented, as drawn.