

Summary of Key Points Raised by Reponders

(Proposed Parking Restrictions for Alkham Road, Lower Road (River) and Chilton Way, River)

Response to proposals: Objections 2, Support 10.

Key points raised by Supporters:

- We have seen a marked increase in on road parking. Much of the parking has been extremely dangerous to passing vehicles and pedestrians and has impeded emergency vehicles. Any proposal that could help reduce the likelihood of further road traffic accidents and keep the road clear for emergency vehicles has our support. Once in place we are hoping that there will be policing of the area for any vehicles road traffic offences that may occur. Could you press Kent Police for the monitoring of the speeds at which vehicles are being driven in the area?
- This is a sensible move given the congestion and problems we regularly see including issues for buses and lorries when cars are parked on the road. Our worry is that drivers on Lower Road going into River will increase their speeds if they know there are not any cars parked around the bend. At the moment the thought there may be cars around the bend acts as a natural calming measure. Speeding cars and pedestrians on a bend are a recipe for disaster so we request that some form of traffic calming also be included
- My concern is that the problem of parking will be transferred to another part of River, i.e. Chilton Way, which will become more congested once the lines in Lower Road are marked. We have seen motorists mount the pavements to park forcing pedestrians and pushchairs to walk out into the road. The residents of Chilton Way do have drives which at times are difficult to access due to inconsiderate parking of motorists. I feel that Lower Road and Chilton Way should both have double yellow lines.
- When you put the double yellow lines out in Chilton Way can you also mark a white line across my drive as I fear people will park even more recklessly in front of our property that they already do.
- The proposal to stop the yellow lines in Lower Road in front of No. 144 will probably result in pushing parked cars further back towards the entrance to Pavilion Meadows affecting sightlines for vehicles emerging out into Lower Road. Is that something that could be taken into consideration possibly extending the yellow lines a bit further to in front of No. 150.
- Can the parking be rectified to allow parking in front of No 140 Lower Road or provide a solution that will enable parking within 10 metres (max) of our house.
- We are directly affected by the chaos caused by inconsiderate parking which has worsened in recent years. Cars currently park either side of the entrance to our drive making it very difficult to get in and out of our property. As vehicles come around the bend there are many close calls and one or often several of them have to reverse. The whole situation is exacerbated and made dangerous when buses and lorries come around the bend. We believe the lines (in Lower Road) should start further towards the junction with Alkham Road and be extended further towards the Minnis Lane junction. We think the lines should extend further along Lower Road until the Altham road has fully straightened.
- I wish to applaud your proposed actions in restricting the parking in these two areas. However, I'd like to suggest extending the restriction further along Lower Road towards Alkham Road to address one of many pinch points along this road. My other concern is will be that the yellow lines will be used by Blue badge holders. Are your intentions to make the restrictions applicable to all vehicles. Another suggestion would be to introduce timed restrictions, i.e. Mon – Sat, 7am to 7pm, again applicable to all vehicles.

- Whilst I fully support this decision, I am concerned the effect this will have elsewhere on Lower Road and will compound the current problems unless further consideration is given. I live in Pavilion Meadows and have seen numerous RTCs, wall damage and other incidents of cars driving too fast or trying to drive around parked cars. I fear that the proposed double yellow lines will encourage vehicles to park even more so on the apex of Pavilion meadows and Lower Road to the detriment of residents and service vehicles accessing Pavilion Meadow and Chisnall Road. Please consider extending the prohibition to include the junction of Pavilion Meadow and Lower Road.
- I would support the proposed parking restrictions on Lower Road, but will there be measures to protect pedestrians crossing on the corner where visibility is limited? Currently traffic slows where the vehicles park, but with a clearer flow it's likely that speeds will increase. Presumably when the Chisnall restrictions come into force the extended "green" car park in Kearsney Abbey will be available to the public

Key points raised by Objectors:

- I am a resident of Lower Road, Temple Ewell and there are already significant parking issues at times. People park opposite driveways, block gates, park in a manner that prevents larger vehicles getting down the road – all of this coupled with a road that largely has no footpath and regularly has traffic travelling over the speed limit. Inconsiderate parking has caused numerous issues. Whilst I understand the restriction being proposed I consider the risk from displaced parking and risk of injury to people or property to be high. I urge the council to reconsider, or at least consider contingencies to safeguard the people that live, drive or walk down this road.

Note: The letter from Temple Ewell Parish Council is attached as Appendix C to this report.