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1		<p>I am emailing to voice my support for the prospective restrictions in Durham Road . , During school drop off and pick up many people park all over the junction making it very difficult to sometimes impossible to leave my driveway. If I can get out of my driveway, I usually find myself on the wrong side of the road with very little visibility of traffic. People parking opposite driveways at all other times also causes a similar issue that I end up on wrong side of the road when exiting and I always worry about vehicles coming round the corner at the same time, it is only a matter of time before someone does hit my vehicle. I have said for a long time that all the junctions on Durham Road need double yellow lines, so I was very pleased to see this proposal this morning and I sincerely hope it goes ahead and as soon as practically possible.</p>
2		<p>As a resident of Durham Road, I received a letter this morning regarding the proposed Order regarding parking controls in St. Nicholas. I'm writing to support these plans. We have had a lot of dangerous parking in the area which makes it hard to pull out onto Canterbury Way safely whilst also damaging the grass verges.</p>
3		<p>I have lived at this address, and I am quite concerned about the proposal for double yellow lines in a particular area you have proposed. See image attached. The red area is the area of concern. I have proposed an alternative solution, marked in yellow. Often this space is unusable anyway as it blocks exit of cars parked to the side of this section, but when people DO park there, it does restrict the access to the road. By double yellowing this section, you resolve access to the road in a space which is rarely used and can cause the problem you are suggesting.</p> <p>Again, and just to reiterate, the area marked red has never been an issue and it would seriously affect parking spaces to the street, as our street parking must already sometimes spill out onto Durham Road proper anyway.</p> <p>I look forward to your response, I hope my image and suggestions make sense. I leave my contact number in case a phone call might help.</p>
4		<p>Whilst I agree that people parking at the corners of turnings needs to be addressed, I do also feel that the council may be treating a symptom, not a cause. I would like to see the verges cut to make adequate room for safe parking, the reality here is that people need to drive and get their children dropped off and get to work. Just refusing to let them park is unfair and unrealistic.</p> <p>The Giles school could help by staggering it's start and finish times and by allocating some of its considerable carpark to parents, their field is extensive, could some of that be made into a parent carpark.</p> <p>Is there room to create parking bays on Canterbury way rather like the ones on Meredith Road. Honestly part of the problem recently has been that large chunks of resident parking have been taken up by equipment for the council to improve the flats. That was finished some time ago, but the detritus is lingering for extensive time.</p> <p>From what I have seen in other areas the council is both unrealistic and unreasonable with the needs of its residents. Just endlessly putting in restrictions and moving the problem elsewhere. People have a right to own cars and as a council I feel you should not be victimising people for having transport needs.</p>
5		<p>I Totally agree with new restrictions, could you please send a copy of the letter to the Leys School & also ask that the school ask parents who pick up their children to not park in front of the garages opposite the school as I'm disabled & cannot at times get into my garage, I'm fed up with the excuse of, I will only be 5 to 10 minutes.</p>
6		<p>Thank you for your letter regarding the new parking restrictions in Durham Road. I wholeheartedly support the proposal. Furthermore, I would appreciate better enforcement of the existing double yellow lines in the main road around Giles School</p>

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		<p>especially at school opening and closing hours. Parents picking up their kids park on the double yellow lines and do not observe the give way traffic calming measure already in place. This creates a great deal of hazard for the kids coming out of and going into the school and local residents trying to navigate this stretch of road safely. It would also help if there were restrictions on the bends within the cul-de-sac turnings. I often see refuse trucks, delivery trucks and ambulances having trouble getting by because of poor parking there. I have included your plan with an example indicated (IN orange).</p>
7		<p>Hello and thank you for taking the time to read this email. As a resident of Canterbury Way, I have received a letter of the proposed parking restrictions. I do not have any objections to the restriction of parking on the entrance corners of the roads as I fully agree with the fact that parking a van on corners can severely restrict the line of sight when exiting the turnings. Recently some bollards were placed across the street to me to prevent people from driving across the grass corner, which is good, but I actually thought that the contractors were possibly going to put a parking bay in as that would have made more sense. As parking being so limited in Canterbury Way with the way that houses are packed in without the provision of suitable parking space. Although there are garages in the streets hardly any of the owners actually use them for cars and most are owned by people from other turning of the road and use them for storage instead. What my proposal is to use some of the grass verges between the turnings, as parking bays, along the main road, like in some other roads in Stevenage. I tried many years ago to get a garage near my house but was offered one about 300 meters away from my house and another time was even offered one in York Road. The parking here is a problem, it is pretty bad here and the new restrictions will only make the situation worse. So, without any new proposed parking it will be time for me to find a new location to live, as living here is hell, with the way parking is at the moment in the evening and weekends. Thanks again for taking the time and I look forward to hearing about any proposals to fix the parking problem</p>
8		<p>I am writing to formally object to some of the proposed parking controls for Lincoln Road. These resulting lines will encompass my property and I feel we are being singled out for penalty. I am disabled and a blue badge user and this proposal leaves no parking outside our house. We don't use this area (as marked out on the plan) to park regularly, instead using the rear of the property. However, from time to time it is necessary to offload shopping etc or suitcases after returning from holiday. The rear of the property has no easy direct route from the house to the car because there are two garages directly outside the rear of the house which have to be walked around. Neither of the garages are ours. I propose instead moving the double yellow lines.</p>
9		<p>It was with great interest I read your proposal for formal parking along Ripon Road. I have been a resident here at Ripon Road and whole heartily support this proposal. Having been resident for such a long time, we have witnessed many collisions and near misses on this curve in the road, the most recent being a couple of months ago where our neighbour across the road had his fence destroyed by a motorist. Sadly, some years ago an elderly pedestrian and his dog were fatally injured while delivering the local newspapers. These parking proposals has been long overdue as I have always had concerns for the safety of my house and exiting the cul-de-sac. However, I would like to kindly suggest the following minor amendments if possible: Article 109, Ripon Road, East side, From the junction with its cul-de-sac serving no's 44-68 Ripon Road, northwards for a distance of 10 metres really needs to be EXTENDED to and slightly past the electric substation and possibly to the corner</p>

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		<p>Article 105, Ripon Road, West side, From the junction with its cul-de-sac serving no's 89 -139 Ripon Road, northwards for a distance of 10 metres really needs to be EXTENDED to and slightly past the electric substation and possibly further.</p> <p>Reason being that many people will still park their commercial vans etc. past the double yellow lines on both sides of blind curve. Drivers having to exit the cul-de-sac serving no's 44-68 Ripon Road (as this also bordered on the back of 70 Ripon) need to drive out further than necessary to see oncoming traffic because the obstruction these vehicles cause.</p> <p>I would also like to strongly suggest that Residents Only parking signs in particular at entrance to the cul-de-sac 44-68 and others as we have often seen people parking up their commercial vans in the cul-de-sac and walking up the Ripon Road and not leaving spaces for the residence of the cul-de-sac, who have to try and find spaces elsewhere. Placing the parking restrictions on the road will push these illegal parkers to take over the cul-de-sacs and prevent the residents from parking next to their property. I know the signs are not enforceable by law however it should make the non-residence of these houses aware.</p> <p>Once again, I whole heartly support this great proposal and really look forward to it being implemented.</p>
10		<p>My husband and myself would like to say that we are fully in support of the parking restrictions being proposed along Canterbury Way as vehicles parking on corners of junctions have always been hazardous.</p> <p>The only problem we can see is people having to find parking elsewhere or double parking. Also, we have a neighbour who takes up 2 parking spaces when he has 3 garages which he could use.... he doesn't even use the hardstanding in front of his garage. Can anything be done about that?</p>
11		<p>I write in response to your letter of January 6th (Ref: TPE/03/24-2/F) in relation to parking within Ripon Road.</p> <p>Firstly, I commend you for acting here - these changes have desperately been needed for some time. So, thank you for this, the parking has been troublesome particularly on when turning into my road.</p> <p>I do have a few general questions for you, in strict confidence. As you may be aware, there have been a number of conflicts/disputes over parking within Ripon Road over the years, which I have tried to stay out of, so this is my basis for asking for confidentiality.</p> <p>Firstly, I have noticed that there has been a slow increase of cars parking on both sides of the road within the main stretch of road within Ripon Road. This causes a number of access issues. Once the yellow lines are in place, I am concerned that this will see more people parking on both sides of the road. Effectively the obstruction will move from areas that have yellow lines to areas that don't. Do you have any plans in place to monitor this in the longer term?</p> <p>Secondly, in relation to disputes around parking. There have been a number of issues around people parking in front of garages they do not rent from the council (I personally had to call the police in the early morning last October as someone had parked in front of my garage and there was nowhere else to park within my neighbourhood, so I had to park fairly far away). Are there any paths of escalation for such incidents? When this occurs (and should this increase), there seems to be nobody to contact as the police informed me that they do not want to act. Aside from the fact that I pay for the garage which someone else used, I also have a disabled person who is reliant on me and keeping the car close to the house at all times is imperative.</p>

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		<p>Finally, there are a number of shady activities around parking within our neighbourhood. Residents swapping cars to reserve parking spaces, fraudulent use of disabled badges to reserve spaces (which has been reported). I appreciate that this is difficult to monitor and manage, but in light of the conflict it causes are there any paths of escalation in relation to this? As I suspect this could cause issues going forward.</p> <p>I respect and appreciate the horrid position that the council is in here, there are simply far too many cars for the number of spaces available. Again, I thank you for taking positive action to at least stop the turning of our road from being obstructed.</p>
12		<p>The difficulty of being able to get our delivery parked up I believe the double yellow line should be extended where I have highlighted as the cars here cause an obstruction when the lorry is trying to reverse in to give enough space to allow traffic to pass converting we have delivery's 5 days a week some time the lorry is having to wait before being able to unload and no consideration to this the other side of the road should also be double yellow as cars do also park here</p>
13		<p>Though I agree the current parking situation is problematic, and these yellow lines would likely improve the situation, I would also like to ask you to consider the following. Whilst painting the double yellow lines, it would be beneficial to also paint white parking bays into the residential parking spaces. There are countless times that parking in the corners, thus causing blockages, is caused by multiple vehicles parked irresponsibly, taking up spaces that would fit multiple vehicles. It would add some order to the parking situation, allowing more vehicles to park 'properly' without the need to block entry to these areas on the corners.</p>
14		<p>I do not agree with the proposal of make the corners double yellow I agree that that the drop kerb pathway should as people block the path but I don't agree with the corners being double yellow as there are too many cars in Canterbury way but not enough parking spaces that why people myself included have to park on the corners I do rent a garage so if you put yellow lines on the corners where do you expect the residents to park or are you going to make more parking available for us the bin men get down my road perfectly fine it also does not affect the buses as they don't come down the my turning I pay my council tax and road tax and now will not be able to park anywhere maybe the council should come in the evening after everyone has finished work and see how bad the parking is before making your decision.</p>
15		<p>This email is submitted in response to your York Road formal parking consultation, reference TPE/03/24-2/F. While I was not able to find any further information or detail on your website under "Current Consultations", your letter did provide sufficient information to provide the basis for my response. I would like to endorse the planned double-yellow striping on York Road cul-de-sac junction curb returns, as shown on the reverse of your letter. As a regular pedestrian, cyclist, and driver residing in this area, I've been experiencing increased difficulty and hazard navigating onto, off of, or across York Road because of the excess number of vehicles parked on these corners (even though such corner parking is already prohibited in the Highway Code even without painted lines).</p> <p>In addition to your draft traffic order, I would request some combination of further double-yellow striping and parking enforcement at the eastern end of the cul-de-sac containing York Road evens 408-504. Specifically, the pedestrian access from the end of the cul-de-sac between 478 and 480 York Road to the adjacent primary pedestrian path is frequently blocked by cars either immediately in front of the path or also commonly parked in the grass on top of that path. I have previously reported this on a few instances but have also witnessed more instances that I've not had opportunity to report at the time.</p>
16		<p>Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed parking restrictions in York Road. Whilst we agree with the need for improvements regarding hazardous parking, we</p>

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		<p>are concerned that there will be displacement of vehicles due to the expanse of the restrictions that will cause residents issues and disagreements in relation to parking.</p> <p>We currently rent a garage from the council in our cul-de-sac. and we are regularly prevented from either parking on the forecourt in front of the garage or from leaving due to vehicles parked at the bottom of the road. (We actually pay an enhanced rental rate for the privilege of being able to park by the garage as it has parking!)</p> <p>In the past garage services have painted keep-clear markings at the bottom of the road and in front of the garage to try to deter parking, however the current placement of the keep-clear markings seems to encourage people to simply park in between them only making it more difficult to manoeuvre our vehicle in and out safely. In addition, parking in the turning circles means sometimes we have to reverse out onto the main road as it's the only way to get out past cars parked at the bottom which is extremely unsafe and difficult.</p> <p>We were told we could not have yellow lines painted as a standalone project due to the expense of advertising a TRO and getting a lining team to visit the area.</p>
17		<p>I am writing to formally object to the council's proposal to introduce new parking controls on Canterbury Way. This plan raises significant concerns for me, my household, and many of my neighbours, as it would create considerable difficulties for residents and is unnecessary given the current circumstances on our street. Firstly, parking is already a challenge for many residents, me included. The introduction of additional restrictions would exacerbate the situation, making it even harder to find a parking space. This would impose an undue burden on residents who rely on convenient parking near their homes, especially those with mobility issues. Several of my neighbours already struggle to walk long distances to their cars, and this proposal would further disadvantage them. Secondly, Canterbury Way is not a particularly busy street, and the cars currently parked in the areas designated for double yellow lines do not pose a safety risk. The bus stop is located far from where cars are usually parked, and its operation would remain unaffected. Additionally, refuse collection is mainly carried out off the main road and has ample space for manoeuvring. Emergency services also have sufficient access to all properties in the area under the current parking arrangements.</p> <p>The proposed changes therefore appear unnecessary and disproportionate to any potential benefit. Instead, they would impose significant inconvenience on local residents and create hardship for those with mobility issues.</p> <p>I would also like to stress that this proposal has been met with strong opposition from myself, my household, and many of my neighbours. We urge the council to reconsider and abandon this plan in light of the adverse impact it would have on the community.</p> <p>I trust you will give serious consideration to the concerns raised in this objection. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail.</p>
18		<p>I have no objections with the proposed changes. The only concern I have is the fact that there are limited parking spaces in the close for the residents that live here. My suggestion is that each house is allocated one parking space, where there are numbered bays, i.e. 1-14 painted on each bay for that houses use. This way it would stop people from other areas parking in the close.</p>
19		<p>My issue is not with the proposals themselves. It's more to do with the lack of parking improvements in your proposals. As all these parking restrictions. Where will these vehicles go. Except make parking harder for many people. So, I would hope you are looking at parking improvements in the road. Or are you going to be like the government blame on previous party in power and do nothing that improves parking for everyone.</p>

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20		<p>I would like to formally object to the proposed changes to parking on York Road, by adding double yellow lines. I live in a row of houses that is completely inaccessible by car (see annotated map attached). We purchased our house despite this unusual feature, based on the fact that there is always plenty of on-street parking at the top of our nearest cu l-de sac, on the main road.</p> <p>Other residents of York Road – who already have driveways – also park at the top, as they own multiple vehicles. If there is even less space, the residents in my row may end up with nowhere to park!</p> <p>There are parking bays along York Road (see photo); if these could be allocated to residents as well as the adjacent row this might mean those of us who cannot access our properties by car would still have some chance at getting parked within half a mile of our homes, should the proposal be successful.</p>
21		<p>I am in favour of the double yellow lines in the proposed plan of York Road. I agree that there are many cars that park on the corners and it is difficult to drive on the road, especially mornings and evenings. This kind of parking is in violation of the driving code. Having the double yellow lines on the road and having cars parked on the lines could bring in significant revenue to the council, if you have the area patrolled.</p>
22		<p>Whilst I agree in principle with the need for regulation of the parking in the York Road area, I have to object to the proposal as it has been made currently.</p> <p>The cause of the issue of obstructive parking is due to the insufficient provision off street parking in the whole of York Road and the surrounding area and also multiple HMO's with insufficient parking provided for the number of occupants.</p> <p>Restrictions to the available areas will not reduce the number of vehicles parking and will also have the possible consequence of moving the issue into surrounding areas.</p> <p>Parking in the side streets is being restricted further by refuse and recycling containers being stored on the highway in various roads.</p> <p>As I am sure you are aware there are already regulations regarding causing an obstruction when parking as detailed below that should be enforced as an initial measure to prevent the issues before resorting to an overreaching and poorly thought out response.</p>
23		<p>I would like to write in support of the proposed yellow lines on Durham Road. During school pick up and drop off times the parking makes the road dangerous with pedestrians in the road trying to pass the parked cars on junction corners whilst other drivers are trying to pass the same parked cars to get into or out of the side roads. Often during these times, the whole area becomes gridlocked, and drivers sound their horns in frustration. Inconsiderate car parking makes it difficult for residents to get into or out of their off-road parking and we have had a couple of near misses with drivers speeding around the corner and nearly into manoeuvring cars. We greatly look forward to having yellow lines.</p>
24		<p>I have received a letter from the council and I'm not too sure in regard to what it's about. The ref number is TPE/03/24-2/F Please could you shed some light on what this is regarding please. I look forward to hearing from you.</p>
25		<p>I write in reference to your letter dated 6th January 2025, reference number TPE/03/24-2/F.</p> <p>While we gives full support to the outlined plans to improve the parking and road safety along Ripon road and the surrounding areas, please could you provide more</p>

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		<p>information as to how any new restrictions will be monitored?.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions allow for additional "double yellow lines" on access roads leading directly off Ripon road adjacent to the school. There are currently double yellow lines which run from the corner of 332/330 to approximately 324 Ripon Road. These existing lines are already disregarded and are most often parked on. With the proposed building application with Stevenage Borough Council for works to property number 332/330 (application number 24/00490/FP) will the existing lines be fully instated along with all new additions?</p> <p>I have contacted SBC in the past in relation to issues with parking along Ripon Road with little response other than "there is no resource to patrol every school", so the concern is how this will be controlled? Will the issue simply be pushed into residential spaces and garages?</p> <p>Perhaps the idea of a suitable crossing point such as a "zebra" crossing could be looked into as an option for the safe crossing for our pupils, staff, visitors and the wider community with this application.</p>
26		<p>I am happy with yellow lines in Pilgrims Way, but they don't go far enough. Vehicles are regularly parked in Pilgrims Way opposite roads e.g. Winchester Close, Ripon Road and worst of all Canterbury Way. Cars are parked all the way down Pilgrims Way.</p>
27		<p>I am writing to express our support for the scheme, in fact we would like the restricted area to be extended, if possible, at lease stop them parking on the pavement. There have been rows, failed deliveries and numerous near-miss because of the parking mayhem, so, please implement it ASAP.</p>
28		<p>I see your plans for the new parking restrictions at the western end of York Road with great interest.</p> <p>I am lodging this objection. It will stand until after you have provided sufficient alternative parking provision and have removed the roundabout - actually done, not just promised.</p> <p>The first bit of the proposed parking restrictions, as we turn off Canterbury Way, is something that I have asked the council for more than once over the years as that corner became a deathtrap when you put the roundabout out there. Please remove that roundabout while you are doing your works. It was not in the master plan and the junction was FAR better before you put it there - about 25 years ago.</p> <p>Most of your other proposals are within 10 meters of a corner and so only really enforcing the law as it stands. However, people only choose to park so dangerously because you are providing insufficient alternative parking. What additional parking will you be providing as part of your planned works?</p> <p>I understand that there is not a lot of scope for additional parking in York Road but there is council land which could be used for a little more zig zag parking. These will be far short of a 1:1 replacement but we need all we can get. Please also implement these additional spaces in your works.</p>

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29		<p>I have looked at the proposals for parking restrictions and would like clarification on a couple of points:</p> <p>1. Will the restrictions include markings on the dropped kerbs? Vehicles constantly park obstructing the dropped kerbs making those with mobility issues having to walk on the main road until a suitable location can be found. I believe this is prohibited in the Highway Code, but drivers choose to ignore this, and I have experience of them getting the hump if I ask them to move so I can cross the road safely.</p> <p>2. There is an increased risk that vehicles will park behind the back of xxx Canterbury Way down towards the entrance of that cul-de-sac. This is already becoming more prevalent when drivers can't find a space in the car parks serving the shops/surgery/community centre, and will no doubt increase upon the proposed restrictions being implemented, the house backs onto one of the proposed restrictions areas and have observed so many times the inconsiderate parking affecting the refuse lorries and those with mobility issues. The parking issues will only move to the other side of the St Nicholas shopping area unless both are included in the proposed areas.</p>
30		<p>Thank you for your communications regarding proposals for yellow lines in danger spots for parking.</p> <p>However, although this makes the close safer, it does not alleviate the need for parking, or the number of vehicles that do park in the close. I feel many residents park their vehicles without any consideration for neighbours. Parking on an angle, leaving too much room between their vehicle and the one next door are examples. Currently there are at least two SORN vehicles in the close.</p> <p>May I suggest that white lines be painted on the parking that is not along the pavements. I believe this would encourage neighbours to park with some thought and make at least 3 other parking slots. I am aware that white lines such as I suggest were painted in Exeter Close, which was helpful. I would appreciate this being considered. Thank you.</p>

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31		<p>I am writing to express my objections to the proposed parking restrictions on York Road</p> <p>I do not understand why you have proposed this as it's hard enough to park anyway with the number of vehicles in the area, and this is going to make it so much worse.</p> <p>I also fail to understand why the proposals will make a difference in giving access for emergency services/bin collection etc - the restrictions on the corners of the roads - as far as I can see this is not an issue as the road 'mouths' are very wide.</p> <p>Can you give examples of when there has been an issue, please?</p> <p>Where do you think, everyone is going to park - it's bad enough at the moment!</p> <p>Seriously -where? I would be grateful if you could let me know</p>

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32		<p>Having lived in the area and more recently visiting the area I have found that the main issue is commercial vehicles. They take up residential parking in the streets and along York Road because they won't all fit into the streets. If the commercial vehicles and cars are unable to park along York Road, where will they park. The reason they're there is because there is no room in the streets. Some houses in York Road do not have a cul-de-sac to park in at all. My fear is that they will block the cul-de-sacs which will prevent any other vehicles accessing the cul-de-sacs.</p> <p>One idea is that the council make council car parks available to commercial vehicles for Overnight parking for a reduced fee!</p>
33		<p>A few thoughts in relation to TPE/03/24-2/F, double yellow lines in Durham Road.</p> <p>I live at Durham Road.</p> <p>In general, I agree that the corners need to have double yellow lines. However, I disagree with the parking causing obstruction on a constant basis. The only time obstructions happen is during the school runs each day. All other times the parking is fine and causes no obstruction, to what I've seen anyway. I also didn't realise Durham Road was on a bus route. I've never seen a bus on Durham Road.</p>

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		<p>In particular cul-de-sac I disagree with the proposed double yellow lines going all the way up to the parking bays on the right-hand side. You can park two to three cars along there and they don't cause any obstruction and are much needed for the cul de sac.</p> <p>Where you should have double yellow lines is on the left-hand side of the cul-de-sac all the way up and round the corner to the parking bays on the left at the top. Cars parked along there make getting cars out of the parking bays on the right very difficult.</p>
34		<p>We would like to object to the proposal for yellow lines on York Road.</p> <p>The reasons are as follows: The road has no bus that goes down it. Residential area No problems currently with neighbours and visitors parking however it appears there will be due to the reduced availability of spaces in your proposal. One side of the road (the left) should be kept for parking (residents only would prevent school traffic and work lorries etc)</p> <p>The left-hand side of turn offs into residential should remain free.</p>
35		<p>Thanks for your letter regarding the proposals for new parking regulations in the Pin Green area. My concern would be if there are parking restrictions placed in Lincoln Road this would mean more cars being parked in the parking areas in Beverley Road which are already stretched due to the number of cars and small commercial vehicles that park in Beverley Road currently.</p> <p>What is needed in Beverley Road are double yellow lines on the corners leading into the communal parking areas. Since the regulation was put in force stopping cars being parked on the grass verges and the ability of people being unable to park close to the kerb it often means we have difficulty in pulling out of our garage area because at times without having to do several movements we would not be able to get out of our garages. I am sure that the Council refuse collections vehicles must have difficulties in reversing into the communal parking area were collecting the refuse due to cars being parked on the corner's, (which used to be an offence stated in the Highway Code) and being parked away from the kerb.</p> <p>Beverley Road already suffers from people who do not live in Beverley Road parking their cars in the parking areas who have relations living in the area. Some are left here all day and at holiday times can be parked for more than a week. I am lucky enough to have a garage and other cars parking in the area does not affect me too much but my daughter who lives with us, often has to park in other areas away from our immediate communal parking area, if your proposals restrict parking or reduce the number of parking areas in other roads that will mean more vehicles trying to park in Beverley Road and I would object to these proposals</p>
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		<p>painted in Exeter Close, which was helpful. I would appreciate this being considered. Thank you., I am biased towards considerate parking as I have a chronic condition that is highly likely to deteriorate, which is why I feel white lined parking bays would help ensure all parking space is used efficiently.</p>
37		<p>We acknowledge receipt of your communication dated the 6th of this month. In your correspondence, you state that concerns raised by residents, councillors, bus operators, and other services have been duly considered following a site investigation. Furthermore, I must highlight that there is no public transport or bus service operating within the confines of the close itself.</p> <p>We have consistently faced, and continue to experience, significant challenges due to residents utilising our designated driveway at Canterbury Way for parking. This often results in our patients being compelled to use the car parks, which are frequently occupied by residents' vehicles during both daytime and overnight hours. Consequently, residents themselves contribute significantly to the parking congestion, as they appear to utilise any available spaces indiscriminately.</p> <p>The proposed installation of double yellow lines would not alleviate the existing parking challenges. In fact, the current parking provision is already inadequate, and the proposed measures would exacerbate what is already a highly problematic situation.</p> <p>Introducing double yellow lines without a nuanced solution risks creating unnecessary complications, who may struggle to find suitable parking and could potentially face penalties for parking in restricted areas.</p> <p>A more pragmatic and equitable solution would be the introduction of limited or restricted parking zones, which would ensure that our patients retain the ability to park and attend their appointments without fear of fines. Such measures would better address the underlying issues without disproportionately impacting the accessibility of healthcare services. Resolving this matter requires a balanced approach, and I do not believe that the current proposal, which could be likened to using a sledgehammer to crack a nut, is in the best interest of all parties involved.</p> <p>We would strongly welcome an open dialogue with the Council to explore alternative solutions that consider the needs of our staff, patients, and the broader community. The implications of these changes are significant and warrant a collaborative approach to ensure an outcome that serves all users effectively.</p>
38		<p>I and my family and probably many others are very pleased with the proposal of introducing the double line in Canterbury way as it gets hectic to pass through the cup-de-sac because of parking on both sides which is annoyingly congested.</p> <p>I am supporting this plan and al the best and thank you for considering the difficulties.</p>
39		<p>I am writing on behalf of my Father who lives in Chester Road in Stevenage, and I believe also, on behalf of many residents in the street. My Father received your letter related to the Formal parking consultation and we agreed I would respond on his behalf.</p> <p>We appreciate what you are trying to do as the parking has become very awkward around that street and people are parking too close to the entrance to Chester Road. However, we do not think painting Yellow Lines to stop people parking is the answer.</p> <p>One thing we know for certain is that the number of cars in the street is not going to reduce, and if anything from experience, is likely to increase. So surely, we need a solution which gives people more options, not just move the problem elsewhere.</p> <p>So, this is our proposal:</p>

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		<p>Either side of the entrance to Chester Road there are 2, very large, grass verges with the odd small tree on them.</p> <p>Nobody uses these large grass areas, and whilst it is nice to have some greenery, there is plenty of green space around the area, and the area could still have a decent grass verge but could be reduced to allow more parking.</p> <p>In the attached image I have suggested a rough plan of how parking could be added to that part of Chester Road without losing all the green space and allow more people to park sensibly.</p> <p>In addition, if the parking spaces were created at 90 degrees to the road so people had to park into the space, people would stop parking on the entrance part of Chester Road, as they would be blocking people in.</p> <p>I know we want to retain as much green space as we can, but at the same time, we want people to be able to park sensibly and safely, and I am not sure yellow lines does anything to help that.</p>
40		<p>I currently receive your letter regarding the parking to make double yellow line on the corner of my road I live at Ripon road and the parking is a complete joke, I can even get park outside my own house there people parking all long Ripon road and they don't even live in the road so residence that live in the house can't even park outside their own house it's an absolute nightmare. There needs to be some kind of parking restrictions in place. So we come home from work late we have to park 1/2 street down the road, I see why people park on the corner is due to no parking outside their own home, to put double yellow line you should look at parking down the road where school is because I come work early some days and cause all the parents parking were they want and blocking the road if fire engine was to come down there they wouldn't get pass.</p> <p>Also, with children running around it completely dangerous so I think there should be some kind permit that people that live on Ripon Road can park outside their own house. I would hear more about this topic and see what you going do about it it's really unfair people that can't park one lady puts here wheelie bin in parking space so when she comes home from work she park outside here house it's a nightmare you really need look into further before putting yellow lines with permits for people that live in road there has been a van in road not moved within a month and just taken up space.</p>
41		<p>I have received your letter dated 6 January 2025 regarding the proposals to introduce parking restrictions in York Road, Stevenage.</p> <p>Whilst I am broadly in support of the proposals, having had a few near misses myself pulling out of my cul-de-sac, the thing that really worries me is where the cars will end up being parked when cul-de-sac's such as mine are already heavily used for parking, unless of course consideration is being done at the same time to increase considerably the parking bay options to allow for those cars previously parked on the road to be parked off the road.</p> <p>The cul-de-sac that I live in consists of quite a few 5-bedroom homes, some of which are used as HMO's and others have large families and therefore the occupiers tend to have multiple cars, more so than a normal 3/4 bedroom. I am aware of at least three homes with three or more cars each and none have areas where they can park off the road adjacent to the houses. There are others with some off-road parking.</p> <p>Currently, at least some will park either in the limited parking bays or on the road, others have decided that they cannot walk that far and must park in the cul-de-sac whether there is room for any emergency vehicle to access the cul-de-sac or not. In fact, the day after we got your letter, as i was leaving for work early that morning cars were already parked both sides of the cul-de-sac close to the York Road entrance, meaning i had to be careful driving through and an ambulance would have struggled</p>

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		to get through, let alone any other emergency vehicle or the refuse collection lorries. All the hardstanding at the top end of the cul-de-sac was already fully occupied, and then some.
42		<p>Further to your letter dated 6 January 2025, we are writing to formally object to the council's proposal to paint double yellow lines .As a long-term resident, we have several concerns regarding the potential negative impact this will have on the community.</p> <p>Firstly, it is crucial to highlight that around 30 houses on our stretch of York Road do not have access to driveways or private parking. There are also several blocks of flats that lack sufficient parking spaces, making street parking essential for many residents. The proposed double yellow lines would significantly disrupt their daily lives and parking arrangements, leading to unnecessary inconvenience and potential conflicts.</p> <p>We strongly believe that there would not be enough required spaces for residents' cars.</p> <p>Secondly, the council's justification for implementing double yellow lines to facilitate the movement of buses, emergency, and refuse vehicles is not substantiated by current usage patterns, i.e.: the street in question is not a designated bus route and has not been for several years.</p> <p>It is mentioned that the current unrestricted parking is liable to cause an obstruction to refuse collection and emergency vehicles, but the introduction of double yellow lines will likely force residents to park their vehicles in the nearby cul-de-sacs, which are already congested. This shift could, ironically, create new obstructions for emergency and refuse vehicles and exacerbate the very issue the council aims to resolve. Only yesterday there was an ambulance parked down one of the cul-de-sacs opposite another car and there wasn't enough gap for another car to drive through. If residents were forced to park down cul-de-sacs, it would mean in other instances it would be the ambulance who wouldn't be able to get through.</p>
43		<p>1.We welcome the introduction of parking restrictions to the entrance of Wedgwood Court as delivery vehicles struggle to get through cars parked on both sides of the road.</p> <p>2.We have staff members who cycle into work who consider navigating the cars parked, as well as other traffic trying to negotiate passing them, as dangerous.</p> <p>3.I attach a photo which shows that as you enter there is already (this was taken just after 8.30 am yesterday) cars starting to park on both sides of the entrance road. We recently encountered a HGV trying to enter this area whilst cars were parked on both sides of the road which was not only dangerous but took such a long time to navigate. There are clearly empty parking spaces outside of the units to the left of the road and an empty parking space between the black and red cars shown, so why someone has to park so dangerously (green car, which will be joined by others later in the day) is beyond me. It would make sense to have a single yellow line so that vehicles can only park down one side – this would give HGVs a fighting chance of entering the area.</p> <p>4.If you do introduce parking restrictions, as proposed, and without including parking restrictions to the entrance then our current parking problem will just be exacerbated.</p> <p>To my mind parking in Wedgwood Court just needs a little collaboration to use the parking spaces that are never used. It's a shame that parking restrictions need to be introduced because people can't use their commonsense.</p>
44		We have received the letter regarding the parking issue in York Road.

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		<p>We agree to double yellow lines at the entrance of York Road, but it is unnecessary to have them down the entire road.</p> <p>In doing this you will be taking away too many parking spaces, and it is bad enough finding a space now.</p> <p>So where do you propose we all park instead?</p>
45	Maxine Nelson 433 Canterbury Way SG1 4EQ	<p>We submit a formal objection in relation to the proposed plans to implement double yellow lines in and/or around the residential car park in Canterbury way drawing number TPE03/24-2/15 on the following grounds.</p> <p>As a local resident I have never in all the years had a missed refuse collection, seen emergency vehicles attending any number of incidents in that time struggle to access any local properties or buses fail to stop at the local bus stop, however what many of the local residents have been witness to, is, irresponsible drivers ploughing through residential fences opposite the T junction where Canterbury way meets with pilgrims way on many of occasions, yet no speed limits or preventative measures have been implemented.</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed installation of double yellow lines in Canterbury way. While I understand the intention is to improve road safety, I believe this measure would cause undue inconvenience and hardship for residents.</p> <p>The proposed double yellow lines would significantly reduce parking options, forcing residents to park farther away from their homes. This would disproportionately affect vulnerable members of our community, such as the elderly and those with mobility issues as there are also no designated safety crossings to allow residents to safely crossroads be it the elderly, disabled or those with young children from alternative surrounding areas as a result of having to find alternative parking, in the surrounding roads that are also already limited.</p>
46		<p>We object to the lack of parking provision in the proposal for Canterbury Way. While the new road markings will make the junctions safer, we support and understand the need for restrictions on the road corners, the lack of parking for the cars that will be displaced from the bus stop area will cause dangerous situations in other close proximity areas.</p> <p>We need more parking provision in the area. Where are these cars going to park in an already crowded area? Parking is difficult with the 'spaces' in the bus stop area, it's going to be hideous without them. The cars are not going to disappear. We need more parking not less. The lack of parking in the area is going to move the difficulties into a different area along the road, perhaps parking both sides of Pilgrims Way causing an already dangerous road to be more precarious.</p> <p>On a personal note, we live in Canterbury Way. We ourselves feel restricted by when we can go out in our car for worry of not being able to park when we get home. This is going to be even worse once the road markings are completed.</p> <p>We understand this is to make the bus stop safer to use and the junctions safer, but the bus stop is an outdated 'turnaround' bus stop. There are bus stops in close proximity in both directions. Taking away the space to park here is going to displace cars.</p> <p>Where are these cars going to park in an already crowded area? Does the council have a solution? Is there to be parking bays introduced, perhaps along both sides of Pilgrims Way to make it less dangerous? Parking bays along Canterbury Way to make extra parking in place of the space taken away. Other areas have parking bays, for example previously Broadwater Crescent and Oaks Cross areas along bus routes with parking issues had parking bays added, why hasn't our area?</p>

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		<p>If you add the proposed parking restrictions with no parking solution alternatives, then where are the cars to go? Car ownership is increasing, there are already too many cars to the available spaces in this area, we need parking solutions, not just restrictions. There should be adequate car parking provision, currently there is not.</p> <p>Please see attached your diagram with an added proposal of parking bays.</p>
47		<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed introduction of double yellow line restrictions on [Specify Road/Street Name] in [Your Area]. As a resident of this area, I strongly believe that this change will have a significant negative impact on my family and the wider community.</p> <p>Impact on Residents and Families</p> <p>Parking in this area is already extremely limited, and the introduction of additional restrictions will exacerbate the problem. Many residents, including myself, rely on the available street parking due to the absence of sufficient off-road alternatives. The loss of these spaces will make it increasingly difficult for families, especially those with young children, to access their homes safely and conveniently.</p> <p>Safety Concerns</p> <p>For families like mine, being forced to park further away or in unsafe locations could pose a serious safety risk. This issue is further worsened by poor street lighting in our area, which makes visibility at night a serious concern. The lack of adequate lighting increases the risk of accidents, crime, and general unease for those walking to and from their homes.</p> <p>Additionally, the absence of a pedestrian crossing near our home makes it even more dangerous for residents, particularly children and the elderly, to cross the road safely. Without a safe designated crossing, the increased traffic flow caused by restricted parking could pose an even greater hazard to pedestrians.</p> <p>Impact on Community Well-being</p> <p>Many residents depend on the ability to park near their homes, not only for convenience but also for essential daily activities. Those with mobility issues, young children, or elderly family members will face unnecessary hardship due to these restrictions. The changes may also affect local businesses, visitors, and service providers who rely on available parking to operate effectively.</p> <p>Request for Reconsideration</p> <p>I respectfully urge the council to reconsider the implementation of these restrictions and explore alternative solutions that balance the need for traffic management with the needs of local residents. Possible solutions could include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Implementing resident-only parking zones instead of full restrictions. 2) Introducing time-limited parking rather than outright bans. 3) Conducting further consultation with residents to assess the full impact before proceeding. 4) Improving Street lighting and installing a pedestrian crossing to address the existing safety issues in the area. <p>I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter and look forward to your response. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further and would be happy to attend any meetings or consultations regarding this decision.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.</p>

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48		<p>I object to the proposals set out in the draft Order.</p> <p>I object because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The proposals will not meet their stated objectives •Existing parking patterns do not impede the traffic flow on this area of York Road •The proposed parking restrictions will not change traffic flow •Current parking patterns on York Road do not impede the current bus route on Canterbury Way, nor would it impact a potential future bus route on York Road. No bus route currently exists on York Road and there is no foreseeable need for one •Current parking patterns do not impede refuse collection vehicles in all the years I have observed their movements •Current parking patterns do not impede emergency vehicles in all the years I have by chance observed their movements •Current parking patterns do not obscure drivers' sightlines, not even at the junction of York Road with Canterbury Way, because the curvature of York Road is straight enough to allow for good visibility •The proposals will not increase capacity for parking <p>The draft Order makes no mention of converting any unused land into parking spaces. To be relevant to the residents of York Road, the Order should increase parking spaces before considering restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The proposals will decrease capacity for parking, which will increase parking pressure, resulting in more dangerous parking practices elsewhere on York Road and Canterbury Way. •I am not convinced that the Council has received any supposed concerns from residents, councillors, bus operators and others. I would be grateful to see some evidence that there is sufficient critical mass that such concerns have indeed been expressed to the Council. In the absence of such evidence, I assume the draft Order is spurious and contrived. <p>The proposals reflect a broader, ongoing governmental effort against motorists, seemingly designed to increase council revenue through parking fines.</p>
49		<p>We have no objections to the proposals about the plan for the new parking controls if it makes it safer to exit Coventry Close.</p> <p>However, we have lived in Coventry Close and we do not consider this is an accurate assessment of the concerns being reported.</p> <p>The bus stop located in Pilgrims Way is a big issue, along with the bushes adjacent to the bus stop when they are not cut back regularly. The parking further down into Coventry Close is where the problem is - see attachment where we have marked a few of the issues in red.</p>
50		<p>Firstly, while broadly supportive of the proposals, unfortunately I seem unable to find details of times when waiting restriction are to be in force, where those would be applied. Please could those be provided?</p> <p>My main points relate to Canterbury Way and its junction with Ripon Road, and the effects that introducing yellow lines at its junctions with the cul-de-sacs and around the island in the bus stop area.</p> <p>IT has been a long-time concern that buses have been unable to use the bus stop due to inappropriate parking in the buses only area, which has causes safety concerns with the bus needed to stop on the main thoroughfare at the main junction with Pilgrims Way. This issue was raised with Cllr Phil Bibby CC and ward councillors some 3 or so years ago, so it is pleasing to see this finally being addressed. However, vehicles parked on Pilgrims Way opposite the bus stop area also are obstructive for vehicles exiting the stop, and this is also not specifically addressed by the proposal.</p>

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		<p>In relation to Canterbury Way itself, the blocking of footpaths at the end of cul-de-sacs is frustrating. Vehicles parked on the cul-de-sac ends do force traffic entering the cul-de-sacs to drive at lower speeds, and although do not generally obstruct car drivers, they could be problematic for emergency vehicles, so markings would certainly be appropriate. Before verge-parking was banned, the concern of obstruction to refuse vehicles and emergency vehicles had not been raised and it would seem residents have learned to park in such a manner on the cul-de-sac ends so as to not obstruct other residents or delivery drivers getting their cars or vans through.</p> <p>However, the consequence of the new proposals will now be that residents and visitors may then want park vehicles on those parts of the main throughfare where no parking restrictions are put in place, as has happened elsewhere. Such parking would adversely restrict traffic flow and cause particular difficulty for bus operators. Already services SB2/SB3 are under pressure to keep to scheduled times, exacerbated by inadequate parking restrictions on other routes scheduled in the drivers' rota. To prevent this, yellow lines should be introduced along the full length of Canterbury Way.</p> <p>I trust the points raised above will be addressed in the final TROs and similar due consideration for bus operations is also given to reviewing the adequacy of the proposals for Ripon Road and Pilgrims Way.</p>
51		<p>Further to your letter dated 6th January about hazardous or obstructive parking. taking place in York Road, I am writing to ask if you are aware of a similar issue with parking in the cul-de-sac off Canterbury Way opposite the shops and also within the car parks at the front and back of the shops?</p> <p>This problem has escalated in the last year so you may already be aware as I believe that some neighbours have already raised the issue with SBC and the police. Residential parking in the cul-de-sac is being used to store cars that are being, or have been, repaired and are then sold on. This business is being operated by a couple of households at the start of the turning who can be seen working on the cars. This has had a very detrimental effect on the ability of local residents to park nearby. their own properties in the cul-de-sac and adjoining car park and has recently resulted a number of times in cars being parked in front of the rented garages blocking access. as well as cars being parked in non-designated spaces causing obstruction and also parking on the grass damaging the verges.</p> <p>People, particularly women, returning home from work late at night want to be able to park near their home for safety reasons but this is becoming almost impossible, and the situation is resulting in hazardous and obstructive parking which also causes difficulties for refuse collection lorries, emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles etc.</p> <p>The community car parks by the shops and doctor's surgeries are also being used by the same people for their business purposes. Parking over the shops is becoming. more difficult as spaces are permanently occupied which will be having a knock on effect for the economy of the local shops as people will go elsewhere if they can't park. Not really fair on the businesses and shop keepers who are paying business rates.</p> <p>If you are aware of this situation, could you let me know what, if anything, you can and are doing to ensure that this abuse of Council parking facilities is addressed so that residents can park safely near their own homes and to ensure there is sufficient parking for the local neighbourhood shops and facilities.</p>
52		<p>Thank you for your email and coming out to meet with us. Please find attached a copy of the photos that you requested and an explanation for each one of them to help you.</p>

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		<p>Picture 1 as you enter Chester Road 2 cars parked on the left so dust carts fire engines or ambulances can't get passed only cars.</p> <p>Picture 2 men had to go all the way to the cul-de-sacs at the bottom to collect the refuse and bring back up to the dust cart. My husband helped them do this as it caused a traffic jam. He spoke to the operators, and they said we are dammed if we do and dammed if we don't.</p> <p>Pictures 3/4 Registration Number of vehicles blocking and on the wrong side of the road.</p> <p>Pictures 5/6 people having to go in and out of the vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road.</p> <p>Pictures 7/8 have a job reversing around the corner into the cul-de-sac due to parked car.</p> <p>Picture 9 Our car was moved out of the way to make it easier for the dust cart to reverse into the cul-de-sac.</p> <p>Picture 10 Gas van parked on the corner making it difficult for people to turn into and for people turning onto the main thorough fare.</p> <p>Picture 11 white car parked on the wrong side of the road and right on the corner.</p> <p>Picture 12 car parked on the corner making it difficult to reverse into</p>
53		The resident of York Road would like to register his objection to proposed double yellow lines at York Road. (via SBC Housing Officer)