

## Appendix 2(i)

### Formal consultation responses – proposed double yellow lines in Wansbeck Close

Item number	Comments
1	<p>Over the past 22 years, families have become larger hence more cars, people have been given work vans in addition to personal cars etc.</p> <p>Looking at your proposals, the entrance to Wansbeck Close DEFINITELY needs addressing. People park there and on the bend which is hazardous.</p> <p>Regarding the yellow lines outside 77-80 I don't believe needs to be done and nor does outside 92.</p> <p>I don't feel down the bottom near numbers 86 needs to be done either.</p> <p>Residents have issues with the entrance so I would like to hear residents comments regarding other places in the close .</p> <p>If the lines are placed outside 77-80, 92, and by numbers 86, I honestly believe and know , that people will just park outside numbers 81 &amp; 82 and 91 as well as numbers 72 - 76. If you visit the close those houses have a 1m squarish front garden which their front doors pretty much stepping out onto the road. Are you saying cars can legally park there? How is a disabled person or mother with a buggy supposed to get out their front door of cars are allowed to park there? At the moment people are mindful and park instead outside 77-80 where there is more space for people to park without obstructing the front doors ...by putting the lines in you'll just have the cars pushed to parking on other parts of the close making them worse??</p> <p>I would like to request, that should the proposed plans go ahead, which I hope they do not , the council mark the visiting bays with a yellow V at the same time as marking the road this way visitors to close can see clearly where to park. At present residents park in them claiming them to be their parking spaces. I honestly believe putting thaws lines in will push residents to park in neighbouring parts of the close, on great Ashby way itself or on Bray Drive/Mendip way where parking is a lot worse than Wansbeck close</p> <p>I sent an email yesterday regarding opposing the yellow lines in Wansbeck (apart from the ones at the entrance to the close).</p> <p>In addition, I would like (and believe you will get the same response from 90% of Wansbeck residents ) that the visitor bays need signage on them or painting a V on the bay so everyone is clear. Residents believe they have 2 bays allocate to their property when they don't. They have 1. The majority of the close are not happy there is not clear signage of visiting bays.</p> <p>It is not just a matter of painting yellow lines, there will be other things needing to be addressed at the same time.</p>

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2	<p>As a resident of Wansbeck Close, I previously objected to your suggestion of adding double yellow lines to several parts of the close.</p> <p>As per my previous correspondence, I am wondering where you are suggesting that people who use some of these areas to park would then park their cars.</p> <p>Unfortunately, not every house in the close is given a 'driveway' or 'parking spaces'. With most households having two or possibly more cars if they are a big family, this is pushing the problem elsewhere. This also restricts anyone having visitors or family over due to the risk of being fined which will do nothing to benefit us and will only line the councils pockets further.</p> <p>There are definitely much better things to spend this money on such as reinstating closed plastic recycling boxes to stop litter being blown down the street from the very poor skip bags that are now provided instead.</p> <p>I therefore once again reject this ludicrous suggestion. We are not a city, and I have never noticed commuter's abusing the parking in this area.</p>
3	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 10th February 2022 in relation to the Formal Parking Consultation for Wansbeck Close, Stevenage, SG1 6AB.</p> <p>We are the homeowners of Wansbeck Close, the purpose of this email is to provide a formal objection to the proposals for double yellow lines to be marked in a number of areas along the access roads.</p> <p>Whist we agree that parking is a problem, particularly on the entrance to the Close, we object for the following reasons.</p> <p>We are aware that some properties particularly at the entrance of the Close have more cars than they have bays. It is highly unlikely for these properties to find alternative parking arrangements or remove them from the Close. Therefore, if yellow lines are marked, they are likely to park in other areas of the estate which will remain unmarked. I.e directly outside of my property. This therefore does not stop the problem, but simply moves the problem to another area which will lead to continued blocked access for emergency vehicles and refuse lorries. I do not wish for any vehicle to park directly outside of my property, as it is unsightly and inconvenient.</p> <p>In addition to the above, if cars were to be parked opposite my property this will cause great obstruction and difficulty in accessing our driveway. We have found this to be an issue if our neighbours opposite park directly outside our house, luckily this is not currently much of an issue as our neighbours use their driveway. From speaking to my neighbours at, I'm aware that they also experience difficulty accessing their driveway (located next to ours) when cars are parked opposite.</p> <p>Lastly, the design and planning of the estate is poorly thought out and doesn't meet the needs of modern families who all tend to have more than one vehicle as well as visitors, contractors etc attending who will also require parking. Double yellow lines will make parking even more difficult for visitors/workmen.</p>

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	<p>Please kindly confirm receipt of my email and confirm our objection has been counted.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my email.</p>
4	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>Just a note to say I am in favour of the yellow parking lines in Wansbeck Close. Especially as you come into the close very good idea.</p>
5	<p>I agree with the proposal, if people are against it, they should ask themselves the below.</p> <p>1) Are they aware that the Highway code states the below which is part of the passing the driving test? This is to allow emergency (vital second's lost means life and death), delivery vehicles and vehicles to get through and to avoid accidents. Wansbeck Close has few pavements so pedestrians need to be considered when parking dangerously.</p> <p>The nearest you can park to a junction is 10 metres (or 32 feet). This is to allow drivers emerging from, or turning into, the junction a clear view of the road they are joining. It also allows them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists at the junction.</p> <p>2) Buy or rent a house with more parking instead of parking in a hazardous manner and being a nuisance in the neighbourhood. Some people are buying or renting a house with one parking bay and they have three cars plus more parking needed for visitors, have they thought where will these extra cars be parked?</p>
5.1	<p>I agree with the proposal as those junctions have always had obstructive parking.</p>
6	<p>We are against the proposed plans as we live on the stretch of road where the plans are to be implemented and 3 properties on this stretch have young children and babies and occasionally, we need to park here. We make sure that the parking is further back and to the centre of the road as not to block access points as we were instructed in a previous letter a couple of years ago</p> <p>Parking in the street is troublesome enough and these restrictions will cause more aggressiveness within the street and I honestly believe will lead to higher levels of ASB</p> <p>What assistance will the council give to private residents when people park on our private off roads parking? As this already happens and leads to tensions and threatening behaviour.</p> <p>Our family already fears coming home each day as our private parking is used regularly by others so parking outside our house is usually a last resort.</p> <p>If yellow lines should be needed it should only be on the corners and on the access part. Not all the way along from 93-95</p>

## Survey responses – suggested parking controls in Wansbeck Close

Item number	Comments
1	<p>We write further to the letter received by Stevenage Borough Council (dated 01 October 2021) regarding the informal parking consultation for Wansbeck Close.</p> <p>We can confirm that we agree with the suggested parking controls and welcome such measures.</p>
2	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am in receipt of your letter, referenced TPE/03/21-2/B, dated 07/10/2021, enclosing the papers associated with the informal parking consultation- Wansbeck Close, Stevenage.</p> <p>On behalf of property at Wansbeck Close, SG1 6AB, I answer the consultation question as follows:</p> <p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p>
3	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>This will only push parking issues into the estate tough. What will be useful is the identification of alternative parking options for the people that will be affected by the placement of these yellow lines.</p>
4	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
5	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
6	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Added 2 more locations (see plan provided).</p>
7	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
8	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Also ability to enforce the visitor parking bays not being used by permanent residents.</p>
9	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
10	<p>Please see the two attached.</p> <p>These parking restrictions are very minimal and I understand most of the road is a cul-de-sac.</p> <p>Does that mean council endorses inconsiderate and dangerous parking on cul-de-sacs where there is a dead end with no pavements?</p> <p>My main concern is the way cars are parked on the corners and T-Junction between 90 and 89, none of that road has any pavements. Does that mean the council will endorse accidents as potential accidents could occur when cars are parked on the block paved road up to 89 and 90 and around the corners? If the council cannot put pavements, can they at least put double yellow lines? This stripe on road is very narrow as things stand.</p>

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	<p>We purchase food Online and the delivery drivers have struggled to deliver to our house due to inconsiderate parking, so they park at the entrance of Wansbeck and trolley the delivery. Is that what you suggest for ambulances to do? Park at the entrance of Wansbeck and visit my house as seconds mean life and death? This is not workable.</p> <p>Please see on the attached map, I have highlighted where people should not park and where further double yellow lines should be implemented in the addition to your current proposals which is far too basic and will only have a small impact.</p> <p>This needs to be correct first time as I see no point re looking at parking restriction again after it has been implemented.</p> <p>Please reply back so I know you have received this email.</p>
11	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
12	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
13	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Please see highlighted section on the map. This area is always parked on and a struggle to get past in a car. I also seen dust bin carts, delivery drivers struggle to get past and have to mount the sidewalk.</p> <p>Please consider this section as well.</p>
14	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Could a 'V' be marked on the visitor parking places as others are parking there. The majority of the houses only have 1 parking slot but have 2 cars.</p>
15	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
16	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
17	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
18	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
19	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
20	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>The main problem is that have more than 2 cars and have to find car parking elsewhere, is it possible to have yellow lines on all concerns of the estate.</p>
21	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
22	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
23	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>2 parking spaces could be provided on the entrance to Wansbeck Close as indicated on the plan.</p>

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24	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
25	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Totally agree corner parking is getting really dangerous.</p>
26	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Please see the attached updated plan – suggested additional double yellow lines.</p>
27	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
28	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>No restrictions! There is not enough parking.</p>
29	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>The circled area is often obstructed by vehicles parking on the pavement (on top of water meters).</p> <p>So, to exit our house we have to walk in the road. Often the view is blocked by the vehicle.</p> <p>Can you consider double yellow on corner/in the pavement area.</p>
30	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
31	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>We have been compromised several times on the entrance to the close and also on left turn as indicated on the map.</p>
32	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>I have marked another area in yellow on the map to confirm where there are regular issues on the corner and to the end of the 'T'.</p> <p>Parking restricts access to the properties and would not allow emergency vehicles accesses if required. I have twice made contact about this previously. Businesses are being run in the area and particularly number there are cars parked along here every working day plus some weekends.</p> <p>Twice on one day I couldn't leave my drive and unfortunately the drivers are often not polite.</p> <p>Number regularly parks outside of their space and this enhances the issue.</p> <p>Thank you for looking into this.</p>
33	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>People have 2 spaces but 3 vehicles. Particularly and have been the most anti-social and threatening in their approach to parking.</p>
34	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.

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35	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Much of the parking issue is due to the amount of vehicles per property, with residents using 'V' visitor allocated spaces for their own use simply because the 'V' spaces are listed in numerical order and do not belong to that numbered property. Estates agents are advertising these 'V' spaces as part of the property that's being advertised and miss-informing people that they have space for the number of vehicles they own when they don't. Visitors then have nowhere to park + extra vehicles belonging to residents. These estates were not designated with parking in mind. Most properties have more than 1 vehicle plus company van/car in some cases.</p> <p>Myself, I own just 1 vehicle, so I do not contribute to the parking issue. By implementing yellow lines, this will make these obstructing vehicles park elsewhere creating the problem further in the close for other residents like myself. Since these letters were issued with the yellow lines option, the parking in the said corners has been less. A better idea would be to 'white V' the visitor spaces in the close, and formally instruct properties of their correct use, as a lot of properties are being rented. So, occupants never see the formal house title/deeds. Perhaps the parking issue could be monitored and if then doesn't improve then measures can then be implemented.</p> <p>I have enclosed a copy if my Wansbeck plan and covenant note from my title/deeds. I hope that whatever the outcome, the decision is for the best.</p>
36	<p>Please see comments below.</p> <p>Visitor bay parking issues.</p> <p>Further double yellow lines in other locations.</p> <p>1.We agree a need to implement double yellow lines as you suggest, however, this will push the parking issue to other points in the close causing other problems.</p> <p>2.We have indicated on your plan (in red) where we judge there should also be double yellow lines, particularly if you bring in the new suggested parking restrictions.</p> <p>3.Our driveway is severely impacted when anyone parks in the area highlighted in red. If it is a small van at times we are unable to reverse on or off our drive + with cars in hazardous conditions it is even worse + dangerous.</p>
37	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p>
38	<p>We are writing in response to your letter dated 1st October, your Ref TPE/03/21-2/B regarding possible parking restrictions for Wansbeck Close, Stevenage.</p> <p>We do not agree with the parking controls that have been suggested and feel that these restrictions will actually make the parking issue even worse as it will force people to park elsewhere in the close causing further problems. We feel that the cars that park near the entrance do not obstruct the drivers view and leave plenty of room for emergency services so do not see this as an issue.</p>
39	<p>Thank you for the letter regarding the parking consultation.</p>

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	<p>During our twenty years of residency in Wansbeck Close, we have experienced multiple ongoing issues caused by unsafe parking.</p> <p>We would like to give the view we agree with the suggested parking controls, but with additional amendments drawn on the map (attached).</p> <p>The proposed double yellow lines alongside our house are highly likely to encourage drivers to park their cars further up the road alongside our house, as has happened multiple times in the past; the parked cars then block our access gate and can make it difficult for us to back our car off the driveway, mainly due to the narrow nature of the road.</p> <p>We would therefore request extending the double yellow lines down past our access gate, ideally up to our driveway as indicated on the map. If this could not be done an alternative would be to have a white 'keep clear line' outside our gate and driveway as was previously painted but has now worn away.</p> <p>In addition to these comments, we'd be grateful if you would consider any action that could be implemented to recover the pavement outside #39 which is currently permanently obstructed by overgrown vegetation. Parking measures here will help, but the area will still be unsafe for pedestrians using this through route to and from St. Nicholas Park. Pedestrians are currently forced to cross on a bend which is a blind spot to drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p>We look forward to hearing the outcome of this consultation.</p>
40	<p>I have just found a letter from yourselves and unfortunately appear to have missed your deadline.</p> <p>However, I wanted to write to say I reject the proposed restrictions within the close, and do not agree.</p> <p>There is very limited parking for residents as it stands so I feel that adding double yellow lines will add to the issue and push the issue further round the close.</p>