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1		With today being the final day of the extended deadline on this consultation, please find attached the latest list of signatures and comments on the petition asking you to not press with the current proposals as is.
		I trust you'll all take this into consideration when reaching a decision on how the parking issues in Martins Wood should be dealt with.
3		It's great to see that you are going to put the yellow lines in at the turning of Ascot crescent off Martin way. This has been causing a lot of safety issues for us. The problem only started when the flats on wedge wood way (the old Dupoint site) put in their own parking restrictions which then forced the issue elsewhere and again this will just continue to push the issues elsewhere again. These streets were already busy, people are not going to give up their cars they are just going to park and have no consideration for the residents of the current streets.  Also, during school times, it becomes very dangerous, and it will become worse. I think you need to go back to metropolitan Thames's housing and see if they can re address their parking issues as this may ease it.  It's just a shame that Stevenage council are continuously ignoring the fact that people have cars and keep building more flats with no thought about road safety. I just see this issue continuously getting worse.
51		My wife Tracey and I would like to register our support for the abovementioned waiting restrictions. As we live at xx Ascot Crescent, since the increase in the number of cars parked in Ascot Crescent between the junction of Martins Way and the entrance of our cul-de-sac, it has become increasingly dangerous to pull out of our side road onto the main trunk of Ascot Crescent. Visibility to the right when pulling out is non-existent, and there have been several near misses. We have even previously written to the council suggesting these waiting restrictions, due to the danger this parking has created. We therefore both fully support the implementation of the restrictions by the use of double yellow lines as per the proposal. If you need any further information from us to formally accept our support, please let me know. Kind regards
46		"Further to my email yesterday lorries park along Sefton Road / Ascot Crescent Sometimes for days even a week before

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		driver from Giles crescent
49		I am writing to you to express my objection to the opposed parking restrictions in the Martins wood area. Your proposal does nothing to tackle the cause of the problem and will simply relocate the problem to other areas. I have been a resident in this area for many years and until recently this was not a problem area. The junctions have become crowded because residents of Giles Crescent are parking their cars on the junctions of Ascot crescent and Sefton road. If they were provided with appropriate, free parking outside their own homes they would not park here so dangerously. This is a far more appropriate solution. If you enforce double yellow lines on these junctions, all that will happen is the residents of Giles Crescent will park further up Ascot Crescent which will create an even more dangerous hazard for Martins Wood pupils.  I ask that you reconsider this proposal and look at the cause
47		behind the parking issue instead.  I don't think it's any secret that I oppose the plans in their current
		form, however I do agree something needs to be done to improve the safety of the area as the parking here has become a danger.  I feel solutions need to be offered to the root cause not simply to 'solve' the resulting issue.
		Please also see the attached list of signatures on the petition I mention in my email and comments associated with it. I understand this consultation has now been extended until 16th Oct?
31		Formal Parking Consultation: Ref: TPE/03/22-2/F Thank you for your letter 8th September concerning the proposed new parking controls surrounding our home.  I and a number of local residents raised the issues regarding parking outside our property with your colleague, Ward & Local Councillors as our MP in 2021 as a direct result of changes to parking restrictions at Giles Crescent by the owners Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH). We object to your proposals on the grounds that it is not providing a solution and will ultimately exacerbate the parking issues along Sefton Road, Ascot Crescent and Mildmay Road.

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		The introduction of a significant number of double yellow lines whilst providing access for the emergency services, local buses and refuse collectors will not provide any additional parking for local residents nor the additional twenty to thirty parking spaces required by residents of Giles Crescent. Please note there are sufficient parking spaces in Giles Crescent for all the tenants of MTVH if the council could work with them to change their current regime. Your proposals will punish the local residents many whom like us have lived here for over forty years with no "hazardous or obstructive parking" issues.
		Your proposal will prevent a number of our neighbours from parking outside or near to their own properties due to the location and extent of the double yellow lines. We know concerns were raised that the implementation of resident parking would be a costly, lengthy and onerous legal process but considering your proposals are not going to provide a solution we feel resident parking is the only credible answer to resolve the parking issues.
		In addition, MTVH must be made to address the parking problems they have created for their own tenants and resolve the parking issues immediately at Giles Crescent. We do not want nor to agree with the introduction of double yellow lines outside and near our home and hope you and your colleagues at Stevenage Borough Council will reconsider and find a sensible long term solution to the parking issues in our streets.
15		Thanks for your letter dated 08th Sept 2022 regarding the proposed parking restrictions for Martins Wood and in particular Sefton Road and Ascot Crescent.
		I would like to formally object to these proposals as I do not believe they are the correct solution to the issues we are facing. I also feel this consultation only offers a single solution, easiest for the council to implement, and does not fully consider other options (such as timed restrictions, residents permit, or additional parking provision) from which the best or a combination could be chosen.
		Below are the reasons for my objection and some points I would like to raise which I feel should be considered:
		1) The proposals do not tackle the root cause of the issue. Your proposals actually remove parking spaces rather than considering where we are all going to park. This is short sighted, and I believe SBC has a responsibility to consider where residents are going to park their vehicles in relation to their homes.

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number		2) Bad planning implementation by SBC, during the consideration for the new flats built on Giles Crescent, has left that area without sufficient parking provision. This leads these residents to park in Sefton Road and Ascot Crescent, in addition to the residents of these streets. This should be addressed, and parking provision needs to be made available for the people living in the flats on Giles Crescent. The first point of call should be to explore how to utilise the half empty car park, originally built for these flats, which now has parking enforcement pushing the residents into Ascot & Sefton. If necessary legal options should be explored to force the freeholder to make this facility available.
		3) Your proposed 'yellow line' parking restrictions seem to be overzealous, removing vital spaces for local residents. I agree that corners should be kept clear of vehicles but continuing the restrictions several car lengths into the side streets is unnecessary.
		4) Our streets felt safer to turn in and out of before 'verge parking restrictions' were implemented a number of years ago. These, now 'un parked on', verges could be utilised for additional parking with vehicles being largely off road.
		5) Having spoken to people living in areas where SBC has implemented parking restrictions it has had a significant and negative impact on some residents. This includes people queuing for the reduced number of parking spaces and increases in speed due to perceived clearer visibility. This has added to tensions and made residents feel less safe, especially with children, when walking/driving in the area.
		6) Martins Wood residents already suffer with people parking in front of our garages and driveways without permission. Your solution of removing spaces will only add to this issue which impacts significantly on householders and all garage owners/renters in the area.
		7) I believe your maps to be inaccurate and (as example) they appear not to allow for the drop curbs in the area which are already not available for parking. How can the options have been considered properly with inaccurate drawings? The same applies for the letter sent to residents which carried an incorrect URL to access the proposals; something I've already highlighted to you and I trust has been resolved.
		8) Your proposal leaves very limited on road parking. With the owners of cars from Giles Crescent and Ascot Crescent also looking for spaces to park their cars I feel you need to consider

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number		the negative impact this may have on these homeowners. These homeowners have historically parked outside their homes, without issue, before Giles Crescent parking restrictions were enforced.  9) With the wider proposal making Mildmay Road almost completely 'no parking' where do you expect the parents of
		children attending this school to park and/or drop their kids off? I do not believe this has been fully considered whilst drawing up the current proposal.
		10) I've seen your teams visit the area during working hours and spoken with them. During this time most cars are absent from the street due to people working. I must question if you have attended at night? And, if you have, hopefully on more than one occasion? I feel your daytime/limited assessments could have led to underestimating the number of vehicles that will be displaced by these proposals and will need somewhere to park.
		Having spoken with a number of my neighbours (some of whom are bcc on this email for info), I know that they feel your proposals will negatively impact them. I hope they take the time to object, and I trust that the council will take all their objections into consideration, ensuring a detailed consultation takes place rather than simply pressing ahead with your current proposal.
		Please also note: You can see a number of names (30 as at 2.45pm 14.09.22) requesting you do not press ahead with these proposals and open a full consultation on this issue, actively considering the opinion of the residents and local people you will be affecting. Whilst the number of signatories will always be relatively small, as it's limited to people who live in or visit this specific area, I think this demonstrates the feeling of local people is not in line with the proposals set out in your current plan and it should be revisited.
		I am more than happy to come and meet with the council, and explore other options, to resolve the parking problems we are experiencing. This offer is in the hope that we may find a solution with a significantly reduced negative impact on the residents of Martins Wood. I feel these residents are living with the consequences of previous bad decisions by SBC and I would hate to see this pattern repeated.
48		Good Morning SBC. I would like to take this time to get my views across about the proposed yellow lines along Ascot crescent and Sefton road. I do agree that in some places you need to add yellow lines and other places I believe they shouldn't, I

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		understand your reasoning for it due to it being a busy road and a bus route but all the yellow lines you are proposing will cause massive parking issues for the residents of these areas, I am a house owner down Sefton Road, and I believe there needs to be some compromise to what you are proposing. You have already restricted parking down Ascot crescent resulting in all the cars coming out to the main road and if you go ahead with this works you are going to make things 10x worse in my opinion. I have highlighted the attached on what I believe will be the best solution, you will notice on there I have highlighted some areas pink, I believe these areas can be utilised to improve the parking, between the path and the road, you have a grass verge maybe 3/4 of a meter wide that isn't used for anything, can you not think about cutting those away and making bays to enable cars to park, most of the car length ways will be in the bay leaving more room on the roads for buses etc., I use the road every day and I don't find it a problem, the only areas that are a problem are the corners and I have highlighted them yellow with my suggestions of how many car lengths the double yellows should be. I have strong belief that implementing your changes to your proposals will cause more issues than it needs, there will be an uplift in arguments between residents in streets, I know for a fact that in our road, there will be many issues as the people that park on the corner will be forced to move their vans into the street, they have two vans and I believe two cars to take of the road and into the street, the top house on the main road will be forced to park in the street and leaving them further to walk and they are all elderly. I really do feel that cutting into the grass to create bays would be much more beneficial for all of us in these areas, gives more space on the road and for parking, I understand the cost implications is far greater than adding yellow lines but parking in this area and in Stevenage as a whole is very restri
44		Firstly, I fully appreciate there is a parking problem almost everywhere. it has NEVER been an issue before the flats at Giles Crescent were built. Some cars are parked in a dangerous position In Ascot Crescent, and some are illegally parked (according to the Highway Code). I am not sure of the exact number of vehicles who have nowhere to park and are causing this problem possible 40+ Some flats with NO ALLOCATED PARKING have 2 cars and a works vehicle van or flat back lorry!! I raised this issue by email to my local MP a few months ago showing my concern. I have to cycle to work and leave my car parked outside our house in Sefton Road to save a parking space as OUR VEHICLE WAS PREVIOUSLY STOLEN FROM HERE. so

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		understandably, we need our vehicle in sight. The problem will not go away and these people are NOT going to sell their cars, they will just move on to somewhere else and cause obstruction there Yes, I agree yellow lines are required along the strait of Ascot Crescent and a few yards along the corner outside 204 Sefton Road specially to help the 40ft buses that are TRYING TO MAKE THE TURN I do hope this matter can be sorted THIS PARKING PROBLEM HAS CAUSED ME ALOT OF STRESS HAVING TO
		CYCLE OR WALK TO WORK HAVING NOT TO USE MY CAR and
45		as a pensioner too hopefully this gets to you I am very much In Favour of the proposed regulation order, thank you.it will make driving here a lot safer. I do wonder though where these people are going to park in the future, it seems to me it will just move the problem to another road, !!!
20		What is your enquiry about? Sefton Road / Ascot Crescent Further details: Hi there, I am just enquiring as I'm a bit worried about the potential double yellow lines on these roads, we've been so unlucky with the parking in the estate we live in & have tried to be as 'out the way' for those who live on those roads when we have to use them but now it may be even more restricted if it happens, how likely is it that this will happen?
36		I'm writing to object to the plans for parking restrictions in the Martins Wood area of Stevenage. I'm a resident at the newish development off of Wedgewood Way, managed by Metropolitan Thames Valley Homes (MTVH). My flat comes with one parking bay and there are only 5/6 visitor bays, which need to be paid for and these service over 200 homes. MTVH put parking restrictions in place on the development in August 2021 which is manned by a private company (PCM), preventing residents parking anywhere outside of their designated bays or the visitor bays. Which is when residents with more than one vehicle and their visitors started to park on the roads in the Martins Wood Area. I would like to note that MTVH put a vote to all residents who voted against this, but they proceeded with it any way!!! As you can see, all MTVH's actions has done is move the problem elsewhere and this exactly what the proposed restrictions will do, move the parking problem elsewhere. You're not going to get people to give up their cars as these are needed for everyday life. I really think Stevenage Borough Council (SBC) and MTVH should work together with residents to actually work to solve this issue instead of pushing it onto the next available roads and repeating the cycle again and again. If you worked together to put double yellow lines in just the places like corners etc where it's dangerous to park in both the Martins Wood area and Giles Crescent, then there would still be plenty of available places to park for everyone. You could also

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		playground on the development that no one uses and turning that and some of the green space next to it, again never used, into more parking that the area desperately needs! Also, in future SBC should consider making the parking requirements for new development of homes much stricter as this problem is going to continue with each new development!
38		I would like to share my formal objections to the plans to add double yellow lines to Sefton road and ascot crescent. Although I agree that parking on these roads is not the most ideal situation, my adding double yellow lines, you are not providing any solution to the problem. Adding double yellow lines is not going to reduce the number of cars held by individuals and families in the local area who need somewhere to park their car. You are going to cause a significant risk to people's safety who will have to park even further away from their homes in the dark, cold winter mornings and evenings, with crimes already being reported on these roads and underpasses last wider. You will be making young women and young children walk further in the dark. Furthermore, there isn't actually much alternative parking in the local community as it is and therefore there is actually nowhere else for local residents to park. There are a few other nearby roads, but you are going to push local residents to park on these roads and then these roads will have the same problem and so the problem continues for you. Instead of providing a solution to the problem, you are considering what Stevenage Borough Council usually do and providing a quick fix to stop complaints from certain individuals without thinking of the significant impact on the local residents. Without parking you are also going to force people into further isolation as visitors and guests would not be visible Please consider the health, safety and well-being of all those in the local community and consider another alternative
39		I Object
35		Dear Councillors, In response to the proposed new road restrictions in my area. Firstly, the residents are fully aware of the dangers posed by the number of cars being parked recklessly more than anyone and we never had a problem like this before the new apartments were erected. In my view this problem rests on the shoulders of the council planning department, how can they have granted permission for these apartments to be build and not think or know that these premises did not have sufficient parking for those residing there! I'm led to believe not everyone living in the Great Ashby apartments were aware they had to pay for parking and only one parking space was provided at their cost per a two bedroomed apartment. I would suggest that residents living on Ascot Crescent be issued with certs for the parking bays on that road, anyone else not displaying these badges are fined, failing that at the back of my house off road parking made

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		available to the residents at no cost in both instances to these homeowners. In doing things this way will certainly help with the congestion caused by residents in the Great Ashby apartments causing congestion & hazards in the area, also there's potential revenue for your department. I for one and other local residents I've spoken to are against having to walkway up the road to find somewhere to park. My wife comes home late some evenings and she have to find parking for 37 years as I've stressed to you, we have never had this problem therefore this is a council planning devision that have dropped the ball in granting permission without the foresight of now a problem in the area. Furthermore, I'm opposed to the plans of Yellow lines being done in this area because this will cause far more problems than cure the issues we have at present. In the present economic state how are we expected to be paying out for something that's our right to be able to park near our residence or outside. If the councillors take
		into account the families that live on Sefton Road and it's not hard to do also it will be job creation, DVLC have access to car owners & addresses simple if you do not live around here and you're parked up for longer than an hour you get a ticket. I'm not trying to tell you how to run the council, but it doesn't take a scientist to resolve the congestion here just a bit of common sense. I'm fully aware of TR3 & TR4 plans by officialdom to make it harder for car owners to park drive their cars.
30		To whom it may concern, I am writing to let you know that I support the proposal to add double yellow lanes in the roads mentioned. As a resident of the area, I see the problem caused by vehicles irresponsibly parked almost every day. These vehicles cause restricted visibility. obstruction, and danger to pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Thank you very much and keep up the good work!
24		My email is with regards to the proposed yellow lines at locations: Sefton Road & Ascot Road, Stevenage. As a resident of Sefton Road, I hereby email you to formally OBJECT to the proposals set out in ref TPE/03/22-2/F. The proposal of installing yellow lines does not address the ongoing & longer-term issue in supplying enough car parking, especially for those residents in the nearby Apartments. It is those residents who are faced with no alternative in having to park in the said locations. This is mainly due to (a). the cost of parking and (b). not enough spaces at the Apartment complex. Both points, in my opinion, should have been clearly addressed when the Apartment land was being sold / developed (and that was years ago). This overspill in parking has been on-going for months and continues not to be addressed at source. As a result of the plans going ahead, the parking will

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26		Don't get me wrong - some parking restrictions need to happen in that location I agree entirely - it's dangerous currently - many are in fact illegally parked - can you not send wardens along to ticket them whilst the consultation is ongoing? The problem is enforcement - no one is "punishing " for want of a better word those that are parked on the junctions illegally - certainly not 10M away. There's an accident waiting to happen. Actually, whilst talking enforcement - there is not enough in Ascot crescent - as is clearly evident outside the school when people drop off and collect their children. I think a visible deterrent of wardens at strategic times and issuing of parking tickets to those illegally parked would send out the right message My point was unless parking provision is made available elsewhere all you will do is move the problem somewhere else - solve one problem, cause another
4		We received a notification of the proposed amendments to parking at the end of Ascot Crescent where we live. I'm writing in support of the proposals as the level of parking sprawling around the corners does obstruct sightlines significantly so this will be a good improvement to safety and access/egress. While I live further down Ascot Crescent, I do have a slight concern that the removal of current parking will push cars onto our road and get in the way of resident parking. If amendments are something other residents who live by the impacted zones object (I imagine they will) then I would support some parking in the section I've tagged in green on the plan provided. This would be a reasonable compromise to the loss of overall parking while keeping a greater level of safety than we have now. Thank you overall for this proposal as it's a good improvement to safety.
5		It would be good if your web team could put a redirect in place so that the link in the letter works. This is quite important to the residents of this area and they may be put off commenting if they cannot access the details. It's a 2 min job for your web team to add a redirect. The original link was www.stevenage.gov.uk/parking/proposed-traffic-orders which wasn't working.
6		Further to your letter dated 08th Sept 2022 regarding parking

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ļ		consultation for Martins wood, can you please send me a working
ļ		link to where these proposals can be viewed or have your web
		team ensure that the one on the letter works please (it currently
		does not). Ideally the latter so that other people in the area can
		access the proposals on the link that we've all been sent. I live in
		this area and would like to review these proposals before commenting.
		Commenting.
24		Thanks for your letter re proposals I was interested to follow
		your link to see details but nothing exists as per your letter. Please
		can you provide me with the link
11	M	In response to your letter dated 8th September, 2022. We have
		lived here for 18 years and have not had parking problems.
		However the parking in this area for the last year, has been
		horrendous due to the parking issues when residents in the newly
		developed flats opposite Sefton Road started moving in, and the
		parking situation has been almost unbearable. We have had a
		huge struggle to find parking spaces in Sefton Road and we are
		having difficulty negotiating corners, leading and coming from
		Martins Way into Ascot Crescent and Sefton Road. As you pointed
		out in your letter, buses and refuse lorries are having difficulty
		negotiating these turnings and we can understand the corner of
		Ascot Crescent leading to Sefton Road should have double yellow
		lines. However, the proposal for the double yellow lines is too
		restrictive and will infringe on our already sparse parking. We feel
		that the double yellow lines on your plan are unnecessarily too long. Please see attached example of our proposed changes which
		would allow more parking spaces for residents. Also, you have
		omitted to add the dropped curbs (highlighted in green) and our
		proposed double yellow lines (highlighted in red). Please see
		attached proposed double yellow line changes which I believe
		would be more acceptable to residents. If you agree to shorten
		these yellow lines to allow a few more parking spaces, we feel it
		would be fairer to the people living in houses adjacent to the
		yellow lines (bottom of their gardens) in Sefton Road to be able to
		park. Otherwise, they will have nowhere to park. You will also be
		pushing these cars further down our road which is already
		congested, and some cars are double parked. Another issue is,
		why did the Council allow these homes to be sold without
		ensuring a parking space was included in the sale? I understand
		that some of these flats (opposite Sefton Road) were sold without
		parking spaces, as the developers were charging more than
		£5,000+ for car park spaces on top of the value of the homes, so
		many of them were not purchased? We also have a problem with
		parents dropping and picking up their children from the local
		school. These parents are also parking across the garages
		(restricting access), which doesn't help the parking situation in
		Sefton Road. The parents who normally park in Mildmay Road

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		have now been asked by the local school to pick up and drop off their children in Sefton Road (because of the congested parking problems. Can you imagine the chaos this is going to cause? The website link in your letter is incorrect. Are you going to inform residents of the correct link details please, as we feel that some may not bother to respond? We do not agree with your current proposal as it stands, but if modifications are made to include our concerns and the concerns of our residents, we would be more likely to agree.
10		"Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed double yellow lines on Ascot Crescent and Sefton Road.
16		I have to say this situation has been bought about by yourselves the council. You allowed the building of residences on the old Dupont site with nowhere near enough parking provision. This has only stared happening since those were getting near full population. Whilst yes I agree that parking restrictions need to be put in place as per the proposal - this will solve one problem but cause another - where will those cars go? - they will go up the cul de sac's of Ascot Crescent & Sefton Road, Dury Lane, Admiral Drive and Ely close and cause chaos there because those residents will then no longer be able to park - you will just move the problem. I have already heard people from those locations complaining. You will then need to consider those residents having parking permits or the like What you actually need to do is
		provide more parking provision for the residents of Giles crescent.  I'm sorry to say in my opinion the council have been very short sighted - and I don't see this improving.
22		I am emailing today to object your proposed parking restrictions (double yellow lines) on Martins Wood Area, including Sefton Road, Ascot Crescent and Mildmay Road. I feel there is need for the corners on each road entering each road would benefit the double yellows as this area does make it dangerous and blocks the buses from turning. But as for the main roads I feel this is very unfair and will only cause further parking problems for all residents around the area. I myself have to park on these roads due to living in Moxham house Giles crescent which as I'm sure you are aware had no restrictions when first built and I moved in and then restrictions were applied meaning we live on an industrial estate so it's all yellow lines down Wedgewood way and the closest parking is 500yards away across the main road which means we have to park in the streets of other residents. I already have to struggle with my toddler, pushchair and bags walking 5 minutes on each journey to access my front door (in text this sounds like nothing but please understand this is a struggle). If you apply these restrictions, I'm looking at 10 minutes. Whilst I'm sure you have no Interest in these issues, I feel I have to express them to show how hard it is to live where I do as it is without your further proposed restrictions. We need the route cause looked at

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		and solved rather than keep pushing us further and further away from our homes. Please consider changing your proposals so all residents around the area are happy and safe.
21		Whilst I (and likely many other residents) support the need for double yellow lines to be put in place - I do feel that the double yellow lines should only be put into place along the main corners of Sefton Road and Ascot Crescent/Martins Way. Due to many cars parking on the very corners of these roads it makes it a huge hazard for any vehicles turning in & out of these roads. We are unable to see any oncoming traffic due to the cars blocking the view. Many times, I have been unable to confidently see if the road ahead is clear due to large vans parking literally over the pavement and on the corner of Sefton Road also on Ascot Crescent turning onto Martins Way. It's also a huge danger for pedestrians walking along the pavements as the vehicles on the corner of Sefton Roadblock the view, meaning as a dog walker and a parent with a toddler I have to edge into the road just to see if I am able to cross over safely. Whilst I totally agree that double yellow lines should be put in place - I do however only think that they should be on the corners of the roads preventing any further hazards. As a resident of Sefton Road, there is already very limited parking spaces. If the council do put double yellow lines on the roads marked in the Proposed Parking Restrictions drawing sent with your letter, it will mean all the cars that currently park on these roads (outside their own homes and rightly so) will now be flooding the cul-de-sac streets of Sefton Road just to get parked. Due to the layout of our houses, we do not have our own drives and have to fight for a parking space anyway, let alone when 20 or so more cars are going to be trying to park in our road because they can no longer park outside their own homes. I have a toddler and a baby on the way, and it is already a struggle to park outside our house or at least close enough so that it's easy for residents to be walk to their homes. We have x2 disabled spaces in our cul-de-sac and the rest we have to fight over in order to get parked. It is already congested and tu