Lees Road, Ashford Parking Consultation

Kent County Council has been made aware of a potential issue with forward visibility for drivers travelling along Lees Road, Ashford. The perception is that due to parked vehicles under the M20 motorway bridge visibility is limited to see oncoming vehicles traveling from the opposite direction. County Member George Koowaree wishes to promote a scheme in response to concerns from residents and the local community. This consultation, funded by KCC, is intended to seek residents’ views on whether you consider this to be a problem and, if so, which measure(s) you would support being implemented to address it.

The options
If parking is perceived to be a problem under the M20 motorway bridge, there are two solutions which are being offered to residents and the local community, the details of which are shown on the enclosed plans. Both options have different implications.

Option 1 - Double Yellow Lines (DYL’s)
The scheme will involve implementing double yellow lines, on both sides of the road, from the junction of Cornes Close along Lees Road to the existing bus stop. Double yellow line restrictions mean you cannot park at any time of day. There are however some exemptions to the restriction, these include stopping to load and unload goods and to drop off and pick up passengers. In addition blue badge holders may park for up to 3 hours on a double yellow line, where it is safe to do so, when displaying their blue badge and parking disc.

Option 2 - Extending the existing one way
For this proposal we would look to extend the existing one way in Silver Hill Road from its junction with Winslade Way into Lees Road to the junction with Cornes Close. This scheme will not restrict vehicles from parking however it will prevent vehicles traveling southbound along Lees Road. This will mean that residents would only be able to turn left out of Winslade Way and right out of Silver Hill Gardens.

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The consultation process – 11th January to 14th February 2016

You are invited to register your opinion by filling out the feedback form below or by visiting kent.gov.uk/leesroadashford.

Please note that direct, individual responses will not be sent out in response to each feedback form. However, if you would like an acknowledgment please state this as part of your response. At the end of the consultation all responses received will be collated and the results analysed.

A report on the feedback will then be compiled and the option which has the support of local residents will be taken forward to a second public consultation. This report will be available on our website. If this consultation proves to be inconclusive, the results will be reported to the Ashford Joint Transportation Board for a recommendation on which option to proceed with.

Returns of feedback form
Please return this form by one of the following methods:

By Post: Send to Traffic Schemes, Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD (please note this is not a public building)

By Email: Email your responses to TRO@kent.gov.uk
Please put “LEES ROAD PARKING CONSULTATION” in the subject box and include your address

Our project reference: 15-MHF-AS-22

Please ensure that responses reach us by 14th February 2016.

If you require any of the consultation material in an alternative format or language please email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421553 (text relay: 18001 03000 421553). This number goes to an answering machine which is monitored during office hours.

Do you consider parking in Lees Road to be a problem? (Please tick one box)

☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ Don’t know

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