The Street, Great Chart – Relocation of Bus Stop Consultation

Kent County Council has been made aware, by Kent Police, of a potential issue with drivers mounting the footway along The Street, Great Chart. The perception is that due to the proximity of the existing bus stops and on-street parking, drivers are mounting the footway and driving along, posing an issue for the safety of pedestrians.

Kent County Member Charlie Simkins, Borough Councillor Jessamy Blanford and Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council wish 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, are happy for these measures to be implemented to address it.

What we are proposing to do

The scheme we wish to put forward for consultation is to relocate the existing bus stop, outside Chart House, further along The Street (towards Chart Road) to the middle of the existing lay by. As part of the works we will be proposing to install double yellow lines outside no. 1-4 Gothic Cottages and from the relocated bus stop to the end of the lay by. 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 lines, where it is safe to do so, when displaying their blue badge and parking disc.

A new dropped kerb will be installed outside Chart House to facilitate easier access to the footway.

The works will also include resurfacing the section of road and lay-by at the new bus stop location and installing a bus clearway road marking which will restrict any vehicles, except buses, from stopping at any time. Please see attached plan for details of the proposed road lay out. If you require a larger format of the plan please contact us on 03000 41 81 81 and ask to be put through to the Traffic Schemes Team or alternatively please email us at the address below.

It is the intention of this scheme to reduce current vehicle and pedestrian conflict by relocating where pedestrians will be waiting for the bus service.

You are invited to register your opinion to the proposal by one of the following methods:

By Post: Write 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 “Great Chart – Relocation of Bus Stop” in the subject box and include your address

Please note that direct, individual responses will not be sent out for each response received however, if you would like an acknowledgement please state this as part of your response. At the end of the consultation all responses received will be collated and the results analysed to determine which scheme will be taken forward to formal consultation.

The deadline for responses is 8th January 2016. Our project reference: 14-MHF-AS-53