OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS TO ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ANNEX K

Scheme:	BRACKNELL FOREST BOROUGH COUNCIL (WAITING RESTRICTION AND PERMIT PARKING) ORDER 2014		
	ZONE F		
Date Advertised:	10 th April 2014	No. of Objections /Comments Received:	14 objections

Objector	Summary of Objection / Comment	Officers Comments	Decision Abandon/Modify/ Proceed as advertised.
Mr Sabin Gates Old Bracknell Lane East	Mr states that he supports the scheme as parking on Old Bracknell Lane East is very difficult due to commuters parking for the train station. Mr states that he has private parking within Sabin Gates but as he owns a long wheel base van he cannot park this within the private car park without causing a nuisance to his neighbours. For this reason he parks his van on Old Bracknell Lane East as do several of his neighbours. Mr states that the proposal makes allowance for every development within Old Bracknell Lane East to receive all permit types except Sabin Gates. Mr states this will cause huge annoyance to him and his neighbours who wish to park on Old Bracknell Lane East for more than 24 hours. Mr adds that at the weekend there are only a handful of cars parked so there space available for everyone.	The private development Sabin Gates is only being offered visitor parking within the proposals, which is the case for all private developments across all the zones. These developments have a Parking Management Scheme aimed at managing their own parking demands within the confines of their development.	Proceed as advertised
Mr Old Bracknell Lane East	Mr is in support of the RP Scheme for the benefit of local residents but wishes to raise a problem with the plans for Old Bracknell Lane East which will remove the double yellow line restrictions currently in place and needed for specific safety reasons. Mr objection is that the removal of these lines will cause a danger to traffic in both directions along this curved part of Old Bracknell Lane East as a single, two way, driving lane on a 'blind' bend will be the effect. As a long term resident and driver Mr has experienced the danger of this situation in the past and submits that, on the grounds of Health and Safety, the double yellow line prohibition of waiting at any time should stay in place.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N



Mrs appreciates the thinking behind this initiative but wish to object to the removal of Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time on the stretch of road from the point 18 metres west of the Crowthorne Road Junction to the junction at Faircross on the following grounds.

- 1. The turning into and out of the drive leading to The Carriage House, Laurel Cottage, and Bramshaw would be difficult and dangerous and almost impossible for long wheel base vehicles delivering.
- 2. She is a senior citizen and frequently walks to the town. If parking was allowed on this stretch of carriageway she would have to walk alongside the parked cars before reaching the footpath parallel to Crowthorne Road –which she considers to be considerably more dangerous than walking at the kerb side which is the route she takes now.
- 3. Driving from the dual carriage way proceeding west down Old Bracknell Lane the road bends opposite Lime Tree House, which makes it difficult to view any traffic approaching west to east that would be overtaking the parked cars. She believes the removal of the restrictions would cause sharp breaking and the need for drivers to reverse through the junction with Crowthorne Road which is busy with Mobility Scooters /Bicycles / buses and general traffic.

She states that she has been a resident here for many years and has experienced this situation which caused the residents here to highlight this safety issue some 9/10 years ago with Bracknell Forest Council which resulted in the double yellow lines being implemented.

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Old Bracknell Lane East

Whilst Mr & Mrs do not object in principle to the Residents' Parking Scheme as outlined in the correspondence. They do strongly object to the removal of the Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time from 18m west of Crowthorne Road North to Faircross, on both sides. They wish to object to this part of the scheme for the reasons listed below:

They state that the Council believed the road conditions justified the addition of the Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time in February 2007 following a long consultation and nothing has changed in the meantime.

They continue that if these restrictions are removed and parking is introduced, it would seriously reduce visibility for vehicles using Old Bracknell Lane East, in particular around the bend approaching Crowthorne Road North from the west. This junction is very busy especially since the introduction of the bus route and this represents a serious safety issue as vehicles will have to reverse to allow oncoming vehicles to exit from the bend. This is a popular pedestrian route from the local school at the same time as parents are collecting their children from the nursery located on the

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The RP scheme restrictions will be enforced by the Councils Civil Enforcement Officers, and that appropriate resource levels will be applied.

The existing parking bays at the eastern end of Old Bracknell Lane East at the junction with Bagshot Road are shown as blank – this is because there is no proposal to introduce any waiting restriction in this area at this time.

We can confirm that whilst there are proposals to introduce Zones A to F, the Old Bracknell Lane East Zone is Zone F

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Unrestricted corner of the junction. Parking areas on this part of the road would create a hazardous blind bend. They are also concerned that having parking areas adjacent to driveway entrances will make pulling out a very hazardous operation due to the reduced visibility and turning in will involve blocking the road to navigate around parked cars. They add that anyone parking on this bend will have to exit their vehicles into the road, as there is no payement and would therefore expose themselves, and any passengers to danger due to reduced sight lines for vehicles on the road. They would also have to walk along the road on the outside of parked cars, as would any residents on the south side of Bracknell Road East. Access for emergency vehicles would also be restricted due to the narrow access caused by parked cars. state that, allowing parking on this part of Old Bracknell Lane East totally contradicts the first two points in the 'Statement of Reasons' document: Mr & Mrs state the Council has quoted the figure of 81% of residents would be in favour of an RP scheme, but they would like to know how many actual responses you received from Old Bracknell Lane East as we believe this is not representative of the residents as a whole due to the nature of the original questionnaire. The survey was structured in such a way that it wouldn't elicit responses from residents who had no need of permits and we would therefore question the overwhelming approval you auote. add that at the moment there is no problem for any of the residents in Bracknell Lane East to find suitable parking, as there is already sufficient space. Both of the Faircross Roads are already Resident Parking Only and there is also the large parking bay at the Western end. If residents needed more parking areas the existing bays would be full at weekends and bank holidays and they're invariably empty. They state that the Council have cited that the regeneration as a reason for introducing this scheme but they believe that the introduction of RP will deter visitors to Bracknell. They claim that traffic wardens are a rarity now so presumably extra funding is required for this additional resource, funding which the Council can ill afford. state surely it would be sufficient to convert the existing parking areas without the added expense and increased safety issues of adding more areas in a totally unsuitable road layout? On a final note Mr & Mrs ask for clarification on a couple of anomalies contained in the map:

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	at the junction with Bagshot Road are shown as blank on your plan and there is no indication as to what will happen to these. - There is some conflict on your map between whether the proposed Permit Parking Area is Zone E or Zone F. Have we misunderstood the labelling or is there more than one zone?		
Mrs Faircross	Mrs disagrees with the removal of the yellow lines from the Bracknell Lane East as a hazard. Mrs lives at the lower end in Faircross and as far as she can see it would have been safer to extend the yellow lines all the way down. As she drives out she cannot see if anything is coming down until she is right across the road. I presume this to allow more parking spaces for the permits. She hopes that there will not be more permits than the available parking spaces otherwise the situation with parking will just be even worse than it is now.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mrs Faircross	Mrs states that it has been brought to her attention that the yellow lines are going to be removed from Old Bracknell Lane East (on both sides of the road). She doesn't have a car (although her lodger does) so she has not paid attention to that detail of the plans for new parking regulations. However, now that she is aware of what is happening, she feels the move is likely to be dangerous. It will reduce visibility and may make accidents more likely. The road is likely to become very congested. Please think again!	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mr & Miss	First, Mr & Miss would like to say they appreciate the consideration given to residents as the town centre is rejuvenated. Second, they would like to object to a small stretch of parking between Crowthorne Road North and Faircross on Old Bracknell Lane East, as they feel it is unsafe to all residents. As new residents of Bracknell, they are so pleased to have high hopes that Bracknell's rejuvenation will bring the town beauty, activity, and hopefully a greater sense of community. They continue to give reasons why the double yellow lines should remain. Some of the reasons given relate to a blind bend and driver inter-visibility.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mr Old Bracknell Lane East	Mr considers parking on the stretch from the junction to their drive on the bend would cause a safety issue.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mr Sabin Gates	Mr would like to object to the removal of the double yellow lines from both sides of Old Bracknell Lane East between Crowthorne Road North and Faircross.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are	Modify the Order to maintain the

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	On weekdays and weekends (especially Saturday) many cars are already parked on Old Bracknell Lane East and if the yellow lines are removed, they feel they can expect more cars to be parked which will have a direct impact on incoming / outgoing traffic as well as visibility.	considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mr Old Bracknell Lane East	Mr states that the removal of the double yellow lines from both sides of Old Bracknell Lane East and subsequent introduction of a parking permit area will have a detrimental effect to the road. It is a narrow road best left free of parked cars. Mr believes that the potential for accidents will increase, both for drivers and pedestrians, as more parking will cause blind spots in the road. They state that the yellow lines were introduced in 2007 to alleviate the hazard and have been very successful. Parking permits would reduce the road to one lane only which would bring chaos, danger and frustration to drivers and pedestrians. Also the volume of traffic would increase. Mr objects to residents parking and requests that you maintain the double yellow lines in the interest of safety in the area.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mr Old Bracknell Lane East	Mr would like to object to the residents parking proposals and in particular to the proposal to remove the yellow lines from both sides of Old Bracknell Lane East between Crowthorne Road North and Faircross The lines were originally added to alleviate dangerous parking which affected visibility and could cause accidents and Mr is at a loss to understand what has changed to remove the danger.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Old Bracknell Lane East	The objector states it has come to their understanding that the Council are removing the double yellow lines in front of their house. They continue that this is not a solution to the parking problem but a major safety concern. The Council only put the yellow lines there 5 years ago as it was accepted it was unsafe for cars to park there. The road is narrow enough as it is but if a car is parked there you cannot fit more than one other car along it to drive. Not only that because of the hedge and bend cars are unable to see if someone is coming the other way AND 2 driveways start at that section of road.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N
Mr	Mr has asked if the following two concerns could be addressed: 1/ Their are very few cars that park in Friendship Way (and other effected roads) However these mostly park half on the road and half on the pavement to allow large vans delivering and refuse collection easy access. With parking enforcement he imagines anybody doing this will be fined (residents included) causing people to park fully on the road meaning access issues for larger vehicles. He asks if this has this been considered?	The parking of vehicles on highway verge and public footway is not an activity the Council can promote, however if a vehicle is parked in these locations whilst displaying a valid permit the Council will not be in a position to issue a penalty charge notice. However, Thames Valley Police will continue to have the powers to enforce obstruction offenses and could ticket or remove any vehicle if they consider it necessary to do so.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N

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	Will this Practice be allowed to Continue? 2/ I have two cars on my drive way but one overhangs the pavement no matter how close I park them, do I now expect a fine when traffic wardens visit?		
Mrs Broome Court	Mrs believes that the removal of the double yellow lines in Old Bracknell Lane East will cause unacceptable safety concerns.	The removal of the existing double yellow line restriction had been proposed to afford residents more available on street parking, however these large representations have informed us that these restrictions are considered essential by local residents. We therefore propose to remove the revocation from the proposed order and maintain the existing restrictions.	Modify the Order to maintain the existing restrictions, as shown in Annex N

Local Member Comments on Consultation responses:

Cllr Mrs E Barnard commented that she agreed with Officer recommendations and is happy to proceed with the proposals.

No comment was received from Cllr Mrs D Hamilton.