

Address	View	Comments	Council's comment
Trewenna Drive	Support	<p>I feel the double yellow lines will definitely make a big difference.</p> <p>The main area as far as I'm concerned is in Trewenna Drive by the green. This area is used for parking by some residents too and it is a nightmare as it makes it impossible to see anything coming the other way when you're pulling into Trewenna or out. The bend is a total blind spot.</p> <p>The bend into Cotton Road is also an issue.</p> <p>I support the idea of double yellow lines on the Trewenna Drive/ Cotton road junction as trying to turn right out of Trewenna is a nightmare.</p> <p>Not sure that all the other proposals are necessary as even as a resident, I recognise that local business people must have somewhere to park (unless the council are proposing extra provision)</p>	<p>The Highway Code states not to park within 10m of a junction. The proposed restrictions will keep the junction free of vehicles and help visibility and road safety</p> <p>Due to complaints of inappropriate parking at junctions in the area, the council is looking to reinforce the Highway Code Rule not to parking within 10m of a Junction to help improve road safety</p>
Trewenna Drive	Support	<p>I would like to point out is the reason there is this issue is because of sheer weight parking throughout the road. The whole road is populated by bus drivers and local shops keepers who leave their cars in and around Trewenna Drive. Your suggestion will just make the little space there is much more in demand. Most of the current parking will simply move along and not solve the issue. We will be applying for the same measures again a few months later.</p> <p>I feel it would better to have a parking with residence parking options. I would not be against having to purchase additional parking for guests etc. Cotton road has a residence system already presumably because of this issue happening before.</p> <p>Moreover we now have additional residential multiple occupier premises at the top of the road as well.</p>	<p>Parking should not be allowed at junctions as this impedes road safety and the proposal is to stop inappropriate parking at such locations.</p>

Trewenna Drive     Against

The recent problems relating to parking close to the junctions, are mainly down to two large recent building projects at the top of Cotton Road, and opposite, where the Green Man pub has been undergoing extensive redevelopment. Every day 10-20 vehicles related to the building sites, have been parking in Cotton Road and Trewenna Drive, many of them close to or on the junctions themselves. As these building projects complete, these parking issues will drastically reduce. We have grave concerns about the installation of the proposed double yellow lines. They will hugely reduce parking opportunities in the area and cause more parking congestion outside people's houses, further into the street itself. This will lead to issues with driveways being blocked or overhung. This will in turn cause more issues for yourselves as the authority responsible for enforcing parking issues. Another consideration is the issue of speeding vehicles with installation of such extensive double yellow lines. Studies show that parked cars slow passing traffic, the double yellow lines with cause greater speeds to be carried through the bends and cause more risk to residents and pedestrians. Please could the situation be reassessed after the two large building projects have been completed, to gain better understanding of the real long term situation? Failing that, smaller more targeted double yellow lines at junctions, roughly half the size of those proposed could be considered.

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Trewenna Drive

The map you sent out it shows the double yellow lines coming half way across the front of my house! If you do that I won't be able to park outside my house I don't have a driveway. Neither does my neighbour. I think we are the only 2 houses in Cotton Road and the roads that lead off of Cotton Road without a drive! So I think to put lines there would be really unfair! The parking on this particular corner isn't usually too bad but lately the builders working in Penshurst Road have been parking badly and this might be where a few of your complaints have come from. If you were to do anything to the parking on this corner it might be better to put resident permit parking here or put the double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road from my house. Also the building at the top of Cotton Road has a lot of its builders parking at the top of

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Trewenna drive but as there should be finished soon this problem is only temporary.

Support

As a resident many people come home from work and can't park their own vehicle due to the volume of parking by the bus garage, builders, untaxed cars, the list goes on.

Personally I don't think it will make much of a difference to the parking issue around these roads. Permit parking would be better with the double yellow lines on the corners.

The double yellow line are a great idea BUT without further measures you will make life even more difficult if you only do the double yellow lines expect more complaints please just put us in the CPZ . The map shows this part of Cotton Road is narrower than the rest of the road with badly parked cars it is difficult to get out of your driveway as the parked cars obstruct your view.

We have become a parking place of choice for bus drivers and a car repair company dumps cars for weeks on end whilst waiting for repair.

Cotton Road

Support

Due to complaints of inappropriate parking at junctions in the area, the council is looking to reinforce the Highway Code Rule not to parking within 10m of a Junction to help improve road safety.

The proposal is to introduce double yellow lines which mean no waiting at any time, these are to be introduced on the junction to re-enforce the Highway Code

Support

We are very pleased to see that this problem is now being addressed and we have absolutely no objections to the proposed double yellow lines as shown on your site map.

However, we are concerned that the problem of inconsiderate parking (mostly by personnel from the bus garage) will just move further down the road and particularly into Peshurst Road. The turning space onto my, and my neighbour's, drive is already tight and if all available kerb spaces are filled, then getting onto and off our drives will be made extremely difficult.

Will there be a further review after the double yellow lines are in place to see whether further parking restrictions might be necessary?

The council periodically review its schemes to measure its effectiveness

You say you propose to "introduce waiting restrictions". What exactly are these and where will they be?

The main problem with parking in Cotton Road is that residents cannot park their own cars on the road outside their houses as spaces are taken up by drivers who live and work elsewhere, e.g. workers at the bus garage etc.

Putting double yellow lines on the junctions will eliminate parking space for those who currently park there thereby increasing the problem for residents of Cotton Road as there will be as many drivers competing for fewer spaces in the road. Often times, the drivers are very inconsiderate and park so that we cannot get into or out of our own drives.

Could spaces outside our driveways be 'marked up' on the road to try to prevent inconsiderate parking and develop courteous parking?

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Trewenna Drive	Support	<p>I am very pleased that you are now taking action with the problem of parking in Cotton Road and Trewenna Drive, however, I am worried that by putting in yellow lines it's going to push the problem down my road, the cars will simply just park further down Trewenna and because of where I live, next to the substation which is fenced, I cannot see when I reverse out of my drive if there are cars parked either side of my drive. I cannot see round into my drive either when there are cars parked both sides. Is there not a case here for CPZ? The problem of parking in this area became more apparent when the doctors moved in to the high street as well as some of the shops and also parking from the bus garage.</p>	<p>The proposal is to introduce double yellow lines which mean no waiting at any time, these are to be introduced on the junction to re-enforce the Highway Code</p>
	Against	<p>There are too many cars trying to park in the area already - so not only is there anti-social and dangerous parking happening on the corner of Trewenna Drive/Cotton Road, and on the bend in Trewenna Drive - people are also now parking their cars completely on the pavements and leaving them there all day. Cotton Road itself already has parking restrictions, but Trewenna Drive does not - this is not right. I would like a 1hr restriction for parking between 11.00 - 12.00 on Trewenna Drive to stop people leaving their cars in our street all day. Trewenna Drive should be treated in a similar way to Cotton Road.</p>	<p>The proposal is to introduce double yellow lines which mean no waiting at any time, these are to be introduced on the junction to re-enforce the Highway Code</p>
Penshurst Road	Support	<p>We totally agree with the plan to stop the dangerous parking on the corners of the roads but it does create a concern, the cars and vans that can no longer park on the corners surely will just move further down Penshurst Road and to the side of number 77 Cotton Road and park illegally with 2 wheels on the pavement which will completely block the pavement and make it impossible to see to safely turn into Penshurst Road from Cotton Road and from Trewenna Drive into Penshurst Road and to see to exit the driveways of numbers 8,10 &amp; 12 Penshurst Road, this dangerous parking has already started to the side of number 77 Cotton Road. Please can the double yellow lines be extended all the way down Penshurst Road from Cotton Road to Trewenna Drive to stop this becoming a danger to the public and driving traffic alike?</p>	<p>The proposal is to introduce double yellow lines which mean no waiting at any time, these are to be introduced on the junction to re-enforce the Highway Code</p>

Trewenna Drive Support

I fully understand and agree with the proposal as parking at the "top junction" of Cotton Road and Trewenna Drive with the bus drivers parking their cars on bends and pavements there has become a serious hazard for both car users trying to pull out of the junction and pedestrians trying to use the pavements.

Having looked at the map you have supplied and of the proposed double yellow lines and in particular at the bottom of Trewenna Drive, I am not in agreement and have a major concern that the lines will come up past my property where I will not be able to park my car.

Being terraced houses, we have no off-street parking at the front of the house whereby the other of the properties further up the road all do.

Serious consideration should be given to this with perhaps a single yellow line in the most prominent areas with timing restrictions for example 10am till 2pm, this would deter the early morning bus drivers and local shop workers in the High street refraining from leaving their vehicles there all day.

A yellow line on the opposite side of the road (bottom end of Trewenna Drive) from our house may suffice as we would still be able to park outside our own houses.

I trust that you will consider appropriately through the right channels and look at an alternative solution at this end of Trewenna Drive without posing pay to park parking outside our own front doors.

We are writing to you to inform you that we are in agreement of the proposed double yellow lines around the Cotton Road area. People are really parking inappropriately and causing congestion on the bends and narrow roads. People are also pavement parking so then pedestrians are unable to walk on the pathway and means that we are having to walk on the road.

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We have reviewed the area since the proposals and will not be including the yellows line at the junction of Penshurst Road / Faringford Close and Penshurst Road / Trewenna Drive

Cotton Road

Against

I recently purchased the property in Cotton Road and came across the correspondence you sent regarding the increase in parking provisions at the junction of Cotton Road and Oakmere Close to add Double Yellow Lines.

I would not want to move forward with this proposal around the perimeters of my property and on the opposite side of this junction as I have a severely disabled brother who requires constant care and we will have carers coming through at any time and transport coming in and out to take him to his day centre.

I was already planning to approach yourselves to add a disabled parking bay either in front of my property or next to it just before I move in.

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I support your suggestion to tackle the inappropriate and inconsiderate parking in Cotton Road and elements of Penshurst Road. However we are residents living in Penshurst Road and we will be directly impacted by proposed introduction of double yellow lines as suggested as this will simply move the problem to areas for which there are no double lines. I have attached a copy of your map with the area highlighted in blue which is the area that would be of direct concern for us as this will now preclude us from being able to park in front of our own homes.

From my perspective there are three main contributors to the problem who take the opportunity to park in the area:

1. A number of workers at the Potters Bar Bus Garage - this appears to have only become an issue following the reduction of parking for workers following the conversion of part of the their car park to be used for parking buses
2. A number of construction workers on two sites directly on the junction of Cotton Road/ High Street
3. Vehicles awaiting repair at a local garage which I have witnessed having being parked without moving for some period of time.

Further as the construction work concludes at the junction of Cotton road/ High Street this will put further pressure on parking in the area as these are all flats.

For 1. Above have you given consideration to offering reduced parking rates in Oakmere Park for any employees

For 2. Above I believe this will only be an issue for the period of the construction work

For 3. above it's not clear to me why vehicles awaiting servicing or repairs are allowed to be parked by a garage on streets as isn't this the same as conducting business in those streets and is this permitted under current bylaws?

It would be my recommendation that if you were to extend the double yellow lines then must make all the other areas resident parking only on a 24/7 basis..

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Cotton Road      Support

Thank Goodness that at very long last, you are now proposing to take action to remedy the constant daily inconsiderate parking that residents of the Cotton Road area has had to suffer over numerous years (Both at the junctions and also overlapping residential drives.) I did send a formal complaint letter to the Highways department at Stevenage with a copy to our MP back in march 2016 and despite promises after surveying the area to make changes similar to your proposals that I had suggested, nothing was done. Your letter only mentions double yellow lines for the Cotton Road with Oakmere Close Junction. I sincerely hope that you meant to say that it includes all the junctions for double yellow lines which have been highlighted in red on the map you provided. The Cotton Road with Trewenna Drive Junction is currently the most dangerous of all, with cars parking on both corners overlapping the pavements 7 days a week. As a consequence it regularly prevents access for parents with prams and mobility scooters. As a consequence they have to go over a high curb onto the road to get by, extremely dangerous and a wonder there has not been a severe or fatal accident so far. There have been numerous near very misses. One elderly disabled lady who lives in Penshurst Road rarely now uses her mobility scooter, as she is worried that she will be hit by a car, given that the pavement are regularly blocked and so unable to get to the shops on the High street near the top of Cotton Road without going on the road at Junction points. So if you are going to put double yellow lines on every junction in cotton road and extend the CPZ you have my full support

We are pleased to see that the council is doing something about the parking problems on our estate.

Can we request that the new yellow lines are the narrow ones that have been applied in other areas rather than the very bold ones we have seen?

We have a unique and genuine safety issue when exiting our very steep drive. Our neighbour's fence obscures the view of traffic coming down the road and the problem of exiting our driveway is made worse when cars are parked between our driveway and Trewenna Drive. Basically we cannot see drivers coming down the road and they cannot see us.

Cotton Road Support

It would be extremely helpful if this risk could be eliminated and to this end we would request that whilst the double yellow lines are being applied, they could be extended to reach our driveway. We really don't want to be in a position where an accident has happened that could have been prevented.

We would add that although it is a good way forward to make this restriction on parking clear, it will however have the effect of increasing the parking by non-residents in other areas of the estate.

We certainly do not require parking bays but a one hour restriction during the day, marked by notices on the lighting posts, would halt the all day (and often weeks-long) parking by non-residents and this would be valued no end by the residents!

Trewenna Drive Support

Whilst we agree with double yellow lines being put in, we do not support residents permit parking restrictions.

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We live in Trewenna Drive and welcome your proposals as the current situation is very dangerous. In the past I have tried to raise the subject with local councillors but they were not even interested enough to respond.

Penshurst Road	Against	<p>I am expressing my views on the proposal to add double yellow lines outside my property 19 Penshurst Road and can see no justification for this - the area in question is at the bottom of a quiet cul-de-sac with no through traffic and having lived at the property for 18 years have never witnessed any incident at this junction. I believe adding double yellow lines will only push the problem of parking elsewhere and add to the Borough's already stretched resources of having to police this.</p> <p>I believe any vehicle parked outside my property does not obscure or make the wide and spacious junction any less safe.</p>	<p>We have reviewed and reassessed the area, there will be no Double Yellow Lines at the junction of Penshurst Road with Faringford Close</p>
Trewenna Drive	Support	<p>We are in agreement with the proposed double yellow line placement.</p> <p>Whilst the double yellow line proposed will alleviate some of the more pressing safety and access concerns, our worry is that it will move the issue further up Trewenna Drive, as such please could we request consideration of extended parking restrictions or controls in addition to those on the proposal, e.g. single yellow lines or parking permits for Trewenna Drive Residents, in order to protect against this concern.</p> <p>With the recent parking volumes from the bus garage and local construction we are already seeing further inconsiderate parking by non-residential drivers, which has on several occasion has blocked driveway access and would not be prevented under the current proposal.</p>	
Trewenna Drive	Support	<p>Having recently received your letter on the parking situation on cotton road Trewenna drive, I would like to express my full support for the introduction of yellow lines, I live on the corner of Trewenna and Cotton Road and the impossible parking everywhere and on the corner and across the access drops on the road is out of control and dangerous, I have had several arguments with some of these inconsiderate drivers, its very reassuring to know something is being done about this problem, Many Thanks</p>	

Thanks for the document re parking problems in Cotton Road and surrounding streets. It is nice to be asked for my views in this consultation period.

Firstly, let me agree that there is a problem which, of late, does seem to have increased. However, I must say that, I was always of the understanding that parking within 30 feet of a junction was an offence. I am therefore, very surprised that there does not appear to be any recent control of the situation by any officiating body, either by penalties or advisory notices, however, on the plus side it does seem to slow traffic down.

Against Whilst agreeing that there is a problem I feel sure that you are not so naïve as to believe that the problem will be solved by the placement of 'yellow lines'. In my view it will not solve the problem but merely move the problem on. All the surrounding roads are in effect 'cul-de-sacs' which does in itself cause a problem. Too often refuse lorries, skip lorries etc. are having to stop in the middle of the road therefore blocking the traffic. Many delivery vans, both food and parcel, also face a problem due to the number of cars already parked in the narrow streets. The input of yellow lines will inevitably increase the parking levels in these streets and could well intensify the problem.

I must state that I am against the idea of making the area a controlled parking zone but would like to suggest a 'middle ground' solution. Some of the yellow lines are probably warranted (maybe on one side of the road, at the corners only). Some of the lines, which have been suggested, would I think create more problems than they solve. The area around the green in Trewenna Drive for example, also the corner at the end of Penshurst towards the dead end, both to me, seem unnecessary and should be removed.

I appreciate the problem and hope you consider this response.

Support It is a reasonable start, and may alleviate some of the problems. However, it does not address the residents' wishes for controlled parking. When will this be addressed? Why are there no double yellow lines opposite the junctions? Parking on these straight parts is also a hazard.

Similarly, why are the double yellow lines not on both sides of the bend in Trewenna Drive? Vehicles parked on the bend cause an obstruction and restrict visibility of approaching traffic.

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Penshurst  
Road

Support

We live in 13 Penshurst Road and find that the parking on the pavement outside our house has become a lot worse in the last 5 years. With the introduction of double yellow lines on each corner it will then push the parking further towards us and many others, so more cars mounting the pavement to park will give more problems. Maybe the law should be changed to make mounting the pavement illegal, (I thought it was already) more policing of this would be a good way of deterring illegal parking. There must be a way of stopping garage repair shops, leaving cars awaiting repairs in cotton and Penshurst road, plus all the bus drivers.

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