

Appendix B – HON2107 Consultation Response Summary

Objection/Comments	Comments from Director of Highways Transport & Planning
<p>Resident of Needles Close</p> <p>As stated in the proposed order, Needles Close is a residential cul-de-sac and as such they feel it should be available for residents to park.</p> <p>At present the refuse bins are placed towards the south end of the close on bin day. If we put them at the north end the refuse vehicles would not need to reverse so far into the close and avoid driving on the grass verges.</p> <p>Pedestrians using the road have adequate pavements to walk on and should not need to walk in the road. Whilst the back gate from one property on Black bridge Lane emerges straight onto the road in Needles Close, this need not be dangerous if the users are aware of their surroundings.</p> <p>The only area of concern for me is the bend on the north side of the close where it turns east. Parking here does block access and egress for all vehicles including emergency vehicles. Residents do not park here, only outsiders.</p> <p>The demographics of the close have changed significantly in recent years. Younger residents and families have replaced some very elderly residents who did not have vehicles. The newer residents have at least one or two vehicles per household. This puts a strain on the residents' parking and means that the parking area outside our homes is often full. The proposed yellow lines would take away any areas which allow overflow parking for the residents and our visitors. There are still some of us who are not so young anymore and need to be able to park close by for</p>	<p>The proposal will retain on street parking for the use, but not exclusive use, by residents</p> <p>The County Council has received representations from local residents that the north /south section of Needles Close is too narrow to accommodate larger vehicles using the road as evidenced by damaged caused to roadside verges.</p> <p>Whilst the comments about refuse vehicles is understood, there will be other larger vehicles that need to use the road and there is no mechanism to compel residents to transport household waste and recycling to a more accessible point on the road network.</p> <p>Legally, there can be no allocated parking spaces on the public highway for adjacent residential properties. Where there are no parking restrictions on the highway, any driver may park so long as it safe to do so.</p> <p>The parking restrictions will stop short of the corner leaving space for parking along the entire southern kerb line of Needles Close fronting properties Nos 1-8. Leaving space for two cars at the western end of the road could lead to obstruction should a visitor to the road park directly behind a resident.</p> <p>Parking Permits provided when roads are encompassed in the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) The issue of including Needles Close in the next review of the Horsham CPZ has been referred to the County Council's Parking Team for future consideration. Should the resident or neighbours wish to express support for inclusion in the CPZ Review, they should contact the County Council's Parking Team at the following e-mail address: parking@westsussex.gov.uk</p>

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<p>loading and unloading, as well as the visitors who support us.</p> <p>Whilst it is annoying when people outside the Close park here, to go shopping in town or because they do not have a permit to park near their homes, it is a resource that the residents of the Close need.</p> <p>At present there are two houses in the Close which are infrequently occupied so there may not be a response from them. These houses do not have cars parked in the Close at the moment. When this changes it will put even more strain on the parking situation.</p> <p>They wish to be assured that if the yellow lines are installed they will still be able to park outside my home i.e. the lines will stop short of going into the corner on the west side leaving space for two cars.</p>	
<p>Resident of Needles Close</p> <p>Strongly opposes double yellow lines on both sides of Needles Close due to lack of residents parking so the use of extra roadside parking is essential. Most houses have 2 cars. Currently 2 houses are unoccupied so there is potential for 4 more cars trying to park. It is often not possible to park near their house and visitors will have to park a long way away. This is difficult for those with babies or disabled passengers.</p>	<p>Legally, there can be no allocated parking spaces on the public highway for adjacent residential properties. Where there are no parking restrictions on the highway, any driver may park so long as it safe to do so.</p>