

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE AND MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS & ON-STREET PARKING PLACES)
(Amendment 7) ORDER, 2025**

Statement of Reasons

In the Parish of Hildenborough

A number of years ago the Borough Council was asked to develop a parking review for Hildenborough to address commuter parking problems, address parking issues outside schools, prevent obstructive and unsafe parking and help maintain traffic movements.

We drew-up plans for new parking restrictions to address the problems and at the start of 2023 we circulated the proposals to the residents of Hildenborough for their comments.

The comments from residents and the Parish Council have helped shape those proposals.

It was evident from the comments from residents that since the initial reports of problems, the traffic patterns in the area have changed – mainly affected by the Covid19 pandemic as rail commuter numbers have dropped significantly, and more people have the facility to work from home.

This has changed the focus of the parking review somewhat and following the resident and Parish responses the commuter deterrent parking controls and resident parking permit elements of the proposals are no longer seen to be necessary.

Accordingly, we are now carrying out the second round of consultation with a revised set of proposals – the main changes are that the extents of the restrictions in the rural roads around the station have been reduced, the phone payment parking bays have been deleted and the resident permit parking areas (to deter commuters from the residential streets) are no longer needed.

School pick-up and drop-off parking

The proposals are intended to better control parking outside the schools in the area. These should allow parking at school start and finish times where it does not cause an obstruction, but prevent obstructive parking and maintain traffic flows. This should promote a safer environment for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

Obstructive parking and parking around junctions

Where we have had reports of problems, we are proposing double yellow line restrictions to prevent parking that contravenes the requirements of the Highway Code, such as at junctions or where the road width is not sufficient to allow parking.

Location	Proposals
Ashley Road	New double yellow lines

Brookmead	New double yellow lines
Church Road	New double yellow lines
Fellowes Way	New double yellow lines
Foxbush	New double yellow lines
Greenview Crescent	New double yellow lines
Half Moon Lane	New double yellow lines
Knowsley Way	New double yellow lines
Leigh Road	New double and single yellow lines, revised bus stop clearways
London Road (B245)	New double yellow lines, revised bus stop clearways, new limited waiting parking bays and a new disabled parking bay
Lower Street	New double yellow lines
Mount Pleasant	New double yellow lines
Noble Tree Road	New double yellow lines
Riding Lane	New double yellow lines
Riding Park	New double yellow lines
Rings Hill	New double yellow lines
Stocks Green Road	New double yellow lines
Tonbridge Road (B245)	New double yellow lines, revised bus stop clearways, new limited waiting parking bays
Watts Cross Road	New double yellow lines