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From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2018 13:55
To: Contact-WHC
Cc: parish.clerk@northawcuffleypc.org.uk; broxbourne@tory.org
Subject: THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (HILL RISE AND SUTHERLAND WAY, CUFFLEY) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2017

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FAO
Ka Ng
Executive Director Resources,
Environment and Cultural Services Council Offices, The Campus,
Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AE

Dear Mr or Ms Ng,

Your Notice of Intent refers re proposed yellow lines on Hill Rise and Sutherland Way

I write as a resident on Sutherland Avenue (which is accessed via Sutherland Way), to object to this Notice.

Having noted your letter of Feb 17 about outcome of consultation with residents of Hill Rise, I am surprised by the basis on which the Council has decided to proceed.
The response numbers are small and do not include reference to any responses from residents of Sutherland Way or indeed other roads such as Sutherland Avenue which will be directly affected as well.

At present, commuters from Cuffley Station park their cars on Hill Rise as well as along the bottom end of Sutherland Way. In the past year, Sutherland Way has effectively become passable only as a 'single lane' because of cars parked along the 'downhill lane' (on the right side as you look up from Hill Rise - see photo) This photo was taken today - Friday - on most week days, there are 5-6 cars parked along the right side.

Drawing double yellow lines halfway up Sutherland Way will have the simple effect of pushing commuting drivers to park their cars further up Sutherland Way (and probably on Sutherland Avenue as well). The T-junction of Sutherland Way with Sutherland Avenue is somewhat blind and narrow, so parked cars in this area will affect safety. And more commuters parking here will add to congestion in the area, the very same grounds the Council is now seeking to have restrictions on Hill Rise.The situation

becomes more fraught in the winter as Sutherland Way is well-known for being both inaccessible and dangerous when it is icy and snowed over (it is never gritted by the Council).

As to single yellow lines on the top section of Hill Rise (from Plough Hill/Ridgeway), I refer to my many attempts in 2016 and 2017 to seek the attention of the Parish Council and our local MP Dr Charles Walker about speeding cars on Plough Hill and - latterly - these proposals for parking restrictions on Hill Rise. Of interest was the Parish Clerk Mr Jason Grocock responding by email in Apr 2017, confusing my separate points by misunderstanding that it was about yellow lines on Plough Hill (which are not being proposed):

'...Regarding the speed of traffic on Plough Hill, I was advised that one reason that yellow lines are not placed on the hill is that this would stop parking and enable cars to travel faster, and both the Borough Council and County Highways are well aware of this...'

This inadvertent misunderstanding in fact reveals a valuable adverse consequence of introducing yellow lines on the steep downhill from Plough Hill/Ridgeway which is Hill Rise - while commuters will no longer be able to park their cars along Hill Rise, the road becomes even more dangerous than it has been. Children often walk along, ride bikes and play at the bottom of Hill Rise where it intersects with Sutherland Way and Tolmers Avenue. Residents walk their dogs in the area. Students for Chancellors School and St Albans wait for their coaches or alight from their coaches in the vicinity of Hill Rise. To follow Mr Grocock's eminent logic, Hill Rise with yellow lines will become a speeding haven and a serious risk to the safety of residents and their children as well as dog-walkers and their dogs.

I wrote by letter and email to Dr Walker MP in Apr 2017 about these matters, with the following excerpt:

'Given the more recent ‘consultations’ about introducing yellow lines (specifically in the Hill Rise area) which produced unrepresentative response numbers leading to unhelpful decisions about more and more daytime restrictions (which would only serve to push non-resident commuters to park on other residential roads outside people’s homes), I fear a growing ‘silent majority’ will express their displeasure through the ballot boxes on 05 May and 08 June.'

To summarise my objections - and alternative suggestions - to the Council's Notice of Intent about yellow lines on Hill Rise and Sutherland Way:

1. Your Nov-Dec 2016 consultation of residents produced unrepresentative numbers of responses, and inadequate reference to responses from residents from surrounding roads, notably Sutherland Avenue which would be directly affected. In essence, this has been an uninformed consultation as it has not captured *all* the implications.

2. The grounds for double yellow lines - as opposed to single yellow lines or permit parking restrictions - halfway up Sutherland Way are not demonstrated. Conversely, I have shown you that as commuters are already using this road now for parking, these cars will be displaced further up Sutherland Way, impacting safety and accessibility, worse in winter months.

3. Yellow lines on the top section of Hill Rise (from Plough Hill/Ridgeway) will result in cars going faster on this residential road which is frequented by residents, dogs and school-children, risking their safety

A couple of alternative suggestions:

While I note that residents of Hill Rise were averse to having permit parking for their own cars, it seems this would make more sense than making Hill Rise become a more dangerous residential road with single yellow lines. Likewise Sutherland Way, notwithstanding that most residents here park closer to their own homes and not on the bottom end of Sutherland Way. Putting permit parking restrictions here rather than double yellow or single yellow lines would produce the same outcome of restricting parking (by non-resident commuters), whereas introducing lines - single or double - will displace parking of cars further up Sutherland Way.

In turn then, to deal with Hill Rise becoming less congested with parked cars but risking cars speeding, speed limit signs (20mph) and/or speed calming measures should be introduced.

(Consider arrangements currently used for Tolmers Gardens. Residents there can park their own cars along this road, which is restricted against non-residents)

I respectfully advise that the full implications of your proposals - as I have described here - need to be re-visited by all affected residents with a view to a more informed decision and the safest outcome which would benefit us all.

I have copied in Mr Jason Grocock of the Parish Council, and my MP Dr Walker.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] **Sutherland Avenue, Cuffley**

[redacted]

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25th January 2018

Ka Ng, Council Offices

The Campus,

Welwyn Garden City,

Herts AL8 6AE

Hello,

We object to the proposal "to introduce restrictions in Hill Rise and Sutherland Way, Cuffley" Restriction of Waiting Order 2017 on the basis that the rest of Hill Rise will be available to park. Commuters will simply park further up Hill Rise outside our houses once required to move.

This results in bottle necks further up the road increasing traffic and potential parking hazards in the road and across our pavements.

Our original submission required all of Hill Rise to be permit holders or single yellow lines to deter potential commuters from moving their cars further into Hill Rise.

Walking distance to the station is very possible from further up Hill Rise considering we ourselves make this this walk each day to travel in to work.

We would also be concerned that planning applications in surrounding areas will push more commuters into Cuffley to park near the station. Hence the opportunity now exists to restrict the entire road which will always pose an opportunity to be within walking distance to the station for commuters.

Your Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] Hill Rise

Cuffley

Potters Bar

[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Sutherland Way
Cuffley
Herts [redacted]

Cuffley, 27/12/2017

To Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
Herts AL8 6AE

To the Executive Director of Resources, Environment and Cultural Services

L.S.,

Re.: Your reference: MM\12083 Notice of intent - statutory consultation Hill Rise and Sutherland Way

It is with rising concern that I took note of your intention to change parking restrictions as outlined in your letter d.d. 22 December last. Please take note of the following objections.

We have had a significant increase in parking issues in our road to date, most notably directly in front of the drive of our home and the parking gates of the property next to us, closest to the junction of Sutherland Way and Hill Rise. This is a favoured place to park for people who do not live in Cuffley but park there to avoid daily parking charges at the train station.

Approximately 2 weeks ago vehicles were parked on both sides of Sutherland Way in such a way that access to our road by fire rescue services would have been impossible and I was seriously concerned about the safety issue that arose as a result. When I asked the owner of a vehicle to be considerate of this in future when leaving the car for a long period of time (this vehicle was parked there for 3 days), I was met with verbal abuse and the owner of the vehicle pointed out that since there is no parking restriction, they will "bloody well park wherever they want". Residents should not have to put up with this kind of behaviour.
Sutherland Way is a narrower road than Hill Rise. Hill rise is protected by yellow lines, Sutherland Way is not.
Yellow lines in Tolmers Road and Hill Rise will now make it impossible for residents in Hill Rise to park in the road near their homes and their only parking option nearby will be our road!!! So instead of dealing with the issue, you are just shifting it up to our road - a cul-de-sac btw, which means people drive in and have to turn around to drive out again, causing extra noise and hazard.

I understand you are looking for the cheapest options but it is hugely unfair on those living with the consequences of those decisions. I would strongly like to argue that you need to provide residents with parking permits or regulate parking with exception of particular hours so that residents can use the space they need and are not inundated with vehicles that are just left there all day, causing limitations to access to drives and creating unsafe access conditions for emergency vehicles.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted] Hill Rise
Cuffley
Herts
10th January 2018

Ka Ng
Executive Director
Council Offices
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
AL8 6AE,

Dear Sirs,

Re Parking proposals for Hill Rise to the junction of Tolmers Avenue

With regard to the 'Restriction of waiting Order 2017' posted on 3rd January 2018 in relation to Hill Rise parking we would like to raise an objection and put forward an alternative proposal for your consideration.

We object to the proposals on the basis that there will be nowhere for visitors to park from Monday to Friday between the hours of 11am to 1pm outside our home on Hill Rise. They will have no alternative but to park further along Hill Rise towards Hanyards Lane or Sutherland Avenue , which are already difficult for parking and visibility. In effect it will cause further misplacement of vehicles to other parts of Cuffley.

This will also be particularly inconvenient for our visitors who are elderly and unable to walk very far , or if luggage or other larger difficult to carry objects were brought with them.

We request that the parking restrictions be changed to 'Residents parking' for one hour only between 11 pm to 12 noon Monday to Friday. This would effectively stop commuter parking but not affect too much of the day to day life of the residents. or 10 – 12 if two hours are necessary.

The suggestion would also mean that there would be no need for ugly single yellow lines on all of our section of Hill Rise and only limited double yellow lines at the top of Hill Rise which we agree are needed for safety reasons. Yellow lines are ugly and will not suit the Road as it has always been.

There is no need for double yellow lines at the junction of Hill Rise and Sutherland Avenue and we object to this proposal also. as this is purely a money making exercise !!.

We understand the reason for parking restrictions is to stop commuters from parking in Hill Rise. However the restrictions should not cause issues to the residents themselves or to residents living in nearby areas in Cuffley. We believe that our proposals will satisfy every resident's needs.

We thank you for your consideration and await your reply

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] Hill Rise, Cuffley [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] Hill Rise
Cuffley
[redacted]
22ND Jan '18

Ka NG
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Council Offices
The Campus
Welwyn Garden
Herts AL8 6AE

Dear Sir

Notice of Intent – Statutory Consultation – REF MM/12083

This is to register my PART objection to the Notice of Intent that relates to Hill Rise – SCHEDULE 1 -No Waiting Time. This proposed restriction will have the impact of extending the existing Double Yellow Lines at the junction of Hill Rise and Tolmers Avenue, across 36 Tolmers Avenue and up to and including my property – 2[redacted]

I **DO NOT** see the rationale for the Double Yellow Lines for the following reasons:

- 24 Hill Rise is not near any junction
- There is no congestion issue outside or leading up to [redacted] Hill Rise
- It will be a major inconvenience for our family – we us the 'off street 'parking in the evenings
- It will inconvenience the regular deliveries, family and friends that visit our property
- It is completely unnecessary

However, **I DO SUPPORT** imposition of the Single Yellow Lines outside [redacted] Hill Rise (and for the adjacent properties) for the following reasons:

- Commuter parking will be prevented.
- Safety will be ensured given that 4 drives concurrently open into Hill Rise
- It will ensure unobstructed view to oncoming traffic given the sharpness and steepness of our drive
- It will be 'user friendly' to deliveries and friends visiting us.

I appreciate what the CPPP are trying to achieve, but in this instance a compromise of a Single Yellow Line instead of the Double Yellow Line will be the best outcome for all.

Regards

[redacted]

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Email received : -----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 January 2018 18:03

To: parking

Subject: Mr Ka Ng ref: MM/120803 yellow lines Hill Rise Cuffley

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Dear Mr Ng,

I am writing to object to the double yellow lines you are proposing to put outside my house at [redacted] Hill Rise Cuffley. The road outside my property and the adjoining properties is almost solely used as an access road to the properties and not as a main thoroughfare for road traffic. Having double yellow lines outside would obviously cause us all problems with deliveries and visitors to our properties. If restrictions are necessary here could you instead go with residents parking ? . We have lived at this address for [redacted] years and have never experienced any problems due to parking and therefore find it difficult to see the justification for these measures.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

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[redacted] Hill Rise
Cuffley
Herts
10th January 2018

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Executive Director
Council Offices
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
AL8 6AE,

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The suggestion would also mean that there would be no need for ugly single yellow lines on all of our section of Hill Rise and only limited double yellow lines at the top of Hill Rise which we agree are needed for safety reasons.

We understand the reason for parking restrictions is to stop commuters from parking in Hill Rise. However the restrictions should not cause issues to the residents themselves or to residents living in nearby areas in Cuffley. We believe that our proposals will satisfy every resident's needs.

We thank you for your consideration and await your reply

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted] Hill Rise, Cuffley [redacted]

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Email received : From: [redacted]

Sent: 12 January 2018 13:22

To: Contact-WHC

Subject: Parking proposals for Hill Rise to the junction of Tolmers Avenue

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Dear Ka Ng

Further to the above proposal for parking restrictions in Hill Rise, I would like to raise an objection to this proposal.

The parking problems have been caused by the parking restrictions imposed near Cuffley station due to the inadequate parking spaces for commuters, which has escalated parking problems within Cuffley.

I have lived in Hill Rise, Cuffley since [redacted] and have not experienced parking issues to the extent that has now created a problem for commuters parking to force them to park as far up as Hill Rise. I do not have a problem with commuters parking outside my house, however I object wholly to single yellow lines, which for one are unsightly and ruin the street scene, I do however, appreciate that double yellow lines at junctions will help with safety aspects, which I discussed with a member of the parking team.

By having these yellow lines and parking restrictions, this will mean that there will be problems for

1. Visitors to our properties, who may be elderly or unable to walk far, after all Cuffley is quite hilly.
2. Trades people to work on our property, when needed.
3. If at home I.e. sick and have no off street parking, having to move the car during the 11am-1pm
4. Cause the road to be a faster access through Cuffley.

This action for restricting parking in Hill Rise will cause further issues to the residents of Hill Rise and therefore I hope you will reconsider your proposal and put the money that would be spent to better use for the residents of Cuffley and not be another income generator from the residents for parking.

I sincerely hope that the environment and street scene for the village of Cuffley will not become unsightly. However, If you are going to impose these restrictions, perhaps the residents should be given free parking permits?

I look forward to your feedback

Kind regards

[redacted]
[redacted] Hill Rise
Cuffley
Herts [redacted]

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[redacted] Hill Rise
Cuffley
Herts [redacted]

15th January

Ka Ng
Executive Director
Council Offices
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
AL8 6AE

Dear Sirs,

Re: Parking proposal for Hill Rise to the junction of Tolmers Avenue

I am writing to raise an objection with regards to the 'Restriction of waiting Order 2017' posted on 3rd January 2018.

I strongly object to the proposal on the basis that there will be nowhere for visitors to park from Monday to Friday between the hours of 11am – 1pm. This will be extremely inconvenient when we are having work done at the house, for cleaners, food deliveries and other deliveries.

You are also proposing double yellow lines outside my house, which means that I will be unable to park across my own drive! The only people that access this pull in area (in front of the green) are myself and my next door neighbours. So why are we being penalized?

I understand the reason for parking restrictions is to stop commuters from parking in Hill Rise, this is something that has become an increasing problem especially at the top of Hill Rise. However your proposed restrictions should not cause issues to those who actually live here.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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* Further : From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 January 2018 11:49

To: parking

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Parking proposals for Hill Rise Cuffley - VH/12083

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Dear Ms.Hatfield,

Further to your email response dated 19th March 2017, I understand from recent Council notifications, that it is still the intention to implement new parking restrictions in Hill Rise, regardless of objections raised by the people that will be affected most - the residents of Hill Rise.

I am still of the view that the proposal to put double yellow lines round the islands will cause considerable inconvenience to residents served by the access road to no's 17 & 19.

Would it be possible to have the double yellow line round the island only and a single yellow line, with restricted hours, on the opposite (pavement) side. This will serve to:

1. Stop day-long commuter parking.
2. Ensure reasonable access for residents.
3. Enable reasonable access for deliveries and services to our homes.
4. Enable parking for residents/visitors to get out of their vehicles on a level surface (rather than on the steep drive). From discussing this issue with our immediate neighbours, I know that we are not alone in this; but from a personal point of view, having to regularly ferry two sets of elderly relatives to and from our property will pose a problem, not to mention my husband who now has difficulty walking and is currently awaiting hip replacement surgery.

In addition, parking on the driveway (which is very steep) in Winter, can be very difficult for people with mobility problems to safely negotiate their way out of vehicles. For safety they can currently use our steps which are accessed from the level pavement.

I have no wish to obstruct the council in discharging their duty under the Highway Code as they interpret it, but hope that rather than a blanket application of the "regulations", there is room for a reasonable compromise that will satisfy us all.

Many thanks for your help in this matter,

Regards,

pp. [redacted]

On 19 Mar 2017, at 13:49, parking <parking@welhat.gov.uk> wrote:
Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email below.

The area you have mentioned below is supposed to be an access road for residents to be able to access their property via a dropped kerb.
It is not for vehicles to park on, as it is clearly not wide enough for vehicles to do this without parking on the pavement which prevents pedestrians been able to use the pavement.

It is in the Highway Code that parking within 10 metres of a junction is not permitted however, without the double yellow lines this is not enforceable.
Outside of the single yellow line in the other areas, there is ample parking provision but this area should remain clear at all times.

Although this scheme has reached the formal stage of the consultation, it has yet to be advertised.
Residents will be notified when this takes place and the timescales attached to this period.

Kind regards,
Parking Services

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2018 20:44
To: parking
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: [redacted] Hill Rise Parking Double Yellow lines

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Good afternoon Matthew,

Further to our recent correspondence I would like to put forward a further objection to the Double Yellow lines proposed in the slip road outside the houses of 17 to 19 & 21 to 25 Hill Rise at the junction of Hill Rise and Sutherland Avenue.

This slip road is currently used by owners to park their vehicles off of the main road of Hill Rise for safer parking and it does not restrict the traffic in Hill Rise. If this slip road were to become double yellow lines there would be a minimum of 5 extra cars parked in the main body of Hill Rise Daily.

Over the last weeks I have noticed the parking restrictions in two other local areas where there is a similar slip road and green arrangement. For example
- in Northaw, there are no parking restrictions outside St Thomas a Becket Church ; EN6 4NW on Vineyards Road, or on the slip road
- in Hertford, there are no parking restrictions around the Island in Fordwich Rise, SG14 2BW which is situated in a residential area very close to Hertford North station even though other parts of Fordwich Rise have some parking restrictions to restrict commuter parking.

Please take these points into consideration as part of the objection to the parking restrictions in Hill Rise.

Regards [redacted] Hill Rise

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From: [redacted] Sent: 04 January 2018 19:24 To: pqrking@welhat.gov.uk
Subject: Re parking at hill Rise

Re: Notice of Intent for Hill Rise and Sutherland Way (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2017.

My wife and I are objecting to the proposal of double yellow lines outside our property which is number [redacted] Hill Rise. We feel that there is no need as it is only the three properties numbers 21, 23 and 25 Hill Rise occupants and visitors who occasionally park in the layby.

We had lived in Hill Rise for ten years now with no parking problems apart from when Borris homes was constructing new builds in Kingsmead and the contractors were parking their vans from the top of Hill Rise to the bottom making the road quite busy. However with the building work now completed the parking is ok.

Looking at the map it seems the double yellow would finish at the end of number 27 then going on to single line which we feel is unfair as residents in that area can use it as parking or visitor's between certain times unlike the proposal suggest for us.

The points in the Notice of Intent about pedestrian safety and speed, in the layby it has very little usage other than by the properties occupants and certaintely not any speed!

We would encourage restrictions at the top of Hill Rise would be good for safety measures as at school times cars are parked on both sides of the road making it hard to pass.

Maybe if it came to it we could have single yellow lines with parking permits for all houses in the area?

Please can you keep us updated regarding this notice of intent.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted] Hill Rise Cuffley [redacted]