

South Park View – Map HP 87 - Gerrards Cross Town Council Partly Objects to the Proposal

Buckinghamshire Council Officer Recommendation:

Buckinghamshire Council Officers recommend proceeding to implementation as advertised except remove the double yellow lines from the right larger hammerhead (southern one). Yellow lines to cease at dropped kerb to 16a South Park View and remain removed clockwise around hammerhead to the end of the dropped kerb adjacent to 3 to 5 Beaumont Place.

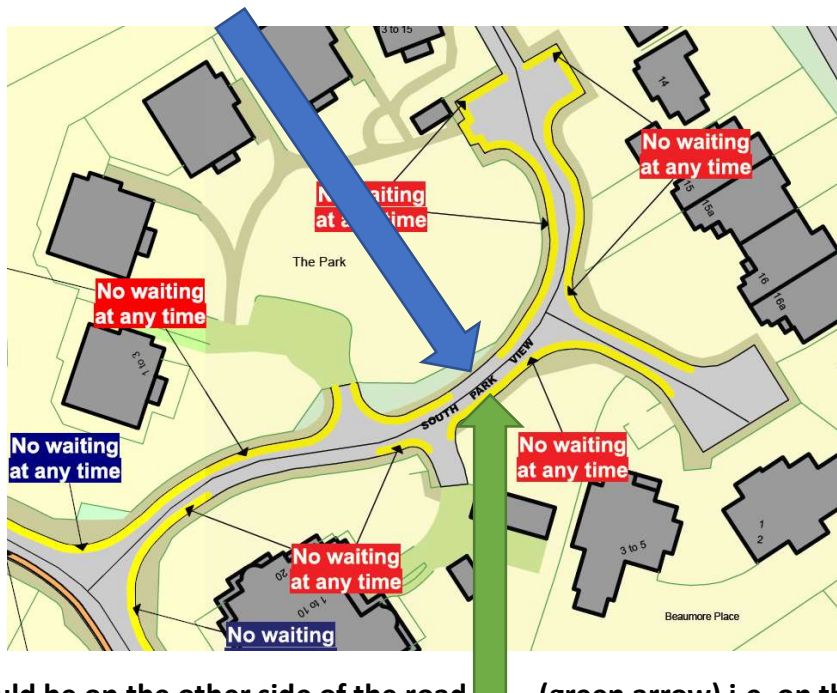
This proposal is in line with Highway Code Safety Rule 243 to maintain access for the emergency services, however it is noted that there have been no access problems reported adjacent to Beaumont Place and following detailed measurements by our engineers the larger hammerhead is able to accommodate some safe parking.

The road width approaching Beaumont Place is 5.0m. This is an insufficient width to allow parking (in order to allow largest fire appliances access). If access problems are reported in the future it may be necessary to consider formalising some parking bays and implement some further double yellow lines in the hammerhead

Gerrards Cross Town Council Recommendation:

The issue here is only in respect to one small part of the yellow lines and to which side of the road they are put on. Buckinghamshire Council Officer's recommendation as per the picture below

i.e. to have a parking bay here (blue arrow) i.e. on the left-hand side of the road going down the hill.



The parking bay should be on the other side of the road (green arrow) i.e. on the right-hand side.

The issue with this is as you go down the hill the road bends to the left and this creates a hazard to drivers as cars going down the hill could have their view obstructed by park vehicles and they would be crossing to the other side of the road to pass any parked vehicles. Likewise, going up the hill the parked vehicles would cause an obstruction to drivers views of the road.

This road does not particular have a problem with parked cars at this point in the road. The photos below were taken on Monday 26 September 2022 between 4:16pm to 4:19pm.

Gerrards Cross Town Council have suggested to the Buckinghamshire officers we should reverse the Double Yellow Lines and put the parking bay on the other side of the road (which in practice should just about allow for one more vehicle to park in the bay on the right – This will also help as we are taking a lot of unrestricted parking bays away in the area). The Buckinghamshire officers tell me they can't do this for a technical legal reason. However if the officers can't do it, they still shouldn't put in Double Yellow Lines on the right hand side of the road thereby creating a safety hazard. This road is not a particular problem at this point.

If you look at the photos below you will see (because it makes sense, safety wise) people naturally park on the other side of the road.

As already indicated to the Buckinghamshire officers it is our intention to carry out a second Public Consultation for Gerrards Cross to rectify the issues and technical Legal issues that were brought to our attention in the months and weeks which meant we couldn't proceed with the main proposals.

We have therefore suggested to the Buckinghamshire officers we take this small section of the Double Yellow Lines proposal out of report and put our revised proposal for this section of the road into the next Public Consultation. This road does not need any special Highway Code safety rules as it is not a current issue. Otherwise at the next Public Consultation proposal GXTC will have to propose to put Double Yellow Lines over this parking bay and remove Double Yellow Lines on the other side of the Road to correct the safety issue Buckinghamshire Council has created.

Gerrards Cross Town Council

10th October 2022

Photos below >



