

Appendix 2

Full responses (redacted) from the Stoke Poges Parking Consultation 16 December 2022 to 20 January 2023

Hollybush Hill
<p>I've lived on Hollybush Hill, in XXXXXXXXXXXX, for over 15 years and have never found the parked cars a problem or dangerous. What is dangerous is the speed which cars travelling along it. Even being so close to a junction at times it is like a race track, the parked cars actually act as a natural buffer slowing the cars down, restricting this is going to open the road up making it even more dangerous. I have actually started parking my car outside XXXXXXXXXXXX on Hollybush Hill, instead of on Broom Hill which I will no longer be able to do on either roads with the new proposal, just to try and make it safer for my son, XXXXXXXX, to cross the road when walking to school. My car, which is 80% the only car parked on the road from the junction of Broom Hill right up until the Rose and Crown, slows cars down which have turned onto it from the B416 giving my son half a chance of crossing the road safely as well as children who are walking to and from the XXXXXX Secondary School.</p> <p>Occasionally, possibly once every 3 months, there is a Wake or function at The Rose and Crown and customer's park on Hollybush Hill or Sefton Paddock but this is for a very short space of time and doesn't cause a problem to warrant double yellow lines. The pub are always quick to ask any customer to move their car if parked dangerously.</p> <p>This seems like a complete waste of the councils resources, all double yellow lines are going to do is make the road more dangerous. Where is the evidence supporting this proposal as I would say 80% of the time when I look out of the window there are no cars parked on the road where the double yellow lines are gong to be except for mine?</p>
<p>The proposed plans appear to just put the pressure of the pub parking further away from the pub, thus moving it to in front of my property. If the road is cleared due to these plans the vehicles that use this road will have a clear route to speed as we have seen in the past.</p>
<p>The cars speeding down this rd is absolutely ridiculous, this will only make it more of a race track and my concern is for young children and the elderly, also this will just move parking to surrounding roads, it will no doubt have a impact on our business</p>
<p>What makes Hollybush Hill dangerous is not the parking but the speed in which cars travel along. All yellow lines are going to do is open up the road so cars can drive even faster making it a death trap. I have lived at XXXXXXXXXXXX, Hollybush Hill for 16 years and have never had any problems with dangerous parking so I'm baffled where this idea has suddenly come from. The council should be looking into how to reduce the speed on the road, ie speed humps or a speed camera not making it into a race track.</p>
<p>No reason to put double yellows, a waste of money. And also jeopardises our local pub</p>
<p>Totally unnecessary to put yellow lines along the roads mentioned. Would be a waste of the councils time and money</p>
<p>Double yellow lines outside the Rose and Crown would severely hamper people wishing to patronise this very community orientated public house</p>
<p>Yellow lines are not needed outside the rose & crown pub. Waste of public money which is in short supply & will affect trade of a much needed community asset</p>
<p>Your proposal will only put cars on to Broome Hill and Sefton padock I have lived in the village for 52 years and the parking was alot worse years ago I do not see why yellow lines are appearing ?</p>
<p>To be honest I've been a patron of the rose and crown for about five years and in that time I</p>

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have only ever seen overcrowding of cars when there has been a wake and that is standard anywhere you have a death, please do not do this as this is the only public house in the village that's been there over eighty years and to put yellow lines in a place where there is no real traffic I absolutely mental, and listening to a couple of people moaning, well, shouldn't of moved next to a pub, end of

I personally believe parking is challenging in the area at the best of times. Also, given the Rose and Crown being central hub for the community, presumably already struggling to survive (comparable to the other pubs in the area having failed - 6 Bells and Dog & Pot), I believe these acts would further damage the trade this pub makes.

I am strongly against these proposals.

Your reasons for yellow lines do not actually make sense. Having them only halfway down the road is pointless. Your time would be better spent fixing potholes in Broom Hill road and pavements instead of fixing a non problem.

If you put double yellow lines in place. People will just park outside resident houses

Cars slow down oncoming traffic down the road, making the road safer which is especially important considering the residential area and school later on down the road.

I don't want people parking on residential streets

Not only will this affect residents parking in the cottages that run along hollybush hill to broom hill but it will also affect much needed additional parking for the local family pub, the rose and crown.

In addition, to remove the ability for cars to be able to park there will only further increase the speeding of cars passing through- creating a real risk of injury to life on a well know walking route to 2 local schools.

The money that would be used for this would be better placed putting in much needed zebra crossings at both school and reducing the speed limit in both areas to 20Mph

Putting double yellow lines there will make the road much more unsafe as cars will be able to travel down there with more speed, cars parking on the road slows other road users down

The cars travel very fast down this road when there is cars parked it slows the traffic down, if you going to put in double yellow lines you will need speed humps from the top of holly bush hill to school lane ...

And my friends are worried that the cars will start parking in other surrounding roads... Pointless exercise.. and a waste of money and time

By putting double yellow lines on Hollybush Hill would be a big inconvenience to the parking of the cottages and make the road an even more of a race track than it is now. How will the people think that want this feel after the first fatality ?

Putting double yellow road lines on Bell's hill will effect the business of the only village pub in Stoke Poges, as this is a very professional run business it should be left to support the village people. what should be proposed is how to reduce the speed of the traffic that uses Bell's hill as a RACE TRACK endangering the public and pedestrians and the people who live on Bell's hill.

The pub is the centre of the community for Stoke Poges and a popular venue for all. I personally often take my elderly mother there who is frail and unable to get out often. Being

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able to stop and allow her to get out without having to rush is invaluable. She looks forward to her visits and lunches there. I know this applies to many other villagers and it would be a shame for them if they were not able to still frequent the pub.
I disagree with the double red lines in Hollybush Hill. Traffic is not a problem and we have the village pub in the street and there is ample space for cars to park safely and for traffic to safely pass. It's going to be extremely damaging for the village pub which is the centre of our community and hosts many community events. It will do long lasting damage to the village.
It'll harm the centre of our village as the only village pub is there. The road is safely run at the moment with sufficient space for cars to park and others to pass safely. Please don't ruin our village.
It will be detrimental to the business of the Rose and Crown Pub to have double yellow lines outside. There is already limited parking.
Unnecessary, especially extending as far as the Rose and Crown. Parked cars is a free and effective way to reduce speeding.
It will make people park on the grass verge opposite the house. It will cause even more parking problems for the local pub.
Putting in yellow lines outside homes and businesses will adversely affect the residents and their visitors. There has been no serious accidents and in the 13 years I've lived in the village I have never had an issue with traffic on Hollybush Hill whilst driving between my home and my gym on Wexham Street. Nobody will gain from this proposal and many people will lose out. There are many elderly people living on that road with small or no driveways. This will restrict their ability to have visitors at a time of their lives when they need them most. The village pub will lose custom from families etc at a time when public houses across the country are still reeling from the effect of Covid.
There are a number of vehicles that park on this road on a regular basis, These are mainly resident, if restricted parking or no parking is introduced the parking concerns will be pushed on to additional streets. In effect with every action there is a consequence and I respectfully ask that these are fully considered, please don't try to solve a non issue and in doing so create a real issue.
I live in Sefton Paddock, not where the yellow lines are proposed, but further along. I don't see that these lines are necessary as we have a very wide opening at the end of our road (Sefton Paddock) and therefore when cars park on the corner of my road, there is no problem with viewing the main road to safely come in or out. This is a valued local pub and I also think this would affect their business which would be a really shame , given that the owners are always very supportive and put in community events. If the parking is as a major issue I would understand but I am a resident of this road and I believe adding yellow lines would not be advantageous. I have lived in Sefton Paddock for 19 years and have never felt that the parking by the Rose and Crown pub has caused a huge problem. It would potential cause more problems for residential of houses with yellow lines outside. Where would they then park on a regular basis? They have lived for many years with parking and will have to find themselves searching for spaces up the road, which seems very unfair.

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Having lived in Sefton Paddock for many years, I have never felt unsafe either entering or leaving my road. I believe yellow lines to be unnecessary .

I believe parking will be taken away from residents who have had these facilities for many years, where will they go?

The pub is a lovely village pub and a local asset which we should be supporting, not making their lives more difficult and potentially affecting trade when this action is unnecessary!

I believe that the addition of parking restrictions as described would in fact have a detrimental affect on road safety. I used to live on Hollybush Hill next door to the Rose and Crown and the cars that parked outside the pub actually acted as a restriction on the road and meant people did not speed on this section if vehicles were parked so I think if there was no parking cars would speed along this stretch h. Are there any plans for speed restriction measures to be put in place?

I do not believe yellow lines are required on Hollybush Hill particularly near the Rose and Crown pub. The lines will probably mean people parking further along the road or nearby roads and hence not feasible. The area is also well known for cars speeding and the proposed changes ie removing parked vehicles will only encourage further speeding as the parked cars act as a deterrent.

I think the recommendation for Hollybush Hill is excessive. There are times when cars race up/down this road and the fact that there is sometimes cars parked here encourages the speeders to slow down. I would like to see speed bumps installed rather than yellow lines.

I am also concerned that if yellow lines extend into Broom Hill it will force parking further into these roads taking away visitors parking.

I strongly object to the proposal of Yellow lines on Hollybush Hill due to the negative impact it will have on the businesses located there, especially the only village pub which provides a social hub for the community. It will also have an impact for cars being able to park outside houses which either have a small or no driveway.

I feel it will effect the pubs business and we as a village don't need yellow lines.

It affects the business of the pub and I do not feel like this should be imposed.

Not needed. This is a village. We do not need yellow lines on a rural road. Do not waste our tax payers money on this. Spend it on something more viable.

There is no need for additional yellow lines on Hollybush Hill. The parked cars help to slow down traffic. Residents do not have driveways which will lead to cars being parked around the village. The lack of parking will also negatively impact local businesses such as the Rose & Crown public house.

Not all households have been informed of these proposals. Broom Hill residents have heard nothing.

Double yellow lines will indirectly cause speeding on Hollybush Hill as parked vehicles slow down traffic.

It will cause great inconvenience to, the users of the Rose and Crown local public house which is used daily for lunches by the senior citizens of the village and beyond. It would possibly mean they would have to destroy their pub garden to make extra parking.

Many cottages in the road have no off street parking, where will they park. Possibly start parking on grass verge opposite (as is done corner Rowley Lane/Wexham Street on visual

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splay)

Many will then start parking in Broom Hill and Sefton close.

My daughter and family have lived in XXXXXXXXXX for the past 15 years and never in all these years have I found a problem with cars parked on Hollybush Hill or Broom Close both of which I use when visiting in my own car. In fact I think that the occasional parked car slows the traffic down; yellow lines will only encourage the high speed at which some drivers travel up and down the road with complete disregard for pedestrians, many being children walking to and from school, and other road users. Where are the residents expected to park their cars if these proposals go ahead?

I strongly believe yellow lines are not required and will increase speeding along the road. I also believe residents should be allowed to park outside their homes.

Also, neighbouring properties were not aware of the scheme, which seems very unfair.

I visit my sister who lives on Hollybush Hill and whose drive also leads onto Broom Hill & regularly park on Hollybush Hill as there is nowhere else to do so.

I also take my niece and nephew to school and back upto 4 days a week and park outside my sisters house on Hollybush Hill and walk to the school to reduce the traffic and also free up parking for other parents who have further to travel.

I have visited my sister for 15 years on Hollybush Hill and i have never been aware that cars parked have posed a problem. If anything they slow down the traffic which goes up and down the road.

I really do not know what the sense in yellow lines would be and what benefit this would bring. Where on earth are people suppose to park?? There is barely enough parking at Bells Hill Shops as it is? I was raised in Stoke Poges and have never known before for there to be an issue with cars parked on Holy Bush Hill. More cars on the road surely means there needs to be roads which people can use to park.

I don't think it is necessary and will also cause people to park in other neighbouring roads, therefore disrupting local residents.

There is never any issue with this road, nice big road that has never been an issue. Would be a waste of money

I feel it will effect the pubs business and we as a village don't need yellow lines.

Dear sirs

I believe the Holly Bush Hill RTO should be cancelled and that it should never have reached this stage, at what is already a significant cost to the us the tax payers .

To the best of my knowledge this RTO first appeared on the Stoke Poges, Parish Council minutes in Oct 2022 and it came DOWN from Bucks County Council. This in its self is unusual, normally it would have originate at Parish level and move up to the County Council. It originated when only 2 Stoke Poges residents raising their concerns, at what must have been County Council level (this was confirmed to me by the Parish Council at their meeting on the 9th Jan 2023)

ONLY 2 PEOPLE ! how could this happen ?

It is my belief that this RTO is being driven by someone or some group of individuals within

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or that have influence within the County Council, otherwise this RTO would have never reached this stage.

In regards to the 3 reasons on the Statement of Reasons document.

1/ In my 51 years as a resident here, there has never been, to the best of my knowledge an accident at this junction, There are numerous junctions in the village that are far more dangerous.

2/ It would be better to hinder the passage of traffic on this road and reduce its speed, not to facilitate its passage at ever increasing speeds.

3/ The only amenity this RTO affects is The Rose & Crown the only pub left in our village, the RTO's effect would be detrimental as it would directly affect its disabled and elderly customers,

None of the 3 reasons on the RTO are valid.

Another serious concern is that if this RTO is approved it will create a legal precedent ?

Any 2 residents of the village could request and demand parking restrictions on any junction they thought was in their view a problem.

How could the Parish or County council refuse them and at what cost

Also the police already have the powers to deal with any vehicles they consider to be an obstruction or hazard on Holly Bush Hill, this without the blight of more yellow lines and the cost to us the tax payers.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of Admiral Taverns who own the freehold interest of the Rose & Crown Public House, which is on Hollybush Hill, and which will be seriously impacted by the proposal to restrict on-road parking..

The Rose & Crown is a small public house which has been serving the community for over 50 years with an active role in raising funds for local charities and providing somewhere warm and inviting for members of the community to spend time in a safe and friendly environment. The beer garden to the rear is designed to be family friendly so therefore catering for all age groups of Stoke Poges. The pub is a regular winner of the most colourful pub in Stoke Poges and surrounding villages being presented with the winners award for "Flower In Bloom" competition again in 2022.

The Rose & Crown has only a small car park and relies on customers to be able to park on Hollybush Hill to visit it.

The imposition of double yellow lines directly outside the pub and in the immediate vicinity will seriously impact upon the viability of the Rose & Crown, reducing customers' ability to use the pub facilities at a time when all community pubs are being hit with rising costs and declining customer confidence.

Given our experience where similar schemes have been implemented, we are opposed to this proposal which appears to have very little in the way of public support, and which will

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impact upon the trade of the Rose & Crown.

Hi there

With regards to the opposed double yellow lines being put onto Hollybush Hill, we would like to oppose against these going ahead.

There are a number of reasons for this:

1) This road will be a death trap as cars thunder down this road at present and as my neighbour won't be able to park outside her house now this is going to make it more of a death trap!

2) At present my son goes to our Local School & crosses this road twice a day - again the speeding cars will be a nightmare.

3) There is very few cars that park along Hollybush Hill - so why need these double yellows put in??

4) Why not have speed bumps & cameras put in to stop these speeding cars, double yellow lines won't!!

5) Why is it that only a handful of residents received the letter from yourselves- we haven't had one. Only knew about it from a Neighbour.

6) Also how come the Parish Council have approved this without all Residents knowing about it!

We strongly oppose this and would be grateful for some feedback, as honestly cannot see how this will work as people will park in other residential roads which will then upset Neighbours etc..

Is your consultation for only Rogers lane, or for that and hollybush hill, because they are two completely separate areas within Stoke Poges?

Dear Sirs

As residents of Broom Hill, we find it difficult to turn right on to Hollybush Hill due to cars parked up to the junction of Broom Hill. These parked cars on Hollybush Hill cause a blind spot.

Yours faithfully

Rogers Lane
<p>Extending the double yellow lines on Duffield lane would mean there is inadequate parking for myself and visitors as we do not have parking at the cottages we live on. I do not support the extension of yellow lines at all.</p>
<p>Our property is one of four properties whereby there is no driveway, however there has been limited parking within the surrounding areas. From reviewing the proposal, this is going to limit the parking further which has no benefit to us, especially being a family with young children. I appreciate there needs to be some double yellow lines by the school for safety purposes (we have another property opposite a school in Middlesex which has double yellow lines on the school side). However I do not see any reason why the road opposite the school should become double yellow lined - there's no disruption to the school or the houses along that road as they have ample parking in their driveways</p>
<p>In order for this to be a viable option for us, we will need allocated parking spaces to our property. There is a piece of dead land next to the school and Winterclyde on the corner. When the approvals for the yellow lines are submitted, can you also submit approval for the land to be changed to allocated parking for the 4 properties down Rogers Lane that do not have driveways?</p>
<p>I'm a little perturbed why I would need double yellow lines outside my home when the issue is with the school users parents being unable to park correctly and too many out of area children going to a small village school, shouldn't that be dealt with properly before making residents suffer? I no longer have a car and need items delivered to my door, how is that going to work??</p>
<p>The part of Rogers Lane between the Community Hall junction with Bells Hill (B416), and the Stoke Poges School is chaotically busy, with the entrance to the Hall car park as well as school traffic. Rogers Lane is also a very busy 'rat-run' for traffic travelling between the B416 and the A355 at Farnham Royal. Consequently, there is often a build up of traffic which backs up and onto the B416. This part of the road is a safety hazard particularly for schoolchildren. The zone of no parking should extend all the way along this part of the road.</p>
<p>Double Yellow lines in Rogers Lane will potentially affect the residents and their visitors parking, even out of school hours when there is not normally an issue. Surely it would be better to bring in a permit scheme whereby residents can freely park in Rogers Lane out of school hours. Any scheme brought in will only be effective if it is policed which I doubt will happen anyway. Double yellow lines will also affect any deliveries to residents. The measures proposed once again seem to unduly penalise residents when the issue is with the amount of traffic generated by the school, all of which was pointed out at the meeting held with the then councillors when they proposed opening up the catchment area, who said it wouldn't be a problem! The same objections that were raised when the Pioneer School was proposed, the traffic issues which have now come to fruition.</p>
<p>I don't think we need a no waiting at anytime but restrictions during the week make sense due to the traffic caused by parents during school pickup and drop off. Other times out of school there are minimal issues.</p>
<p>The problem is parking at school times. The solution is to widen the road (as there are enormous grass verges), so that cars can safely park at the side of the road. Secondly, why include Hollybush Hill in this? It's far away from the school in Rogers Lane. If this is about parking at the Pioneer Academy school in Hollybush Hill, then it should be</p>

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covered under a separate consultation. Don't mix and confuse the two.

Thirdly, this hasn't been effectively discussed at the Parish Council yet.

I do believe something needs to be done regarding the school parking, but what on earth do you expect parents to do when it's freezing cold or raining, parents with young children? Shorten the catchment area for the school and you wouldn't have so many cars on the roads. Putting double yellow lines is a ridiculous move, you are just pushing the traffic round the rest of the village!!