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| 1 & 2 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | Regards proposals on Coates Lane. We live opposite [...] the park on Coates Lane and our lives are made hell with the parking. We constantly witness dangerous parking, especially around the bend and sometimes on both sides of the road, in the road. Cars come flying down Coates Lane from Downley and we cannot believe no one has been killed yet. The only way this will possible work is if the double yellow lines shown are policed effectively. The lines that are currently there, despite our constant emails and calls, are not in anyway adequately policed. This means cars are parked wherever they like and whenever they like. Why does the park, which is a great park for kids and very well used, not have an appropriate car park. A car park will be the only way to stop the parking problem but we realise that this will not happen due to space. Therefore, if we can be promised that the parking restrictions will be policed adequately then you have our support. |
| 3 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | These parking restrictions are long overdue and we welcome the double yellow lines at the start of [...], Wyndham Avenue, junction with Coates Lane as it's currently very dangerous when cars are parked right on the junction. However, once the double yellow lines are in place, members of the public will simply start parking further up Wyndham Avenue, making it difficult for us residents to pull out safely from our driveways, especially since Wyndham Avenue is used all day by all the driving schools and the driving test centre for learner drivers to practise their hill starts. Therefore, there should really be no parking along the entire length of Wyndham Avenue. |
| 4 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | Double yellow lines on bends on both sides of the road would be good. Alternatives: 1) Convert straight verge to layby parking concrete blocks, between Disraeli and Wyndham. 2) Allow parking both sides between Disraeli and Wyndham, gives more parking and traffic calming. 3) Present proposal, not be enough parking spaces, massive increase in parking during summer months. Coates Lane Car Park not big enough, massive overspill onto Coates Lane, Disraeli and Tancred. 5) Further extend the double yellow lines up Disraeli and Tancred junctions. Cars permanently parked up Disraeli Reversing out problematic, have to bump up over the kerbstone. Also difficult for council bin lorries and construction vehicles, cause damage to tree. Adopting 2) above would lessen parking in Disraeli. 6) Too much parking between Disraeli and Tancred, adopting 2) would also alleviate this. 7) Cost of creating a layby using concrete blocks on straight bit is minimised. |
| 5 | High Wycombe resident | No | Parking on verges should be facilitated. Proposal places higher priority on up-keep of grass than encouraging safe use of park. Verges should be turned into sustainable parking spaces, with time-limits implemented to prevent long-stay permanent parking. Encouraging parking on-street will create further dangers than already exist - children exiting cars to use Hughenden Park/playground will need to exit onto road (which will become congested single lane as a result of carriageway parking), rather than onto safe verge. Removing double-yellow lines at entrance to Hughenden Playground is highly dangerous suggestion, bordering on negligent. Needs meaningful, purpose-built traffic calming measures. Parked cars on road will not dissuade anti-social/dangerous driving. Proper traffic calming such as speed-bumps, average speed cameras and safe-crossing should be deployed on stretch of Coates Lane from Wyndham Ave to Jumelle Mews to prevent repeat of 2 serious car crashes in past 12mths. |
| 6 | High Wycombe resident | No | I think this proposal would be more dangerous than the current situation. I live opposite the park and when cars do park on the road rather than on the verge, it is nearly impossible for me to get out of my driveway as there is insufficient turning space available when cars are parked there. This would push residents onto turning on pavements which is more dangerous than the current situation. I suggest formalising the verge parking by paving it over so that we make space for cars to park safely. We have lots of green space in the park so I think there is limited argument for keeping the verge in this particular location. The small car park doesn't seem to have enough space for people and is not an easy walk to the playground for parents, so it makes sense to provide proper parking spaces on the verge to encourage people to come and visit. Having cars parked along a road on a corner is asking for trouble - reduced visibility and children going into the road to get into vehicles. |
| 7 | High Wycombe resident | No | The carpark at Coates Lane is permanently full. The same cars that do not move. If the carpark was used/policed in the manner in which it should people would not have a need to park on the verges. I have reported the cars that park there 24/7 months on end but nothing is done |
| 8 | High Wycombe resident | No | Extending the yellow lines on Coates Lane will simply force the people that visit the park by car to park up the three roads at right angles to Coates Lane and beyond. This will have a direct impact on residents. It would be better to make a permanent parking bay along Coates lane where the cars park already. In addition it should be made clear that the car park is NOT for residents of the |



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| | | | townhouses opposite but for the use of visitors to the park. But of course, no restrictions are of use if they are not enforced. Painting yellow lines is the cheap option but not the answer to the problem |
| 9 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | Very pleased to see this has been proposed. It's dangerous with all the cars parked along and on the paths, it's an Accident waiting to happen. It's also awful to see the verges being destroyed. Very unsightly |
| 10 | High Wycombe resident | No | I agree with there being a restriction on parking on the bend near the playground. But worried if your stopping people parking on the verges further round between Disraeli Crescent and Wyndham Avenue that it will only mean that people will park further up Disraeli Crescent and Wyndham Avenue outside peoples houses. Can I suggest that you take away the grass verges and turn them into lay-bys between Disraeli Crescent and Wyndham Avenue instead and that would leave room for passing cars. |
| 11 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | This is an action that has been required for years. I used to live in Disraeli Crescent and as secretary of the residents association I wrote many letters to Wycombe District Council requesting some method of slowing traffic using Coated Lane and trying to alleviate the problems caused by inconsiderate parking outside the park. I am pleased that something is being done at last |
| 12 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | No comments left |
| 13 | High Wycombe resident | No | Verges should be turned into parking spaces, with 2hr time-limits implemented to prevent long-stay permanent parking. Encouraging parking on-street will increase dangers than already exist - children exiting cars to use Hughenden Park/playground will need to exit onto road (which will become congested single lane as a result of carriageway parking), rather than onto safe verge. Removing double-yellow lines at entrance to Hughenden Playground is highly dangerous. Coates lane requires purpose-built traffic calming measures. Parked cars on road will not dissuade anti-social/dangerous driving. Proper traffic calming such as several speed-bumps, and safe-crossing i.e. Zebra crossings should be added along Coates Lane, from Wyndham Ave to Jumelle Mews. This will allow safe parking, reduce speeding/racing and allow safe access to the park and playground from the other side of the road. We need to reduce serious road traffic incidents and worries. |
| 14 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | This is about time. It will though mean very little if a. The changes are not enforced, and b. The grass verges are not tended to and maintained so that they have a better appearance (which appears to be an outcome), and c. Local residents are not subject to inconsiderate parking outside their houses. |
| 15 | High Wycombe resident | No | On coates lane, please make marked parking places 70% on the green verge and 30% on the road. A This will not block the pavement. B this will not block the road. C but this will slow traffic while not causing congestion. P S Ventilated bricks for the parking spaces would allow water to drain, and grass to grow. |
| 16 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | About time something was done. Will need enforcement otherwise a waste of time. Coates lane car park rules also need to be changed to stop students and residents abusing and freeing up parking for park users (many do not know of car park existence!) Installation of bollards would prevent parking on verges (even when yellow lines are in place). |
| 17 | High Wycombe resident | No | I don't believe this is the best use of the verge. You should instead build parking bays along that stretch up to the park entrance by Tancred. Ensure you have double yellow lines on the turn between disraeli crescent and tancred road but also installed bollards on the verge if you want to ensure people are not going to park there. you should review the current usage of the existing car park as some vehicles are parked there currently for days and i understand this car park is for visitor of the park, which is clearly not the case. In regards speed restrictions, you should move all of Coates Lane to 30 miles, there is no reason for this stretch between Wyndham avenue and downley to be at national speed limit and install speed ramp or islands where needed. As you are not cutting the grass that junction by wyndham is more dangerous than ever. |



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| 18 | High Wycombe resident | No | All this will do is cause an accident. Open up the verges as they are already mudpits. Put yellow lines all the way up tancred road and add traffic calming speed bumps in Coates lane to stop the speeding cars. |
| 19 | High Wycombe resident | No | What has happened to the plan which was produced several years ago, accepted & as far as I'm aware which was waiting for funding? This latest proposal is a diluted version and will increase congestion & inconvenience particularly for people like myself who use Coates Lane on a regular basis.. Furthermore if it went ahead it would be a waste of planners time & money. For such a plan to work requires regular policing by traffic wardens. I haven't seen a traffic warden on Coates Lane for a long time or evidence (tickets on cars) either. My solution would be. Use the money saved by shelving further work on this project for replacing the Wycombe Council signs stating 'no parking on the verges' with Bucks CC signs and any balance put towards more traffic warden patrols. |
| 20 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | <p>As a local resident parking along Coates Lane has been an issue for at least 10 years and more recently speeding cars has added to residents' frustration. So, it is pleasing that the Council has this on the table to resolve. To keep things easy, I shall just list my observations to the proposal if I may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Informal' parking restrictions I fear are not sufficient to stop excessive speeding in Coates Lane as it seems what is proposed whilst attempting to tackle parking and thereby excessive speeds will not help with speeds late at night/early morning as nobody is using the park at these times. As a resident I see most of the excessive speed of cars between Disraeli Crescent , past Wyndham Avenue up to the Downley Guide & Scout Centre. There does not appear to be any real measures that curtail these other than, again, the hope that the odd car might park on Coates Lane. • I would suggest that there should be no parking at all on Coates Lane on the bend between Tancred Road & Disraeli Crescent as this already leaves drivers 'blind' as to what is coming in the opposite direction? Also why not consider parking on just one side of Coates Lane not both? • There are already parking restrictions on Coates Lane which are not enforced so I do wonder whether new and additional will be? I have myself reported a van parked on double yellows lines 4 days before submitting my email and it is still illegally parked with no ticket. [...] Hopefully you understand my point. • I do wonder what the plans are for Hughenden Boulevard between Coate Lane & Hughenden Avenue (this road has yet to be adopted) as this might have some impact and in particular in regard to Hughenden Park Car Park, which I now see you have referred to as Coates Lane Car Park. Do I read anything into this? <p>This car park was originally designed as the car park for the park and additionally has an overnight parking restriction. Neither of these are enforced as they are used by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students – lets not be so naïve that this is not the case; • Residents of Park View Crescent. One has admitted such to me as there is insufficient car parking for them at the rear of their house. • People working in the town. Some staff working close by do this. I walk past this car park on a daily basis and know the above to be facts. How about this car park is locked at say between 21.00 – 09.00 hours. Cars parked at 1.00 a.m. are clearly not visiting the park! • An attempt to stop cars parking on the grass verge must be applauded however again this has to be enforced. I do wonder whether adequately spaced bollards might be better as again I do fear that notices and the continuing struggle to enforce anything might become an issue. I am sure you will agree we do not want the whole exercise not to provide the desired outcomes & all your hard work to be wasted. |
| 21 | High Wycombe resident | No | <p>We refer to your letter and plan for a proposal to amend the parking on Coates Lane, delivered in paper form to some residents on 17 May 2024. We are surprised that no reference is made to the existing proposal which was developed over many years of consultation and understood by residents to be in the final stages of financial agreement and actual works on site.</p> <p>This scheme is similar, but we feel, less effective in dealing with the difficult problems to address the demand for safe parking for visitors to the park and play area. Our concerns include the probable progression of parking into the local residential roads and poor control of speeding at the entry from 60mph to 30mph zones.</p> <p>This proposal produces dangerous junctions at Tancred Road and Disraeli Crescent due to unrestricted parking further onto the estate roads. There is also a lack of safe sight line at the higher speed junction of Wyndham Avenue producing a possible accident black spot. We are concerned at the poor allowable parking facility for regular visitors with children near the paly area, at the expense of a clear way for speeding traffic and the apparent preservation of grass on the local verge. This problem needs a better solution to reduce danger to children and families.</p> |



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| | | | <p>This scheme imposes restrictions that must be understood by visitors, therefore clear notices are required to allow residents, in the absence of appointed authority, to assist in the protection of this special environment. We therefore ask that more understanding of these and many other problems are addressed before any final proposal is undertaken.</p> |
| 22 & 23 | High Wycombe resident | Yes | <p>We agree with the proposal to prohibit verge parking between Disraeli Crescent and Wyndham Avenue, which will encourage users to park on the carriageway. We also agree that double yellow lines should be added around the junctions from Coates Lane to Wyndham Avenue and from Coates Lane to Disraeli Crescent. However, we cannot understand the logic behind the other proposals.</p> <p>Some time ago the council spent a large sum building an excellent play facility in the park which, quite rightly, attracts many visitors, but did not provide any suitable car park parking facilities. Whatever changes are implemented, this fundamental problem needs to be addressed. The ideal solution of course would be a car park within Hughenden Park near the play area, but we understand this would be expensive. The Coates Lane car park has a sign saying it is for users of the open space (presumably this means Hughenden Park) but in practise it is used as a residents' car park by the nearby new houses. There is a 24 hour parking limit but this is not enforced.</p> <p>The current situation is that users park on the verge near the play area so they are off the road where there is a bend. We cannot see any problem with this and the council should formalise this arrangement. Extension of double yellow lines is proposed in this area around the bend in Coates Lane from Disraeli Crescent to Tancred Road and, if implemented, signs would be needed to clarify that parking completely off the carriageway is allowed.</p> <p>The most dangerous part of this area is the junction of Tancred Road with Coates Lane. This does have double yellow lines close to the junction but this does not stop cars parking slightly further up the road. Unlike the other junctions, Tancred Road has a significant bend so cars coming down Tancred Road cannot see the junction until they are near the bottom, where they are often confronted with cars approaching on their side, because these cars have had to move over to pass parked cars at the bottom of Tancred Road. I have seen several near misses here. The biggest contribution to safety would be to extend the double yellow lines up to at least the first house in Tancred Road and whatever else the council decide to do we would urge them to include this.</p> <p>The proposed gap in the yellow lines on Coates Lane between Tancred Road and Hughenden Boulevard is only big enough to allow three parked cars. Whilst this would provide some traffic calming, the contribution to parking provision is negligible and will just be used by residents.</p> <p>If the proposals go ahead as in the council's documentation, this will simply force users to park even more on Tancred Road and Disraeli Crescent near their junctions with Coates Lane which will make the whole area even more hazardous. I hope you find these comments helpful</p> |
| 24 | High Wycombe resident | No | <p>I would like to thank you for the letter which you have sent regarding the traffic calming in Coates Lane.</p> <p>While I can see that what you are proposing may work during peak times when the park is in use and very busy I think that this will not work early mornings, evenings and at night when the park is not in use as there would be very few vehicles parked on the road which you are proposing to slow vehicles down. The same would apply to rainy days again when the park is not so busy and also in the Winter months.</p> <p>This road is used as a rat run from one end of Wycombe to the other, cutting out the town centre.</p> <p>It is also used by drivers to see how fast they can travel before the national speed limit signs and how fast they can travel into the 30 mph area. The side roads of late are being used by drivers to do doughnuts.</p> <p>I think it would be far better to have speed bumps and secanes put in place which would curtail drivers from using it as a race track, very similar to the road at the back of Kingsmead which works very well I believe.</p> <p>To have some sort of police presence from time to time on the road would, I believe, also help.</p> <p>We did have speed monitoring on the road by some residents but they have to wear yellow jackets which does not stop speeding, but does slow some drivers down. We also did have a sign showing your speed. Unfortunately this only encourages some people to see how fast the signs shows them going as they know no action will be taken</p> <p>I believe no one has been hurt yet , but it is an accident waiting to happen !!</p> <p>Who would also police the parking on grass verges, we have restrictions around the corner by the park but it is not really dealt with.</p> <p>The road is also a litter bin for gas canister users with them regularly being disposed of along Coates Lane, as per our regular litter pick pictures show.</p> |



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| 25 & 26 | High Wycombe resident | No | <p>Thank you for consulting us on the proposed restrictions on parking in Coates Lane. We agree that action needs to be taken to protect the verges and slow down speeding traffic along the Lane though as much of that is in the late evening and night, your proposals will not address that problem. We would suggest one or two speed humps also be installed as part of the plans.</p> <p>Further, the plans will not work unless enforced. Parking on existing double yellow lines is commonplace – it will need enforcement if the new plan is to work. The double yellows at the Coates Lane/Tancred Road junction should be extended further up Tancred Road to improve vision when turning into the Road. A dedicated space for the ice cream van at the play area should be considered.</p> <p>Finally the parking restrictions in the Hughenden Park Car Park off Coates Lane should be enforced – it is a permanent long term parking area at the moment for students and commuters and is not serving the needs of park visitors.</p> |
| 27 & 28 | High Wycombe Resident | Yes | <p>I am just emailing to confirm my support with the implementation of verge parking restrictions and amendments to existing waiting restrictions on Coates Lane, High Wycombe. It has been dangerous for far too long and this would be such an improvement.</p> |