



Lockers Park Lane Consultation Report

Lockers Park Lane, Bury Hill and Melsted Road
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Dacorum Borough Council

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The consultation period ran for 21 days from **13th November to 4th December 2019**.

The consultation included properties located on the following roads:

- Lockers Park Lane
- Melsted Road
- Bury Hill

The consultation documents were hand delivered to 18 properties in the affected area of the proposals. Notices were also erected in the area to inform of the proposals and consultation.

A total of 3 individual responses were received from residents in the affected area which equates to an overall response rate of 17%.

2 stakeholder responses were also submitted as part of the consultation.

The majority of responses 4 of 5 (80%) were in favour of progressing the scheme proposals.



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1. INTRODUCTION

Dacorum Borough Council propose to make changes to the current parking arrangements on Lockers Park Lane at the junction with Bury Hill and Melsted Road to improve safety at school drop off and pick up times.

Dacorum Borough Council propose the following:

To apply single yellow line restrictions to the areas indicated on the consultation plan which will operate **Monday to Friday 8:15am - 5:30pm.**

These restrictions will mean that no vehicles should park on this section of Lockers Park Lane, Bury Hill and Melsted Road between the intended hours of operation.

The proposed Lockers Park Lane, Bury Hill and Melsted Road Single Yellow Line Restriction Plan can be found in **Appendix A** of this report along with the consultation letter.

DBC consulted local stakeholders and residents on Lockers Park Lane, Bury Hill and Melsted Road. The scheme proposals were provided in the form of a plan and an accompanying covering letter which were delivered to all residents affected by the restrictions as well as to The Collett School. Notices were also put up on site. Comments were submitted either via email to dacorum-consultaion@projectcentre.co.uk or in writing to Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) in order for the council to make a decision on whether or not to progress to implement the proposals.

The purpose of the proposals is to provide a safer environment for pedestrians in the vicinity of the Collet School especially at school drop off and pick up times.

The views of residents and stakeholders are important and have been considered as part of this consultation process.

The final proposals will be subject to the statutory legal process. The consultation period ran from **13th November 2019 to 4th December 2019** to determine if the proposals were supported.

2. CONSULTATION RESULTS

The consultation ran for 21 days between 13th November and 4th December 2019, letters were delivered to residents on Lockers Park Lane, Bury Hill and Melsted Road. Residents were asked to submit their comments in relation to the draft scheme through the PCL Consult website and via the dacorum-consultation@projectcentre.co.uk email address.

The Consultation sought to determine the level of support for the changes to the current parking arrangements on Lockers Park Lane. The following section provides a breakdown of the responses received from residents and stakeholders.

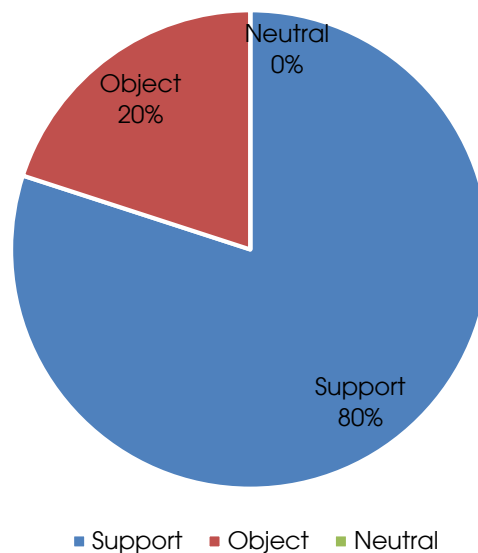
Detailed consultation comments can be found in **Appendix B** of this report.

Table 1

Road Name/ House name	Support	Object	Neutral
Lockers Park Lane	0	1	0
Bury Hill	0	0	0
Melsted Road	2	0	0
Stakeholder Responses	2	0	0
Total Responses	4	1	0

Chart 1

Overall Summary



A total of 5 responses were submitted towards the consultation with 80% in support of the scheme. One of the representations in support approved of the scheme however expressed concerns relating to areas outside of the proposals. These comments can be found in **Appendix B** of this report.

Following receipt of a representation in support of the proposals it is recommended to extend the proposed single yellow line by 5m in a south-westerly direction on the southern section of Melsted Road due to a large tree obscuring site lines at the junction with Lockers Park Lane.

Two stakeholder responses were submitted who indicated their support for the proposals.

The one objection received stated 'The Highway Code already disproves of parking on junctions or opposite junctions. The proposed no waiting zone is simply duplicating existing rules.' The reason for the proposed no waiting Monday- Friday 8:15am-5:30pm restriction at the junction is to act as a deterrent, preventing cars from parking there.

Without a restriction supported by a Traffic Regulation Order the junction cannot legally be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers (Parking). If the proposals are implemented there will be regular enforcement patrols to ensure the restrictions are adhered to.

3. CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Conclusions

Responses indicated overall support for the introduction of the single yellow line restrictions on Lockers Park Lane, Melsted Road and Bury Hill, with 80% of respondents in favour of progressing the scheme proposals. These proposals may displace vehicles into surrounding streets which may cause parking problems that do not currently exist. Dacorum Borough Council may wish to at a later date review these areas.

3.2 Recommendations

It is recommended to proceed with the scheme as proposed with the addition of the extension to the single yellow line on Melsted Road as previously mentioned in the report to ensure there is suitable line of sight when exiting the properties close to the junction of Melsted Road and Lockers Park Lane due to the large tree located near to the junction.



Appendix A – Consultation Material



PARKING CONTROLS CONSULTATION

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED

November 2019

Dear Householder/Proprietor,

Statutory Consultation: Lockers Park Lane - Single Yellow Line Restrictions to Improve Safety.

Dacorum Borough Council propose to make changes to the current parking arrangements on Lockers Park Lane at the junction with Bury Hill and Melsted Road to improve safety at school drop off and pick up times. Please see the attached plan for details of the proposals.

Dacorum Borough Council propose the following:

To apply single yellow line restrictions to the areas indicated on the attached plan which will operate **Monday to Friday 8:15am - 5:30pm.**

These restrictions will mean that no vehicles should park on this section of Lockers Park Lane between **8:15am - 5:30pm.**

This letter and accompanying plan is to advise you that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) required to make the change operational has been published. The publication of the TRO marks the beginning of a statutory consultation period that will last for 21 days from **13th November to 4th December 2019.**

During this period anybody may comment or submit representations to the proposals. Comments or representations must be made in writing, stating the grounds on which they are made and sent to the address at the top of this letter or via email to dacorum-consultation@projectcentre.co.uk to be received by e-mail by 23:59 on **4th December 2019** or by last postal delivery to the above address on **6th December 2019.**

Summary information on how the changes will work is set out in this letter. Plans are also available to view at the main reception desk at The Forum, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1DN during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday: 8.45am to 5.15pm, Friday: 8.45am to 4.45pm excluding public holidays).

Please note as this is a statutory consultation, correspondence on the proposals cannot be entered into. All comments received will be reported to the Council who will make a decision on how to proceed after considering the feedback from the consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Dacorum Borough Council working in association with Project Centre Ltd



What are the proposals?

During the hours of operation (Monday to Friday 8:15am-5:30pm) no vehicle may park on the sections of Lockers Park Lane, Melsted Road or Bury Hill with single yellow line restrictions.

What about deliveries, traders carrying out work and carers?

Deliveries may take place but must be continuous. Parking for any other reason (including traders carrying out work and carers visits) must be in areas where waiting restrictions are not in force.

How will the proposals be enforced?

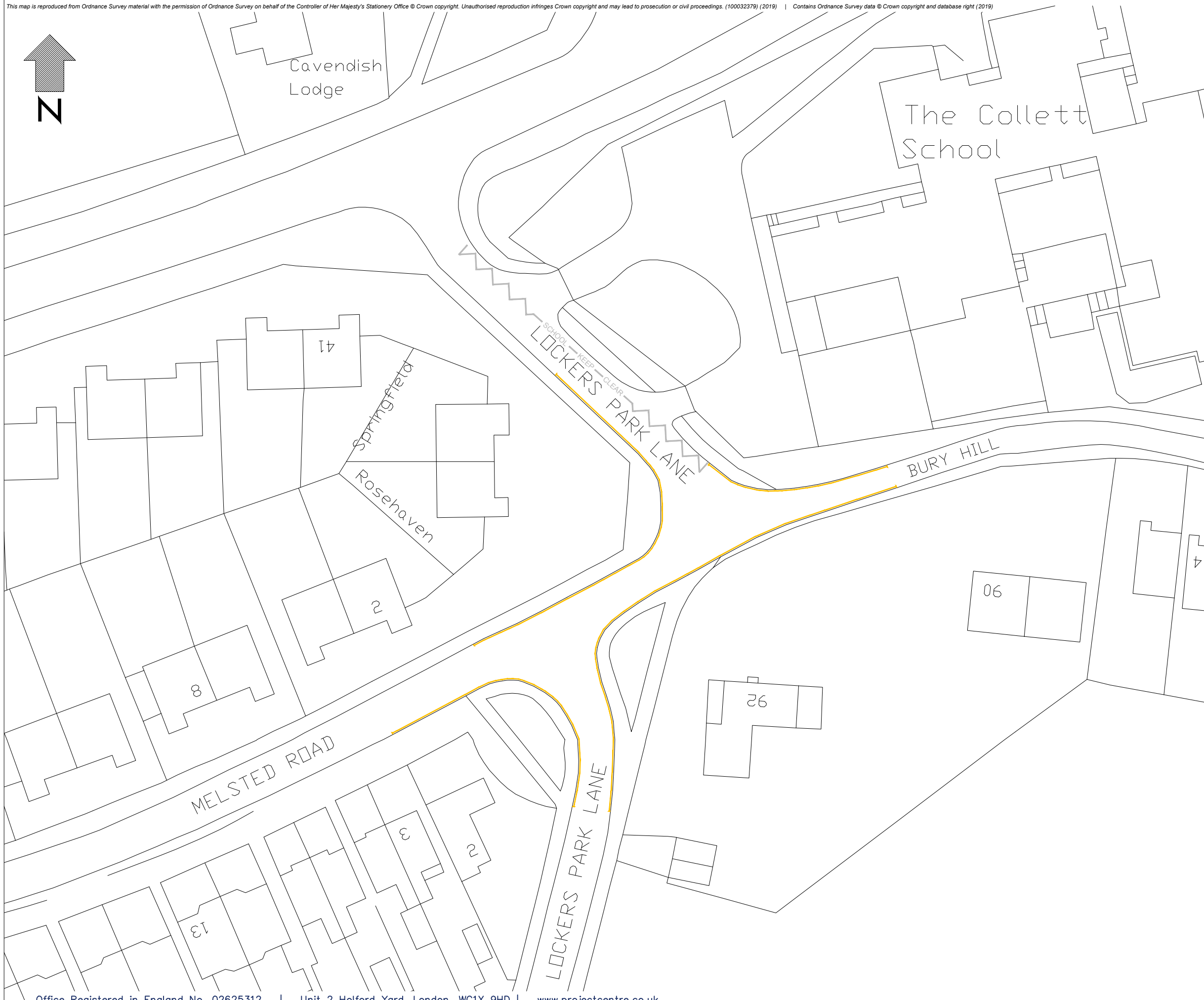
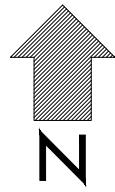
The Council's Civil Enforcement Officers will patrol the area at varying times during operational hours to ensure compliance. Any vehicle found to be in contravention will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice.

What happens next?

When the responses from the statutory consultation have been collated and a report produced, your councillors will make the final decision on whether or not to implement the scheme.

Data from this consultation will be collected and held by Project Centre and Dacorum Borough Council. The data will be used to produce a consultation report and to provide feedback to Councillors. Individual residents will not be identified in the consultation report without permission. The consultation report will be a public document. The Council's privacy policy can be found at the following link: <http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/tools/privacy-statement>





LEGEND

- Existing school keep clear
- Proposed single yellow line
(No waiting Mon - Fri 8:15am - 5:30pm)

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Appendix B - Consultation Comments

Lockers Park Lane

***All comments are reproduced word for word as written by the respondent**

Lockers Park Lane

COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support • Neutral • Object
<p>I object to the proposal. My comments are: 1a. The Highway Code already disproves of parking on junctions or opposite junctions. The proposed no waiting zone is simply duplicating existing rules. 1b. The issue is the relevant departments have not been up holding the Highway Code, resulting in the obstructive and dangerous parking currently being observed. 1c. The solution is to educate drivers and uphold existing rules. 2a. The proposed no waiting zone is likely to simply move the problem. Perhaps the cars will park on the pavement instead. 2b. The cause of the problem needs to be addressed. To my eyes the all day obstructive parking only occurs on school days. Therefore I would suggest the cause is the school recruiting more staff who drive than it has parking spaces for. Thus causing overspill in to a residential area. I believe the school needs to operate in a sustainable way, it can not employ more drivers than it has space to accommodate. 2c. The other cause of the problem to my eyes is short term waiting around school start and finish times. The school is located close to three junctions as you note. I feel that the school needs to educate people that due to the locatation walking or public transport is the only option. Due to the location a 'school run' by car is not possible.</p>	

Melsted Road

COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support • Neutral • Object
<p>I am a resident at X Melsted Road. I support your proposals for introducing parking restrictions at this location. However I have the following observations I would like you to consider.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am concerned that vehicles that currently park for the day at these locations (I assume some of these must be owned by staff employed at the school); will end up just parking further up Lockers Park Lane and Melsted Road. This merely moves the congestion issue to another location and does not solve that problem. Given the construction works currently underway at the junction of Melsted Road and Sunnyhill Road, any additional parking in the road will only make the situation worse - builders' lorries and council refuse collection lorries may be obstructed. Secondly, all the premises in Melsted Road have off road parking/garages and any increase in street parking will cause obstruction for residents. 2. Not included in your proposals is addressing the traffic hazard caused by all day parking on the pavement to the right the junction of Warners End Road and Lockers Park Lane opposite the Collet School. Again, these are usually the same cars parked there for the day, which means traffic waiting to come out of Lockers Park Lane have a severely restricted view of traffic approaching up the hill from the right. I would suggest these wide pavements on the junction should be made no parking zones during the week. 3. I do think authorities need to speak to the local schools to see how they can address what seems to be parking issues for their staff. The Collet School carpark in particular seems to have several community vans permanently parked there. Surely given the situation, consideration ought to be given to finding permanent parking for some if not all of these vans elsewhere? They do not seem to be used on a regular basis and the car park is already congested with double parking. 	
<p>I am the Owner/Occupier of no.X Melsted Road and would like to make the following comments. Whilst I can appreciate the need to prevent cars from parking on this very dangerous junction I am concerned that the proposed yellow line will simply cause parents to park at the nearest unrestricted area. One such area would be directly in front of my property.</p>	

Stakeholder Responses

COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support • Neutral • Object
<p>Bedfordshire Police - I refer to your email, dated 11th November 2019 together with the attachments in relation to the above. The proposal has been fully considered by the Traffic Management Unit and I am writing to inform you that the Constabulary have no objections to raise at this stage.</p>	
<p>Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue - No objection from FRS. This restriction may assist access for fire appliances during the specified times.</p>	

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- Ensure projects are completed to programme and within budget;
- Improve productivity by having consistent procedures;
- Increase flexibility of staff and systems through the adoption of a common approach to staff appraisal and training;
- Continually improve the standard of service we provide internally and externally;
- Achieve continuous and appropriate improvement in all aspects of the company;

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