

Annex 1

8th December 2013

The Chairman
Tandridge Local Committee
Tandridge District Council Offices
Station Road East
Oxted
Surrey RH8 0BT

Dear Sir

Review of new parking arrangements in Detillens Lane, Limpsfield, Oxted Request for single yellow line outside 12 Detillens Lane

I am writing with regard to the new restrictions that have recently been implemented in Detillens Lane which have resulted in a single yellow line along most of the road save for several selected houses, including our house at 12 Detillens Lane, which does not have a single yellow line outside its frontage.

I am writing to request a single yellow line be implemented along the front of my property in common with most of the rest of the road as a matter of urgency **in the interests of the safety of my family and three very young children.**

The reasons for this request are that:

- 1 As car parking is permitted at all times, we usually have a commuter's car parked outside the front of our house constantly from about 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday. The position of the car is very close to our exit – sometimes only about 2 feet from it.
- 2 Adrian Harris of Surrey County Council Highways has told me that the parking system has been designed so that our house is supposed to have a stranger's car parked outside as much as possible 5 days a week; in short, the frontage of our house has been turned into a chicane.
- 3 We have no clear sightlines along Detillens Lane on exiting from our driveway.
- 4 The front of our car is over the central line in the road before the driver has a clear sightline to be able to see round this parked car and up and down the road to see if traffic is coming.
- 5 The process of exiting our house requires us to take a "dangerous chance" every time we come out of our drive as we have to put the nose of our car over the centre of the road before we can see if any vehicle is coming along the road.
- 6 It is difficult to see traffic coming as it appears very quickly from behind other cars parked in the gaps in the yellow lines in the road – particularly outside 15 Detillens Lane. A car can suddenly appear in the middle of the road from nowhere as it is hidden from view when driving east along the road as it approaches 15 Detillens Lane before it then swings out into the middle of the road round the car parked outside 15.

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- 7 It is necessary for us to swing out onto the opposite side of the road in order to turn around the car parked in the road to exit our house. We therefore need to see if both ways of the road are clear.
- 8 The process of exiting our house is now **extremely hazardous**.
- 9 We have to exit our house at least 3 times a day with small children in our car doing school runs. The exiting process is **very dangerous for us and our children**.
- 10 Our week is not complete without either my husband or I having to do at least one emergency stop on reaching the point where we have a clear sightline in order to avoid an oncoming car crashing into our car.
- 11 If it is necessary to reverse out of our driveway, it is impossible to see and it is necessary to have another person standing in the road to guide the driver out, sometimes needing to halt oncoming traffic if the reversing car is “mid manoeuvre” exiting onto the opposite side of the road in order to turn around the parked car before driving off.