

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE:** 25 September 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Public Question  
**DIVISION:** OXTED



Mr Chris Coxall asks:

Over the last few months the road outside our property on Boulthurst Way has become subjected to extensive commercial vehicle parking particularly during the evenings and weekends and is often used as layover when these vehicles are not being used. The photographs below are typical.



Whilst I acknowledge that there are no parking restrictions being breached (I think) my concern is that parking on this junction is far from ideal and particularly unsafe as this location is used as a crossing point for children accessing the park and children's playground. These vehicles are obscuring sight lines (as can be seen in one photo) and I fear it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. You may recall that some time ago the junction was temporarily used as a bulky items rubbish collection point before the Council acknowledged the same safety issue and relocated to another site.

Is there any way appropriate road markings/restrictions or advisory notices can be introduced to prevent such large vehicles making the crossing point so dangerous to use?

**Response:**

Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that drivers should not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. Failure to comply with this rule will not, in itself, cause a person to be prosecuted, but may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts.

Signs and road markings on the public highway have to comply with national legislation, as set out in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. There are no non-regulatory road markings or signs that could be used at the junction of Boulthurst Way and

Hazelwood Road to deter vehicles from parking at the junction. Keep Clear markings are intended to cover a junction to keep it free from queueing vehicles, so allowing vehicles to enter/exit the junction. They are not designed to prevent parking and are only advisory.

Yellow boxes serve the same purpose as Keep Clear markings but require approval from the Police before they are provided as the Police are responsible for their enforcement.

The only way to prevent parking at the junction is to introduce double yellow lines to keep it clear of parked vehicles and maintain sightlines/crossing points. This would require the making of Traffic Regulation Order and would be enforceable by Civil Enforcement Officers. It should be noted that if restrictions were to be placed at the junction, the likelihood is that the vehicles would park in another location nearby. The junction of Bouthurst Way and Hazelwood Road could be added to the list of sites for investigation as part of the next Tandridge parking review with a view to the introduction of double yellow lines.

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