

Committee	Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date	23 March 2009
Report By	Director of Transport and Environment
Title of Report	Petition requesting removal of hazardous parking at the junction of Heron Ridge and Brightling Road, Polegate
Purpose of Report	To consider a petition requesting parking restrictions at the junction of Heron Ridge and Brightling Road, Polegate

RECOMMENDATION: The Lead Member is recommended to advise the Petitioners that the County Council will consider the provision of waiting restrictions in Heron Ridge in the next parking review of Polegate.

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The proposed waiting restrictions and associated legal order are estimated to cost £870 and could potentially be financed from existing revenue budgets.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 At the County Council meeting on 9 December 2008 Councillor Shing presented a petition to the Chairman containing 40 signatures requesting improvements to the hazardous parking at the Heron Ridge junction with Brightling Road in Polegate (see Appendix 1 for sample petition letter).

2.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members' room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and that a spokesperson for the petitioners be invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

3. Comments / Appraisal

3.1 Following receipt of the petition, a site visit was made when it was noted that the existing waiting restrictions in Blackpath and Brightling Road did not extend around the corners of the junction into Heron Ridge (see photographs in Appendix 2 and 1:1250 scale plan in Appendix 3).

3.2 The Highway Code advises that motorists do not park within 30 feet or 10 metres of a junction. However, the Highway Code is guidance and non-enforceable and, therefore, a formal Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking for the first 10 metres into Heron Ridge is required if double yellow line waiting restrictions are to be enforceable.

3.3 On street parking may be displaced further into Heron Ridge by the proposed restrictions at the junction. The presence of a bend in the road could create a visibility issue, so it is advisable to extend the proposed parking restrictions into Heron Ridge to a point beyond the bend. This could be achieved by implementing double yellow line restrictions on both sides of the road for a distance of 40 metres from its junction with Brightling Road (see Appendix 3).

4. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that double yellow line waiting restrictions for Heron Ridge are included in the next parking review of Polegate to prohibit parking from the junction of Heron Ridge with Brightling Road to a point beyond the bend in the road, a distance of approximately 40 metres.

4.2 Subject to the review the implementation of any work will need to be prioritised against the waiting restrictions with similar requests countywide.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Petition

Sample Petition letter

Photograph looking into Heron Ridge



Photograph looking into Heron Ridge



PARKING IN HERON RIDGE

90 Heron Ridge

Dear Resident of Heron Ridge

Are you concerned at the amount of parking on the corner of Heron Ridge?

We feel this is getting worse as the parking in Black Path becomes full, and they then park in our Road.

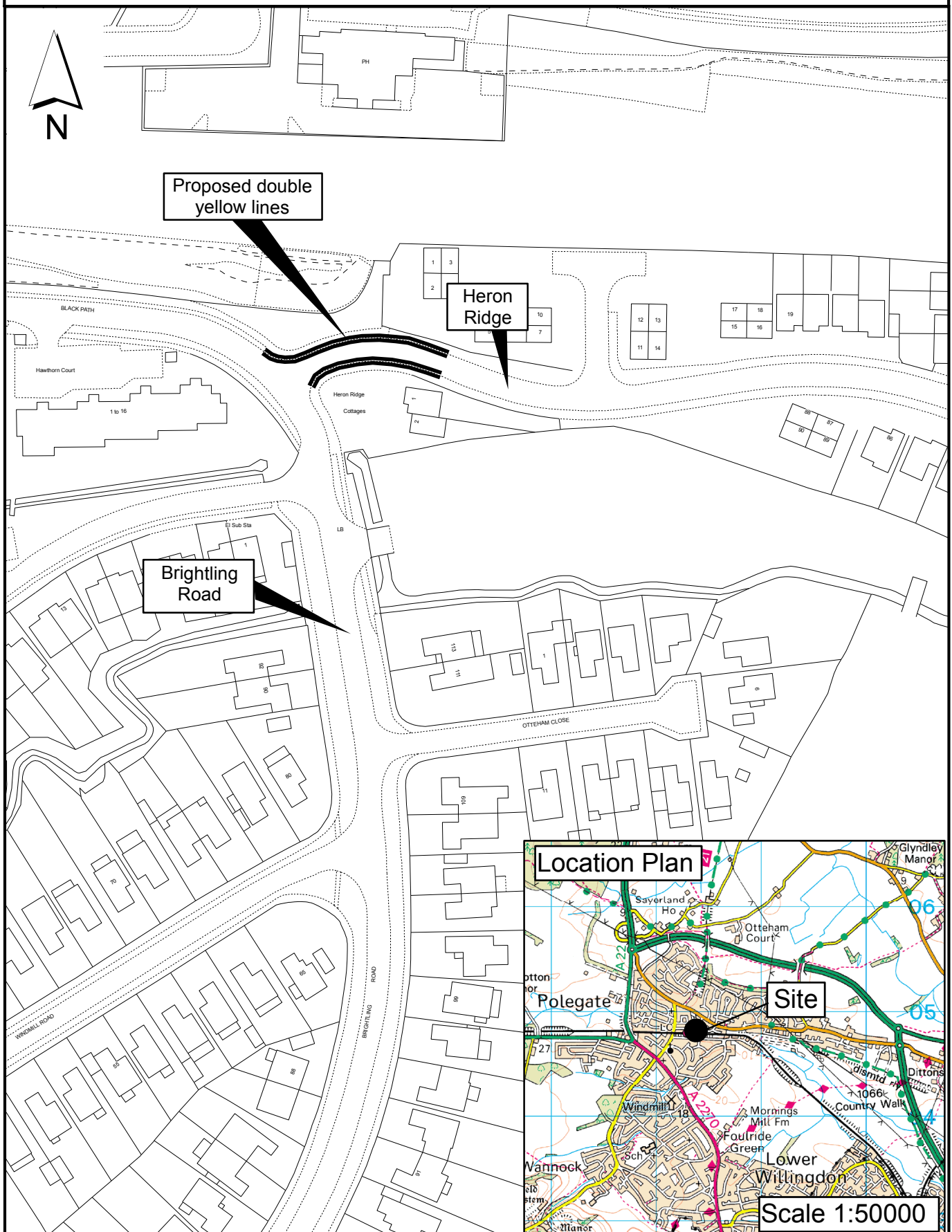
This is due to the commuters going up to London every day, sometimes they park on both sides of the road making it extremely difficult to see traffic turning into Heron Ridge, before there is a serious accident let us do something about it, we are both attending a meeting with the local police on Wednesday 16th of this month and would value your views so please would you sign the bottom of this letter and pop it into us before Tuesday 15th if you feel this parking is waiting for an accident to happen and we will take them to the meeting.

Many thanks
Mike and Betty Grimes

Signed *B M Gibson*

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