
Proposals for additional rest area at Roperdole

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Good afternoon.

This is our response to your proposal outlined by National Highways to expand the existing lay-by to provide an additional 20 HGV parking spaces.

Our objections are as follows:

Bridle way and public footpath pass through this area-ordinance survey No 138

Vehicles will be parked overnight causing additional noise and air pollution. There are approximately 30 dwellings and 40 residents.

Entrance and exit are from and onto a 2-lane fast road which is extremely dangerous.

A high hedge between the lay-by and the road block the view from vehicles travelling on the Main A2 to Dover.

Keep clear signs already in situ on the lay-by are already completely ignored by HGV drivers.

Most drivers carry their own cooking utensils, which they set up beside their truck and think nothing of inviting other drivers to join them sitting out in the lay-by especially during the summer evenings. This is a wooded area and has been subjected to fires 🔥 in the past.

Bins have now been provided and for this we were very grateful. However, most days these are overflowing with rubbish and anything people who stop there want to dump. Bottles of urine and excrement left on a daily basis and rolls of paper used hanging off trees. This is totally unacceptable. How would you like it left on your entrance. Another example is discarded fuel cans that have been used to fill up on cheap fuel 🇬🇧 from abroad.

Antisocial behaviour has included aggressive threats from drivers when asked politely to move, to make way for residents to pass.

Passed history of this included intimidation by the drivers i.e. fists being raised and told they are not worried about police.

We and the residents of Ropersole Park feel this proposal is totally unjustified and not necessary. There are so many lay-bys from Faversham to Dover and one which includes proper accommodation i.e.. showers 🚿 flushing toilets 🚽 etc. Yes, you have to pay for the pleasure, however, drivers prefer to sleep in lay-bys and keep their money. We understand this but we do not want any more on our doorstep.

Therefore, we strongly reject the proposal.

We would never be able to SELL our properties in the future if the said work goes ahead and feel this is a very unfair.

Best Wises
Mr Gene Dean & Mrs Donna Dean.

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