

# Paper Petition Details

## Ragstone Road Parking

We the undersigned would like to petition to keep the double yellow line in Ragstone Road. If we look at the right side of Ragstone Road (from Slough and Eton school toward the one way system) on this side most of the houses have drive ways and drop down curbs and there are not much cars that you can park on this side (about 8 cars in all on this side). So we residents on this side want the double yellow line to stay, so no one will be able to block us by parking their cars in front of our drive which has a drop down curb (unfortunately in the past our drives have been blocked several times).

**This petition was received on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012.**

**This petition was passed to the Network Management Team Leader on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012**

**This petition was responded to on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 by the Network Management Team Leader.**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>15</b>
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### Council Response

Further to your petition received on 3<sup>rd</sup> February the double yellow line was intended primarily to protect the contra-flow cycle lane from obstruction. Provision of a facility for cyclists to cycle against the one-way is essential, as the alternative route for cyclists is very long (in the context of a typical cycle journey) and therefore it is highly likely that cyclists would cycle against the one-way system even if there was no cycle facility, which would be highly dangerous.

When we started installing the double yellow line a number of residents raised concerns that there was not enough space for everyone to park with the new double yellow lines and the new parking arrangement. A number of residents were very unhappy that we had installed the double yellow line and removed all the parking on the school side of the road.

In response to residents' concerns over parking we said that we would review the situation, and assess how many parking spaces could be provided on the school side of the road if the cycle lane were to be moved onto the footpath. This is not at all ideal as it would bring cyclists and pedestrians into conflict with each other, and also bring cyclists into conflict with vehicles entering and exiting their driveways. Nevertheless we said that once we had finished this review, we would arrange to meet residents and decide whether or not to introduce parking on the school side of the road, at the expense of the cycle lane.

While we have been doing the assessment a number of things have happened:

- We have finished implementing the experimental measures – this includes the new parking between Slough and Eton College and the railway bridge, and the cycle lane

- so that residents and road users can see the full extent of the original proposal;
- We were able to introduce approx 7-10 additional parking spaces on the opposite side to the school, in locations suggested by residents;
- We have identified a further 3 spaces that we could implement near MacDonalds, once the Thames Water site compound has been removed;
- We received your petition in support of the double yellow lines;
- We have received a letter in support of the contra-flow cycle lane from a governor at Slough and Eton College.

We have now completed our review of the design, and we are ready to meet residents to discuss the outcome. We have identified only 5 locations on the school side of the road, where we would be able to introduce an additional parking space. There are only 5 spaces where the road is wide enough, and where we would not be obstructing someone's driveway.

In the light of the support for the cycle lane, and also the fact that only 5 additional parking spaces would be possible without the cycle lane, we have decided to keep the cycle lane and double yellow line as they are as part of the overall experiment.

I will be writing to all residents of Ragstone Road soon to update them now that our assessment of the parking is complete, and also to let them know the outcome of the residents' parking decision. When I write I will offer to meet any resident who wishes to discuss the matter further in person.