

Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

PARKING QUESTIONNAIRE – JULY/AUGUST 2015

Questionnaires delivered: 210

Questionnaires returned: 50

= 24% return

[N.B. not all questions were answered on several forms]

The Street [S]	13
The Street [N]	21
AK Close*	0
School Lane	4
George Lane	3
Gas Lane	1
Bull Lane	4
The Charltons	4

*AK Close cannot be included in data assessment

Number of cars per address / off-street parking / for how many cars

The Street [N]	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
144	2	Yes	2	
146	1	Yes	2	
148	2	Yes	1	1
154	3	No	0	3
156	3	No	0	3
160	1	No	0	1
168	2	No	0	2
172	1	No	0	1
174	1	No	0	1
198	1	No	0	1
202	2	No	0	2
208	2	No	0	2
214	2	Yes	2	
216	2	Yes	2	
234	2	No	0	2
240	1	No	0	1
248	2	Yes	2	
Apsley Cottage	1	Yes	3	
5, Bakery Mews	1	Yes	2	
Vine Cottage	1	Yes	3	

The Street [S]	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
123	2	No	0	2
Catkin Cottage	4	Yes	5	
129	1	No	0	1
137	1	Yes	2	
141	1	No	0	1
149	2	Yes	2	
159	1	No	0	1

The Street [S]	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
161	2	Yes	3	
191	2	No	0	2
199	2	No	0	2
211	2	Yes	2	
235	2	No	0	
Boughton House	2	Yes	4	
Unknown*	2	Yes	2	

**Only one question answered so could not be counted for the rest of the data assessment*

Bull Lane	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
1a	1	No	0	1
Fonthill	1	Yes	1	
Camwa Ash	1	Yes	2	
Durnovaria	2	Yes	7	

School Lane	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
1	1	No	0	1
4	1	No	0	1
5	1	Yes	1	
Unknown	2	No	0	2

George Lane	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
The Stables	4	Yes	4	
Ash Tree House	2	Yes	3	
Woodstream Hse	2	Yes	4	

Gas Lane	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
1	1	Yes	1	

The Charltons	No. of cars	Off-street parking	For how many cars	On-street parking
20	1	Yes (by green)	8 (by green)	
34	1	No	0	1
42	1	Yes	1	
52	1	No	0	1

TOTALS	79	51%Yes 49%No	63	36
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All those who returned their questionnaire owned/used vehicles. Just over 31% park on The Street due to the lack of off-street parking

Are you generally able to park within 10 car lengths from your home?

The Street [S]		The Street [N]		School Lane		George Lane		Gas Lane		Bull Lane		The Charltons	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
11	2	15	5	1	3	3	0	1	0	4	0	4	0

Almost 80% were able to park within 10 car lengths of their home

Would you use off-street parking if available?

Of those who answered some said 'maybe' or 'possibly' so for the purposes of this survey, their data has not been included.

The Street [S]		The Street [N]		School Lane		George Lane		Gas Lane		Bull Lane			The Charltons		
Yes	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
9	4	9	5	4	0	3	3	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	1

Of those who answered Yes or No, 78% would use off-street parking if available

Comments made by those who answered YES to off-street parking:

How far would you go to use this facility?

The Street [S]

- Would only park a few minutes' walk away
- No more than 10 car lengths
- 20 car lengths
- Reasonable walking distance
- No further than Village Hall

The Street [N]

- ¼ mile
- As near as possible (I have arthritis)
- 1 minute's walk
- 100 yards
- 200 yards / metres
- 500 yards
- 10 car lengths
- Depends where it is
- Not far (I often have heavy loads to carry home)
- Anywhere else along The Street

School Lane

- Within the village
- Ideally the Village Hall car park
- 10 car lengths but would still need to be able to drop things off at home

The Charltons

- Not far – Blue Badge holder – need to be within sight of car

Comments made from all applicable questionnaires who answered YES to:

Do you have any concerns about parking away from your property?

The Street [S]

- Security when walking home at night
- My vehicle has been keyed, egged and is vulnerable to break-ins
- Vandalism / overnight theft – even with CCTV / lighting
- Vehicle security
- Crossing back over The Street
- Being too far away – not secure or safe

The Street [N]

- Lack of security
- Lack of policing regarding illegal parking, causing possible accidents
- Security / safety – my car has been scratched when parked on the road
- Due to ill health I cannot walk far
- Car security – heavy work equipment needs to be left in our vehicle
- Vandalism / car theft
- Being boxed in when parked
- Increase in car insurance
- Only suitable if not carrying anything and in daylight – it is essential to have somewhere to park close to home

School Lane

- Car not visible from property
- Carrying heavy items
- Petty theft and vandalism when car was left in Village Hall car park

Gas Lane

- Potential damage from passing traffic

Bull Lane

- Security
- Convenience
- Useless vandalism

The Charltons

- Blue Badge holder
- Occasional vandalism
- Damage and theft

If so, what are they and what would you consider may lessen your concern?

- CCTV
- Gated compound with key holders
- Better security – CCTV and lights
- More community policing / parking enforcement

Of those who answered this question, 80% stated their concerns regarding vehicle security

Do you consider Boughton to have a problem with traffic flow?

The Street [S]		The Street [N]		School Lane		George Lane		Gas Lane		Bull Lane		The Charltons	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
12	1	19	1	3	1	2	1	1	0	3	0	4	0

Of those who answered this question, 90% said YES

Comments from those who answered YES, including extra comments regarding the traffic and parking in The Street:

The Street [S]

- Increase in inconsiderate obstructive parking
- Increase in inconsiderate driving
- Increased number of work vehicles (vans etc) parked overnight which obstruct access, vision and obliterate light in properties
- Excess speed of cars – more enforcement needed before a fatality, most likely outside The White Horse (blind corner) and near to School Lane
- Poor road awareness by drivers
- Used as a cut through to Hernhill, Canterbury and Whitstable
- Parking management should be brought in at ‘pinch’ points, eg outside shop
- Inconsiderate and dangerous drivers should be punished NOT the residents
- Other measures to slow down drivers may be required

The Street [N]

- At certain/peak times – school run times (a school minibus an option?)
- If everyone parked legally, then traffic flow would not be a problem
- Enforcement of the traffic laws is not done ever
- I have been threatened when asking drivers to move – need more police and traffic warden presence
- I have witnessed many incidents of aggression over parking which has made lives in the village unpleasant
- Traffic flow at certain times of the day is very poor, exacerbated by buses coming from both directions meeting in the village and impatient drivers not leaving room for others to pass
- Intermittently – buses meeting HGVs etc
- Often drivers are parked on double yellow lines which adds to the problem
- Inconsiderate parking – bad feeling and intimidation has escalated noticeably over the 5 years I have lived in the village
- When the bypass is closed, redirecting traffic – especially lorries – is very problematic causing a big backlog
- Speeding in the village is a big problem. There needs to be some kind of traffic calming as soon as possible
- It is also essential to be able to park and have enough spaces

- I often park late at night when the nearest option is beyond AK Close where there is often only one space left
- If parking is restricted in The Street, more cars will park further up leaving even fewer spaces for those who live that end
- Need better signage for foreign lorries
- Get rid of those horrible street lights!
- Some park outside their houses and use up two spaces
- Some park on the road and do not use their own off-street parking
- I cannot often use my off-street parking when cars are parked directly opposite due to the narrowness of my drive
- Visitors cannot often park

School Lane

- It would help to make the two spaces by the toilets into 'No return within 24 hours' as the lady who lives at uses them both as her personal parking spaces and leaves her car there all week even though she has a parking space at the rear of her property – pretty selfish!

George Lane

- We have a problem with people parking on double yellow lines either side of George Lane which makes visibility when exiting the lane almost nil and it is very dangerous. Sometimes cars are parked across the lane, preventing exit altogether

The Charltons

- Because of bad driver planning on approach of 'pinch' points
- Far too many drivers seem to never have been taught to 'read the road'. They just don't look far enough ahead!
- I have concerns regarding the entrance parking to The Charltons due to cars being parked opposite each other. Emergency services would not get through. Only small cars can squeeze through

Comments from those who answered NO:

The Street [S]

- Not unless the bypass is closed or there are delays

Please note that not all comments are recorded as much of the content was duplicated but all points are represented

