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PARKING ISSUES – Listercombe Close.

I write this letter to you, seeking support as instructed on SCC website under parking issues, in the optimism of some action on parking issues outside my house. I am hoping that we can achieve double yellow lines on the stretch of road named Listercombe Close, as indicated below.

Behind my house there are 8 car parking places that serve the four houses known as 1,2,3, and 4 Statcombe. The parking area is situated off road in Listercombe Close.

Listercombe Close is not a particularly wide road, opposite our car parking area is a short stretch of the road, just in from the turning from Listers Hill into Listercombe Court, that at present has no parking restrictions. There are four particular cars and one van which regularly park on that stretch if there are spaces. This greatly restricts manoeuvrability getting in and out of the allocated parking spaces for the four houses mentioned earlier in this letter and is quite dangerous.

One of the cars on this stretch of road opposite the residents parking hasn't moved since July 2016. There has already been several scrapes on cars that I know of, including mine and it is very frustrating to have to try to manoeuvre, in fact sometimes it is so bad, that the residents can't even get into their spaces due to insufficient room and therefore have to source another parking place elsewhere.

These vehicles also greatly restrict the turning area which should allow our cars to either reverse or drive in and out of our allotted spaces and sometimes it takes several manoeuvres making it impossible at certain times for us residents to park safely. It is dangerous too when cars are parking or leaving when other vehicles turn into or are leaving the Listercombe Close. Other cars that need to drive up Listercombe Close have to drive up on the left hand side of the road and down on the right hand side of the road, which is dangerous as there is a bend just past the parked cars and a sharp turn into the close.

I know that other residents feel the same as I do and as there are another two new houses opposite, 7 and 8 Statcombe, which will soon be occupied, potentially putting another four cars into the equation, therefore more cars trying to manoeuvre around into their parking area making the whole situation impossible. It is causing some friction in the area and I can foresee that it will not make for a pleasant situation at all.

I am seriously hoping that the Town Council will act upon this letter before some more serious situations arise.

Yours sincerely