

Petition:

We **expect** you to deliver the following improvements in our road within a **Maximum** period of 6 months

1. **Double Yellow Lines along the left-hand side of Mountbatten Drive (MD) from Church Road (CR) towards Ferndown First School (FFS) to the T Junction with Double Yellow Lines at the corner of Church Road and the T Junction.**
2. **Re-instate the path lines at the T Junction in MD.**
3. **Resurface Mountbatten Drive particularly the T Junction area.**
4. **Repaint the Zig Zag Lines and Keep Clear Lines at the entrance to FFS in line with the Traffic Regulation Order implementation date of October 2016.**
5. **Mark pavement in MD together with a pole to stop pavement parking in the road.**
6. **Replace the corner white lines on CR and MD with Double Yellow Lines in line with those recently installed in Westwood Road and Albert Road, Ferndown.**
7. **Paint double yellow lines at the entrance to the Heath between houses 30 and 34 MD to allow the Fire Service to access a fire on the Heath**
8. ***Negotiate release of parking space in Ferndown First School (FFS) as bottom half of the Car Park is empty except for many metal railings previously used for Covid-19 purposes.***
9. ***Negotiate release of more car parking space in Ferndown Village Hall Car Park (FVH) at FFS School opening and closing times and ensure that vehicles attending functions at FVH are expressly allowed access and encouraged to use the FVH Car Park with barrier raised accordingly.***
10. ***Place double yellow lines at the corner of MD and Brabourne Avenue, with post, to alleviate congestion and provide better access at FFS opening and closing times.***
11. ***Remove zig zag lines beyond posts in Church Road as agreed with Susan Hetherington in 2016 as these are illegal under traffic law.***

Response from Head of Highways:

1. **Double Yellow Lines along the left-hand side of Mountbatten Drive (MD) from Church Road (CR) towards Ferndown First School (FFS) to the T Junction with Double Yellow Lines at the corner of Church Road and the T Junction.**

Following on from recent working group meetings including Dorset Council Ward Members, Ferndown Town Council Members, Dorset Police, Head Teachers of Ferndown First School and Middle School and Dorset Council Highways Officers, a request had already been made by this group to introduce double yellow lines on the south side of Mountbatten Drive between Church Road and the first junction to Mountbatten Drive and make a traffic regulation order for the two school keep clear markings between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The consultation for this is will take place after we get feedback from the primary stakeholders. As long as there are no objections during the consultation, the order will be made, double yellow lines installed and the existing school keep clear signs altered.

2. Re-instate the path lines at the T Junction in MD.

The local Community Highways Officer has visited Mountbatten Drive and found that the access protection markings are not worn to the extent that our maintenance policy requires for them to be repainted. The criteria for remarking worn lines is that they must be more than 75% worn. We will continue to inspect the condition of the markings, but will not replace them until either the road is resurfaced or the condition meets the intervention level set by policy.

3. Resurface Mountbatten Drive particularly the T Junction area.

There are currently no proposals to resurface the carriageway of Mountbatten Drive. However, we will continue to inspect the road and carry out any necessary defect repairs. The last inspection took place on 16th May 2022 and no defects were found that fell within our Code of Practice for the classification of Highway and Safety Hazards and Defects. A video survey was made at the time of the whole length of Mountbatten Drive and this has been stored within our condition survey software so we can continue to monitor and compare the carriageway condition. To determine the roads that will be resurfaced each year, we need to assess and rank schemes in order of priority. This is in line with our policy. Following the principles of our asset management plan, it is not the right time to resurface the road.

4. Repaint the Zig Zag Lines and Keep Clear Lines at the entrance to FFS in line with the Traffic Regulation Order implementation date of October 2016.

As point 2, these have not yet met intervention level.

5. Mark pavement in MD together with a pole to stop pavement parking in the road.

I'm not entirely sure where this point relates to. Please speak to Danny Cox to agree an in person meeting to confirm the location and discuss whether there is a solution that we can implement.

6. Replace the corner white lines on CR and MD with Double Yellow Lines in line with those recently installed in Westwood Road and Albert Road, Ferndown.

I believe this is covered by response 1, but please clarify if we're thinking about different areas.

7. Paint double yellow lines at the entrance to the Heath between houses 30 and 34 MD to allow the Fire Service to access a fire on the Heath

Dorset Council would be happy to install a Keep Clear road marking at this location across the entrance to the common. Mark Adams has spoken with a member of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue who has said that only small appliances such as their land rover can enter this way and that they have never had a problem previously, but see the merit in such action. We will take this forward.

8. Negotiate release of parking space in Ferndown First School (FFS) as bottom half of the Car Park is empty except for many metal railings previously used for Covid-19 purposes.

As this is not part of the highway, it is not something that I have statutory powers to insist upon. However, local Members continue to be in dialogue with the Head Teacher.

9. Negotiate release of more car parking space in Ferndown Village Hall Car Park (FVH) at FFS School opening and closing times and ensure that vehicles attending functions at FVH are expressly allowed access and encouraged to use the FVH Car Park with barrier raised accordingly.

As this is not part of the highway, it is not something that I have statutory powers to insist upon. Neither is it something that any part of Dorset Council can force.

10. Place double yellow lines at the corner of MD and Brabourne Avenue, with post, to alleviate congestion and provide better access at FFS opening and closing times.

Dorset Council has no previous reports of parking issues at the junction of Mountbatten Drive and Brabourne Avenue and there are currently no plans to place parking restrictions here. Our process for new double yellow lines is for the Town Council to make this request once they are satisfied there is sufficient evidence of a problem. It would be helpful if you could make your request directly to them and include evidence such as photographs showing the problem.

11. Remove zig zag lines beyond posts in Church Road as agreed with Susan Hetherington in 2016 as these are illegal under traffic law.

With regard to the existing school keep clear marking on Church Road, it is known that they cannot be currently enforced by our Civil Enforcement Officers. However, they are not illegal and can be enforced by Dorset Police. There are proposals to install two new pedestrian crossing points along Church Road, one is proposed being close to the junction of Mountbatten Drive, which is likely to involve removal of the School Keep Clear road markings and adjustments to the widths of the carriageway and footway. This work is currently in pre-feasibility and has not yet been programmed. It would not be prudent to make amendments to these lines only for a scheme to start within the next year or two, especially as currently these road markings are normally complied with by motorists.