

# **Little Gerpins Lane, Rainham - Proposed Road Closure**

## Results of the Consultation

No.	Address	Response		Comments
		Agree	Dis-agree	
1	London Cyle Campaign (Local representative)	1		Fully support the road closures. Closing the lanes to vehicular traffic and opening to cyclists & pedestrians will have major benefit on surround area and the environment.
2	Cllr. David Durrant		1	Agrees that fly-tipping is a growing problem. Blocking the road will make matters worst. Fly-tippers will be more easily identified if they tip in the adjoining lanes which carry more traffic.
3	Cllr. Keith Roberts			<p>There is no guarantee that the perpetrators will be deterred by the road closures. Instead, fly-tippers will operate in more potential areas. Has suggested that night time surveillance with back up from the police might be way forward to catch some fly tippers.</p> <p><b>Staff comments:</b> The Councillor was assured that cctv enforcement cameras would be installed in East Hall Lane, Pea Lane, Little Gerpins Lane, Lauanders Lane and Stubbers Lane.</p>

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4	Ingrebourne Valley Limited		1	The proposals will create a short dead end road at the entrance to Bonnetts Wood which will continue to be a potential site for fly tipping due

5	The Forestry Commission	1	<p>to its close proximity to Gerpins Lane Household Waste Site. Have suggested an alternative location of the kerb island at the eastern end ie close to Little Gerpins Lane.</p> <p>Have raised objections on the following grounds:</p> <p>i) The remaining spur road from Gerpins Lane to the entrance of Bonnetts Wood to the extension site (off Little Gerpins Lane) will become an area of significant fly-tipping with little incentive for the Council to clear the road.</p> <p>ii) the proposals will result in significant increase in mileage between operational sites managed by The Forestry Commission thus creating additional costs to the estate.</p> <p>iii) future timber extraction will become impossible</p> <p>iv) Emergency access for Fire and Ambulance will be restricted when blocked by fly tipping.</p>
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6	Metropolitan Police Roads & Transport Policing Command			<p>Police have not objected the proposals but have raised some safety concerns on the following grounds:</p> <p>i) vandalism to posts could allow access</p> <p>ii) motor cyclists are likely to abuse the closure</p> <p>iii) lack of lighting could be a safety issue with posts not being visible and hence it is a collision risk</p> <p>iv) how will the enclosures be enforced</p> <p><b>Staff response:</b> <i>Advance warning signs would be installed in Little Gerpins Lane &amp; Gerpins Lane to warn about the road closures. The closures will be monitored by the Council's</i></p>

7	Ingrebourne Valley Ltd.		1	<p>environmental team &amp; CCTV enforcement.</p> <p>Have objected to the proposed closure as shown in drawing No. QQ033-OF-102. The closure will create a '<i>short dead end</i>' to the entrance of Bonnetts Wood which will continue to attract fly tipping due to its proximity to the Gerpins Lane Household Waste Site. Have suggested a solution ie to relocate the kerbed kerbed island &amp; heavy duty bollard close to the junction with Gerpins Lane.</p> <p><b>Staff comments</b> : see item 1.8 in main report.</p>
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8	Gerpins Farm air field			Have not objected the proposals but have requested the earth embankments on the south side to be lowered to allow the boundary hedge to be cut which is important due to the close proximity of the air field.
	<u>Unaddressed Responses</u>			
9	Respondent 1			The respondent has not objected to the proposals. The closures proposed as a solution to fly-tipping will not address the cause of the problem as the problem will move somewhere else.
10	Respondent 2	1		The respondent is generally in favour of the proposed measures. Has suggested to relocate the proposed kerbed island (drawing No. QQ033-OF-102) close to Gerpins Lane.
				<b>Staff comments</b> : see item 1.8 in main report.
Total		2	4	

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**Summary Table**

Response	percentage (%)
Agree with closures	22
Disagree with closures	45
Neutral response	33