

## **Support for Double Yellow Lines by Baptist Church Car Park**

### **Background**

At Hawkhurst's annual parish meeting last year, a resident raised the issue of parking on Western Road by the entrance to the Baptist Church car park. Currently, vehicles park right at the entrance of the car park, making it extremely difficult to enter and leave the car park. This is not only inconvenient, but it also has safety implications as it reduces visibility and necessitates users of the car park to drive on the wrong side of the road.



This causes issues for the Baptist Church and its congregation, as well as all the community groups that operate at the Church. It is particularly problematic for F4F Hawkhurst Foodbank because of the need to get a van into the carpark with food supplies.

A decision about double yellow lines falls within KCC's remit. However, they will not consider a request unless it has the support of the Parish Council.

### **Current Position**

All three of our borough councillors and our county councillor have agreed to support this request. The Parish Council now needs to decide whether it will support the introduction of double yellow lines at the entrance to the Baptist Church car park.