

20th August 2023

Dear Sirs

**Petition to improve safety at the entrances to
Kenilworth Avenue and Monks Way in Reading**

I write to you as a resident of Kenilworth Avenue and as a Trustee of Southcote Park Estate (which consists of three unadopted roads in Southcote).

Residents of the estate have raised some concerns about the safety at the entrances to the estate which we would like to bring to the attention of the council for improvement.

Petition	Location	Request
1	Kenilworth Avenue/Southcote Lane	New double-yellow lines on the east corner
2	Kenilworth Avenue/Southcote Lane	Raised table/bump at the entrance
3	Monks Way/Southcote Lane	Raised table/bump at the entrance

If coordination with Southcote Park Estate is required for any of the works then I, and the other three Trustees, would be happy to coordinate and communicate with the residents.

I have raised these issues already with Councillor John Ennis and would be happy to present to the committee in the September 2023 meeting.

Yours faithfully

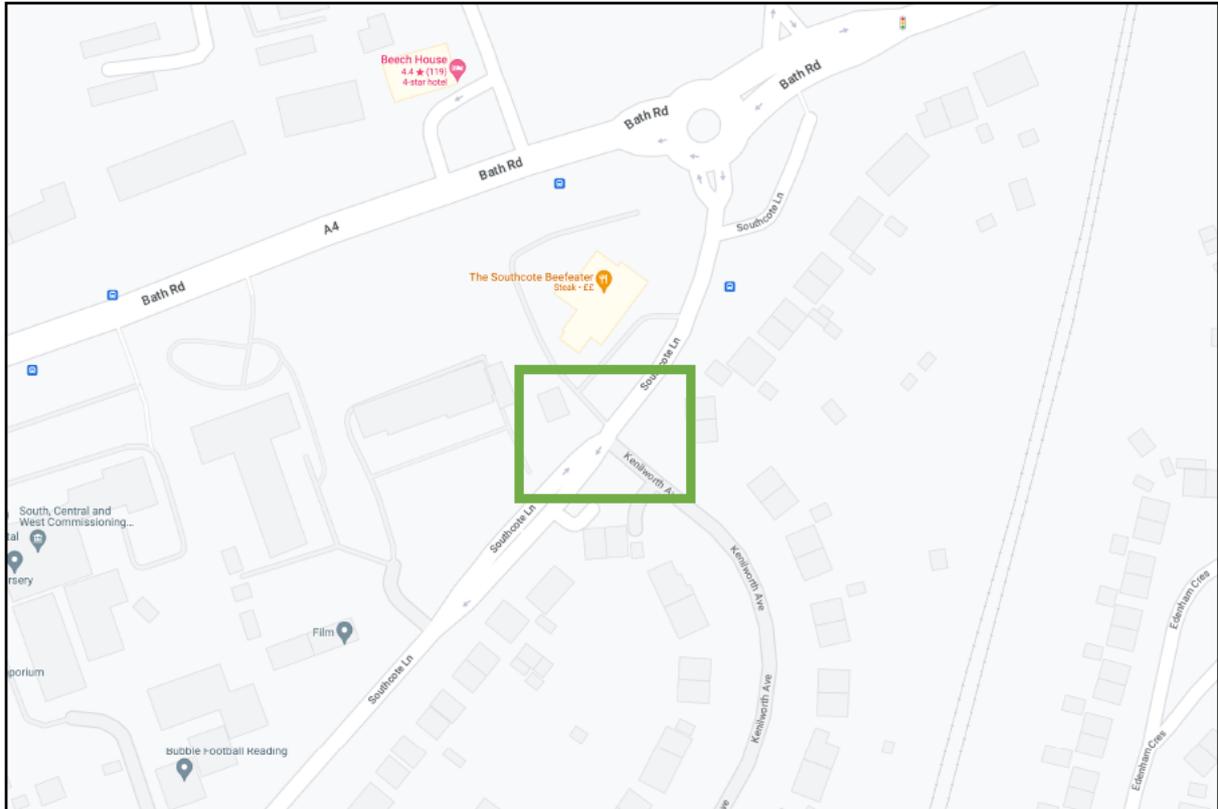
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Petition 1 – Kenilworth Avenue Double Yellow Lines

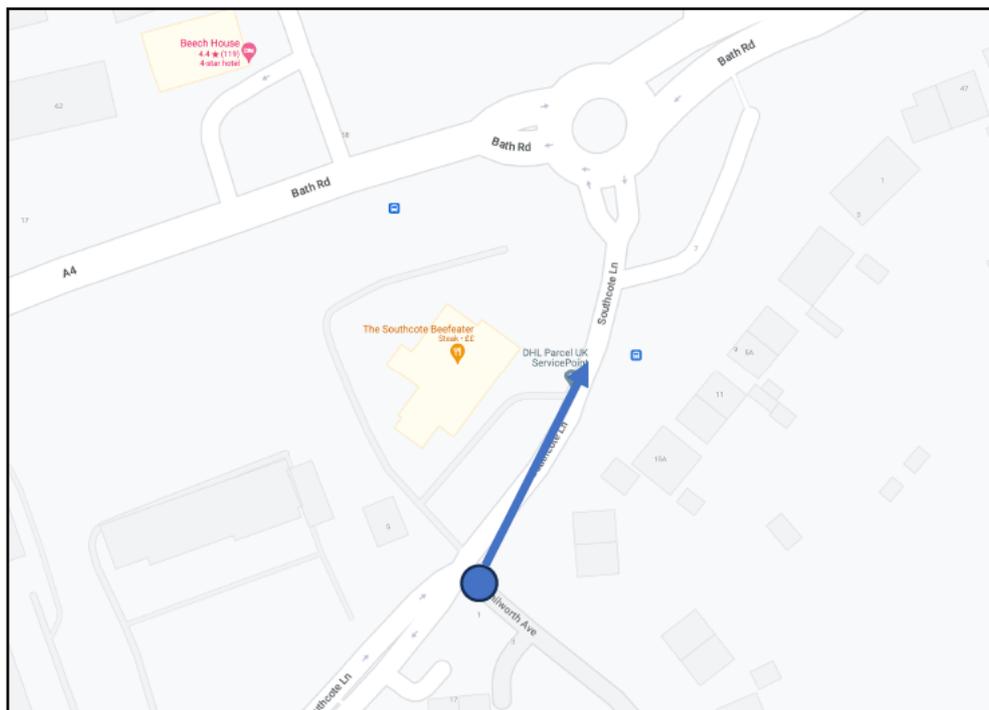
This petition refers to the [junction of Kenilworth Avenue and Southcote Lane](#), just off the Bath Road by the Beefeater pub.



As you exit Kenilworth Avenue to the right there are no parking restrictions. This leads to a dangerous situation whereby vehicles park there thus blocking the line of sight all the way up to the roundabout, as shown in the following photo:



For reference this is the location and direction of the photo:



Vehicles travelling towards this position from the roundabout are often travelling at speed and residents have reported a number of near misses with other road users.

In addition, the drop curb that allows crossing from the Beefeater is often blocked by the parked vehicles.

We request that the council urgently installs double-yellow lines as follows:



In addition, the lines on the left side do not reach around the corner fully, therefore we suggest these are extended slightly so that both sides are matching.

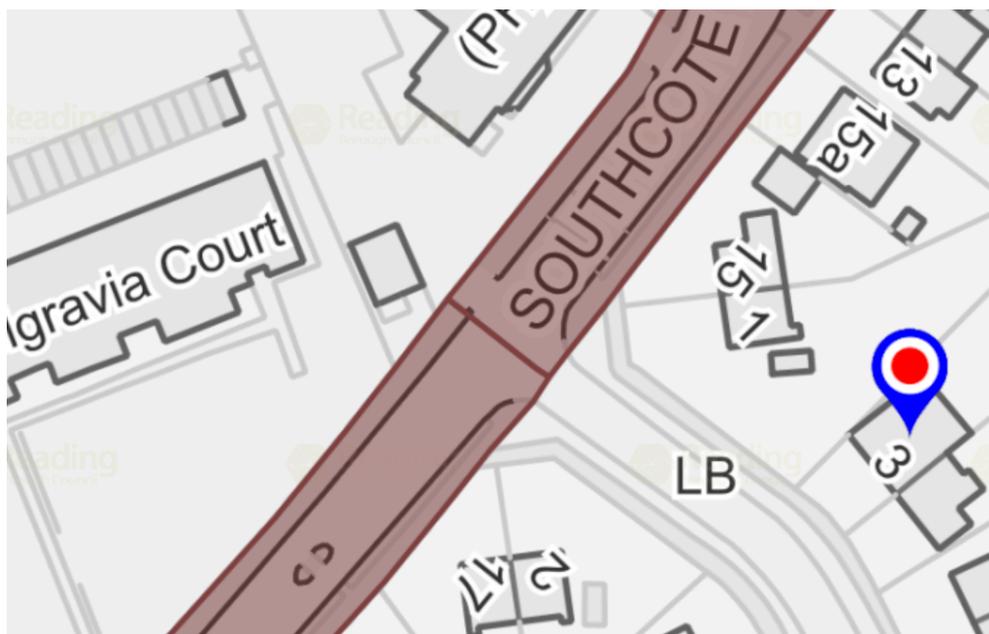
Petition 2 – Kenilworth Avenue Raised Entrances

Approximately 5 years ago the entrances to the side roads along Southcote Lane were modified to improve safety and utility for pedestrians. For reference, here is the [junction of Southcote Lane and Southcote Farm Lane](#):



For some reason the entrance to Kenilworth Avenue (same location as Petition 1) was omitted from these works.

I recently queried this with the council and was told that works were not performed as the entrance was private (i.e. part of Southcote Park Estate). However, the council's own boundary diagrams show this not to be true:



The council has responsibility for the first ~3 meters of the entrance which allows plenty of room for a raised table/bump, tactile paving etc to be consistent with the rest of Southcote Lane.

In the mornings this junction is extremely busy with school children, pedestrians, and cycles. Given the recent changes to the highway code there is often confusion at this junction with cases of drivers failing to give pedestrians priority.

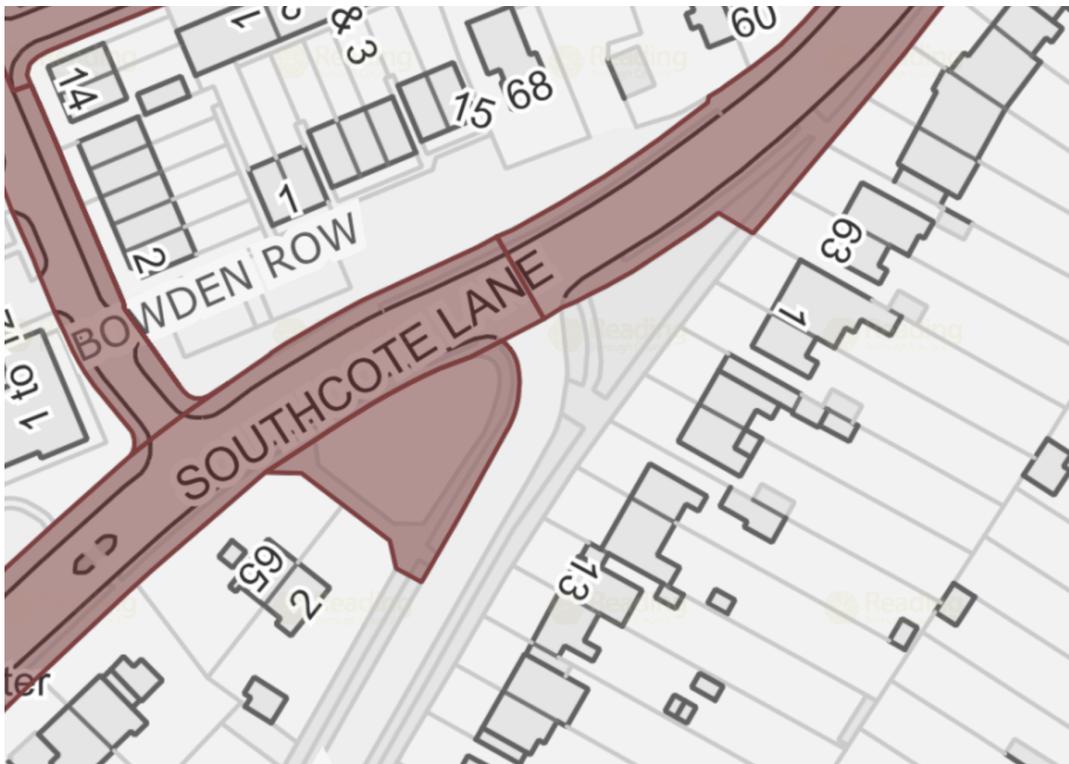
We request that the council install a raised table at the entrance of Kenilworth Avenue to be consistent with the other side-road entrances on Southcote Lane.

Petition 3 - Monks Way Raised Entrances

Similar to Petition 2, the [junction of Monks Way and Southcote Lane](#) also has no raised table:



Again, the council has responsibility for the first ~3 meters, which would allow work to be completed.



We request that the council install a raised table at the entrance of Monks Way to be consistent with the other side-road entrances on Southcote Lane.