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Dear Mr Valek,

Further to my letter dated 20th July with its enclosures, an incident occurred on the evening of Friday 12th August which has underlined the importance of suitable parking restrictions within Kent Gardens. A large white van and an estate car were parked in the unrestricted zone 'no double yellow lines' opposite the entrance to Plum Tree Grove, at the same time as an ambulance was trying to gain access to a 999 call to a resident who has subsequently died. The ambulance couldn't reach the ladies bungalow until I had run around and knocked on all the houses in Prospect Road until I found the owner of the white van. Luckily this being moved just allowed the ambulance access, the estate car owner could not be found and is not a resident of Kent Gardens. The delay in this serious situation hampered the medics vital time and access to medical equipment from the ambulance.

This is not the first time I have witnessed emergency vehicles being hampered by cars being parked on both sides of Kent Gardens having been left to go to work in Station Road or residents of neighbouring roads who want to avoid the parking restrictions in Birchington. I think you will agree something needs to be done urgently before another life is lost or a house burns to the ground because of this ongoing problem.

I have surveyed the positive responses of the residents in Kent Gardens and have found that those who did not respond were near by the Church car park, double yellow lines or the few who are too old and infirm to be affected by the traffic problems.

I appeal to you to agree to a site meeting or act on behalf of the people of Kent Gardens and make changes in the way non residents

are parking all day and night severely restricting through access and visibility when exiting from their driveways.

I look forward to a speedy response to the above.

Yours sincerely,

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