Opinion Survey Consultation FAQs and Reference Notes:

Question	Explanation
What is this consultation?	This is the first stage in the consultation process which aims to find out the parking problems in your street. We will use the results to inform the decision making process going forward.
How can I have my say?	If your property is within a scheme area you will be sent information about how to comment online. In addition street notices will be put up giving information on how to respond to the consultation. You can also get more information at the parish council offices.
What are the options?	At this stage it is too soon to come up with a solution. The results of this consultation will help us come up with possible solutions which will be subject to further consultation.
Yellow line solution	If the parking problem is mainly inconsiderate parking at junctions or not enough room for vehicles to pass each other, introducing sections of yellow lines and to allow passing places could be the solution.
What is the difference between single and double yellow lines?	Double yellow lines indicate no waiting at any time and are used where parking is not suitable (e.g. at junctions) at any time. They operate 24 hours a day every day of the year. They do not need a sign to make them enforceable.
	Single yellow lines operate for shorter periods typically covering the working day where they are used mainly to help vehicle movement when there is more traffic about. The hours and days of operation will be shown on signs either at a start of a parking zone or by the line itself.
	You are able to stop on yellow lines to drop off and pick up people and load and unload bulky goods. Blue Badge holders who display a valid badge and timeclock can park for up to 3 hours provided it is not at a junction and does not cause a hazard to other motorists.
What is loading restriction?	These are yellow 'blips' marked on the kerb (1 or 2 blips) which indicate the type of loading restriction. There will be time plates indicating the operation days and hours of the loading ban. Where they are present you can still stop to drop off or pick up people waiting at the kerbside but you can't load and Blue Badge holders can't park.
Are the footways and verges restricted?	Any waiting restrictions extend to the back of the highway, which includes footways and verges.

Can Blue Badge holders park on yellow lines?	Yes. Blue Badge holders can park for up to 3 hours on yellow lines provided they do so safely and aren't obstructing traffic and display their valid Blue Badge and timeclock.
Parking zone solution	If the parking problem is not enough space for residents to park on their street due to competition from other motorists wishing to park this could be a solution. It prioritises parking for residents during the day but the drawback is residents have to contribute to the cost of enforcement by buying a permit. The current cost is £52 a year. Residents would also have to pay for visitors to park. Visitor permits cost £1 a day.
What is a parking zone?	These are area wide restrictions which are used to reduce the amount of street clutter from post and signs along the highway. There will be entry plates at the start of a zone giving details of the operational times and days of control.
	A restricted parking zone is used in environmentally sensitive areas where yellow lines would be difficult to paint (e.g. on cobbles) or they would be unsightly. There are still entry plates at the start of the zone but restrictions are only marked by signs. No lines are painted.
	Some parking zones also include parking bays for permit holders or bays for other users (e.g. blue badge or loading or pay and display).
Why do I need a permit to park in my own road?	A permit scheme aims to make it easier for residents to park in their own street by prioritising parking for permit holders. During operational hours only permit holders can park in permit bays.

Further information on parking can be found on the Transport for Buckinghamshire Website: http://www.transportforbucks.net/Parking.aspx