

Dear Resident

I am writing to you following a conversation I have had with Angela Nutter, Community Traffic Management Officer.

As you are aware there is a proposal for double yellow lines on one side of the road and 2 hour restricted bays on the other.

I must stress I do understand that we need some restrictions in our street and that all day parking is not acceptable. However, I am unsure if you know that the current proposal means the 2 hour restricted bays will be made **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.**

What this will mean for us.

- This will mean that if we have visitors in an evening or at a weekend for more than 2 hours, and if there is no space on your drive, your visitors will have to either leave or find alternative parking on a neighboring street.
- Realistically, this means we will be unable to hold family parties, friendly gatherings or even Christmas lunch at our own properties, for more than 2 hours.
- Our visitors will not be spending quality time with us, but will instead be watching out for the traffic warden.
- The policing of the restrictions may not be workable for the council 24 hours a day and therefore maybe even more ineffective.
- If we have any contractors to our properties we will have to pay a waiver which is £15 for the first day and £5 per day thereafter, this would include Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- Our properties may not be as attractive or as re-sellable as a result of the strict restrictions, I have been informed that one property sale has already fallen through due to these specific proposals.
- We will have to ensure our front gardens can hold numerous cars in order to accommodate our current needs and future needs.

Possible alternative proposal.

We all know the problem with traffic is not so bad in an evening or at a weekend. Therefore, wouldn't it be sensible to ask for the restrictions to be in-line with the other neighboring streets rather than this blanket proposal?

For example, we could ask for the restrictions to be 7am-7pm Monday-Friday and a Saturday morning, if you think this is required.

Benefits to us of seeking an alternative proposal

- Firstly, the alternative proposal will **still** stop all day parking.
- It would also help to reduce the number of night staff workers parking, without being unfair on other residents or impacting on family life.
- If people from the hospital wished to park on a street during these times, then they will more than likely choose to park on a street closer to the hospital, not venturing as far as our street as there would be little or no benefit for them.
- We all would be able to have evening and weekend visitors, this is mainly when people visit anyway, so would not cause too much disruption or inconvenience.

I have been informed that there will be a formal consultation period where people will have the option to appeal if they wish. I urge us all to think carefully about what we wish to happen now and for the future.

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to either telephone me on ... or pop along to ...

I do really understand everyone's concerns and worries, but the outcome does need to be fair resolution for each and every one of us.

Yours Sincerely

