

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Annual Petition Summary Report

Date Range: 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021

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Paper Petition Title	Signatures	Date Responded / Response
<p>20-03 - Residents Only Parking Permits - Benson Close</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>15th September, 2020 Thank you for submitting the attached petition.</p> <p>I can confirm I recently attended a site meeting with Councillor Hulme and Councillor Ali and discussed the parking issues on Benson Close and the surrounding roads. We can mostly definitely consider a residents permit scheme on Benson Close, however by introducing parking restrictions to a isolated location we are at risk of displacing the obstructive parking that is currently taking place on Benson Close, to the neighbouring roads.</p> <p>As a result, your ward Councillors and I feel a better solution would be to consider parking restrictions for the whole of Petersfield Avenue as well the neighbouring roads, of which Benson Close is one of these. Your ward Councillors are in the process of obtaining a petition from residents of Petersfield Avenue and as soon as this has been received we will programme this scheme in.</p> <p>If you have any questions in the interim period then please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
<p>20-04 - Yellow Lines On Denbigh Close</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>15th October, 2020 You very kindly organised a recent petition requesting a parking enforcement scheme to be introduced on Denbigh Close.</p> <p>As the land in question is owned by the Housing Department it is, as far as parking enforcement is concerned, considered as private land so we need specific agreements in place to set up any scheme.</p> <p>I have discussed this with my colleagues in Parking and am pleased to say that this scheme will be considered for formal consultation and design. However, my colleagues have advised me that due to the long list of other projects already being considered there could be a significant delay in starting this project.</p> <p>This is the case for a number of other roads on Housing land and we are currently investigating if it is possible to introduce a short term, interim solution using a private parking contractor. There are some draw-backs to having a private enforcement scheme in place so we need to make sure we don't fix one problem only to create another. Once we have more information about whether</p>

		this is possible we will update you further.
20-05 - Object to Chalvey / Grove Academy Residents' Parking Scheme	52	<p>8th October, 2020 Thank you for submitting the attached petition.</p> <p>I can confirm we have analysed the feedback received during the informal consultation period and the petition attached and have made a decision, collectively with your ward councillors, not to introduce a residents parking scheme on Spackmans Way.</p> <p>If you have any further queries regarding this scheme then please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
20-06 - Chalvey Residents Parking Scheme	218	<p>13th November, 2020 Following the meeting held last night with Ward Councillors to discuss matters relating to proposing a CPZ and its suitability. I can confirm that Councillors will be sending a further consultation document outlining our stance on this matter and the reasoning as to why we have proposed the conditions.</p> <p>As you're aware, we cannot offer more than one permit per household for the CPZ to work successfully and we therefore cannot create a CPZ with an allowance that exceeds this. Once we have concluded the responses received from the upcoming consultation, we will then look into this again and decide on the outcome. Thank you for your patience on the matter.</p>
20-07 - Residents Only Parking Scheme - Arthur Road	16	<p>30th November, 2020 Thank you for submitting the attached petition, this has been forwarded onto me to respond to.</p> <p>I can confirm we have added Arthur Road to our Forward Plan to review. Due to us working on a number of schemes at present, we would not be able to review this request until next year. At this stage I cannot provide you with an exact timescale, but once we have any further information we will contact you as the lead petitioner.</p> <p>If you have any further queries in the meantime then please do not hesitate to contact me directly.</p>
20.08 - Traffic Calming and The Lack of Off Road Parking on Long Readings Lane	179	<p>11th December, 2020 Thank you for your correspondence.</p> <p>With regard to the issues you have raised regarding the existing traffic calming, an engineer visited Long Readings Lane on December 3rd between 8am and 9am, and again between 3pm - 4pm.</p> <p>Our engineer highlighted that am and pm congestion is evident with school traffic contributing considerably to congestion on the road. This is unfortunately usual outside all schools in the borough. We work with a number of schools to introduce 'softer', cost-effective measures to encourage the school community to walk/cycle to school, or park away from the school gate and would be happy to work with the cluster of schools in this area. It is recognised that it is not</p>

		<p>always costly engineering measures that are required to tackle a particular issue but we would need the schools' commitment to partner with us for this to be effective. We will make contact with the schools in the new year. I feel that as part of the evidence collecting, we will issue a school-travel survey to understand how many parents drive their children to school. This is important as it will demonstrate whether the issue is the existing traffic calming, or whether it is in fact school-run congestion.</p> <p>I feel it is important to highlight out that the limited budget for road safety/ traffic calming measures is allocated to address speed and safety issues primarily; using speed/accident data to evidence an intervention. In this particular instance the accident data shows 4 slight accidents over the last 3 years which would mean this area would not ordinarily be prioritised as an area of concern.</p> <p>However, it was observed that drivers were unwilling to allow others to pass and although not observed, our engineer noted that drivers may speed to pass the traffic calming. We will therefore undertake further analysis to understand driver behaviour which will include commissioning of speed and traffic volume surveys to provide data regarding speeding and congestion. This data will be collected and shared with your Councillors but officers cannot confirm at this stage that action will be taken until funding is allocated to introduce any changes to the existing scheme.</p> <p>As part of this work, we will look at options for safe crossing points as a full review but the introduction of i.e. a zebra crossing may add to existing congestion issues and is very costly to implement. We have to prioritise our budget for areas where we have evidence of accident and speeding to demonstrate a need to make improvements and I am unable at this time able to advise if any other funding stream is available to address the issues you have raised such as congestion. The existing scheme would have been introduced to address a specific set of issues (speeding in particular) and the measures designed as the most appropriate however we will revisit this as part of our review of the area.</p> <p>Your concerns regarding lack of parking have also been investigated by our Parking Development team. You have requested for us to consider converting the grass verges into parking areas, however this request can only be considered if it is supported by your ward Councillors as the Council does not have a budget for such requests. You have also asked us to review the garages to see if additional parking can be created here. It is likely that these areas are not public highway, however if you could provide us with an exact location where the garages are located, we can investigate this matter further.</p> <p>Finally you have asked that we mark the existing parking bays to allow more effective parking and to make the bays resident only. Can you confirm which bays you are referring to? Again once we have this additional information we can advise further.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you soon.</p>
<p>20-09 - Residents Parking Fox Road</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>2nd December, 2020 Thank you for contacting the council with a petition about the new resident's only permit scheme introduced on Denbigh Close. This short term scheme has been introduced by the Housing</p>

		<p>Management Team.</p> <p>Residents on Denbigh Close have been blighted for a number of months with inconsiderate parking on the access road from Fox Road meaning that some residents struggled to drive into and out of Denbigh Close and their rubbish bins could not be collected. The lack of bin collection was in danger of becoming a health hazard as overflowing bins attract rats and other vermin.</p> <p>As a short term measure we have introduced resident's only parking on the whole of Denbigh Close to make sure the access road remains free from obstruction by cars. We will review this scheme in early 2021 and taking the feedback from neighbouring resident's into account we will see if we are able to remove the permit scheme for the parking bays in Denbigh Close and leave it in place for the access road.</p> <p>The original planning application says that residents from neighbouring streets could still have use of 7 of the parking bays in Denbigh Close. Our intention is to make sure that this facility is kept open for all residents in the local area. Unfortunately for a short time this parking facility will need to be removed while we ensure that residents in Denbigh Close are not stopped from driving in and out of their road and are not facing an infestation of rats and mice due to bins not being collected. Free parking for residents is still available on surrounding roads.</p> <p>All the feedback from residents is being collated and will be reviewed in the new year.</p>
20-10 - Residents Parking - Hilperton Road & Burlington Avenue Issues	26	<p>8th January, 2021 Thank you for submitting the attached petition.</p> <p>I can confirm we have added Hilperton Road and Burlington Avenue to our Forward Plan to be reviewed. Due to the high volume of work at present, I do not have an exact timeframe as to when we will be able to review this scheme, however as lead petitioner I will be in touch with you as soon as I have any further updates on this.</p> <p>If you have any queries in the meantime then please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
20-11 - Residential Parking Permits – Hillside	40	<p>12th January, 2021 Thank you for submitting the above petition.</p> <p>I can confirm we have added Hillside to our Forward Plan to be considered for a residents permit scheme. Due to the high volume of work at present I am unable to provide you with an exact timescale of when we will be able to consider this request, however once we have any updates on this matter, as lead petitioner we will contact you with more information.</p>
21-01 - Parking Restrictions Clive Court	14	<p>4th February, 2021 Thank you for your petition dated 21st December 2020 regarding the introduction of parking restrictions to Clive Court.</p>

		<p>A number of points have been raised which I will address individually below.</p> <p>You have queried why we have introduced double yellow lines to Clive Court. You state this has reduced the parking available to residents and there was no mention of this in the consultation letter.</p> <p>I can confirm when proposing a residents permit scheme our primary objective is to always maximize kerb capacity but to also address any potential road safety concerns. As Clive Court is a particularly narrow road, we can only allow parking on one side of the road, hence the introduction of double yellow lines to the opposite side. However since receiving your petition we have reviewed this and a decision has been made to amend the double yellow line at the entrance of Clive Court only, as the road width is slightly wider at this location which will allow parking for additional vehicles. These amendments will be made on site shortly, if they haven't been done already.</p> <p>It is important to note that this scheme has been implemented under an experimental order which means once the scheme becomes operational, the first 6 months acts as the consultation period. During this period we would advise all residents to write in with their comments and after the 6 month period has elapsed, we will analyse all the feedback that has been received and make a collective decision with your ward councilors on the next steps. This information will also be stated in the letter that is to be sent to all residents shortly.</p> <p>The consultation letter that was sent to residents contained a link where residents could find out more information on the scheme. This link detailed the various restrictions being proposed and also a plan of the scheme. Following the consultation we had to make some amendments to the scheme and then made a decision to proceed with the amended scheme.</p> <p>You have asked why we have implemented double yellow lines if the scheme is not yet operational.</p> <p>We know from experience that it can take a while to introduce a scheme of this size to the Borough as delays can arise due to weather conditions and the lining teams existing workload. As a result there is always a slight delay between the scheme being implemented and it going live. Furthermore we cannot enforce this scheme until it has been fully implemented, however I hope to be in touch with all residents in the coming weeks with an update on this and the operational date.</p> <p>I hope the above helps in answering your questions however please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.</p>
<p>21-02 - Object to Residents Parking Scheme - Turton Way, Alexandra Road & Primary Road</p>	<p>69</p>	<p>10th February, 2021 Thank you for submitting the attached petition and please see below Parkings response.</p> <p>You have raised a number of points in your petition which I will be addressing below.</p>

You state the residents object to a residents permit scheme for Alexandra Road, Turton Way and Primary Road as you have multiple vehicles in each household.

A residents permit scheme has been designed and implemented in response to the Grove Academy School development, to mitigate any obstructive parking experienced by residents during school pick up and drop off times. Prior to the introduction of this scheme we did conduct an informal consultation, the results were reviewed and a decision was made to proceed with a scheme to implementation stage. This scheme has been introduced under an 18 month experimental order, with the first 6 months being the consultation period. During this period we welcome feedback from the public and after the 6 month period has elapsed, we will analyse the comments received and make a decision on the next steps.

You state the timing of the scheme is unthoughtful as there is sufficient parking for residents during the hours of 8am-6pm but residents struggle to find parking in the evening. The timings of the implemented scheme are Monday-Friday 8am-6pm. This was proposed as this scheme was designed in response to the Grove Academy School development. During the informal consultation we did receive alternative suggestions for timings, however the proposed timing was the preferred option. If residents would still like us to consider an alternative timing, they would need to submit their comments during the 6 month consultation period. After this period has elapsed, all feedback will be reviewed and a decision will be made on the next steps. A letter will be sent to resident shortly informing them when the scheme will become operational and when the consultation starts.

You have asked for the scheme to be removed.

A decision was made to proceed with this scheme based on the outcome of the informal consultation. For residents that are not in favour of this scheme, they would need to submit their comments during the 6 month consultation period. After this period has elapsed, all feedback will be reviewed and a decision will be made on the next steps. As stated previously, a letter will be sent to resident shortly informing them when the scheme will become operational and when the consultation period starts.

You also sent a subsequent email dated 20th January 2021 and raised a number of other points which I have addressed individually below.

Why has no one from the Parking department or a ward councillor made an ANNOUNCED site visit to view the exact problems residents have with parking?

I understand you have received a response to this query from your ward Councillors. However I would also like to reiterate that the purpose of the informal consultation was to gather the views of the residents on the proposed scheme. This was the residents opportunity to write in and provide us with this information. However a site visit has been conducted to review the scheme that has been implemented. We have not arranged a site visit with residents as we have obtained sufficient information from the emails and phone calls we have received to date. However the 6 month consultation period will provide the residents with another opportunity to write in with their comments.

		<p>Why was a double yellow line placed outside 55 Alexandra Road roughly two weeks ago and removed today by SBC? Is this not a misuse of public funds like I initially queried?</p> <p>During the site visit to review the scheme, 2 locations were identified where the double yellow lines could be reduced and the restrictions outside 55 Alexandra Road were one of these locations. The existing double yellow lines outside 55 Alexandra Road measured 9.5m which is in line with the requirements of the Highway Code. However we made a decision to review this restriction due to a request of a resident and it was decided that we would remove 5m of double yellow line as this would allow an additional vehicle to park at this location without compromising road safety.</p> <p>Why are residents being treated differently by SBC and local ward councillors?</p> <p>I am sorry to hear you feel this way but I would like to reassure you that this is not the case. An informal consultation took place prior to introducing this scheme under an experimental order, although there is no legal requirement to consult with the public prior to implementing a scheme under this type of order and we made a decision to proceed with this scheme based on the outcome of the informal consultation. As you are aware, Spackmans Way also formed part of the informal consultation but as we received significant feedback from these residents asking us to remove this location from the proposed residents permit scheme, we were able to do this. We did not receive the same level of correspondence from residents of Turton Way or Alexandra Road residents.</p> <p>Why have residents been getting parking fines for parking on the side of Turton Way, when you have not informed anyone that these lines would be placed in the location they are currently in?</p> <p>We have not sent an instruction to enforce the new restrictions, however if a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) has been issued then I would advise residents to write in and challenge this. Details of how to do this can be found on the reverse of the PCN.</p> <p>Finally I would like to make you aware that as we have received a number of emails from residents of Alexandra Road and Turton Way residents, a generic letter will be sent to all these residents with a response to all the points raised to date. Furthermore shortly after this another letter will be sent to all residents directly impacted by this scheme with details of when the scheme will become operational and the 6 month period will commence, as well as how the residents can submit their comments.</p> <p>I hope this information helps.</p>
<p>21-03 - Marking and Repainting of Parking Bays at Oak Tree Drive</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>2nd February, 2021</p> <p>We have added the request for lines to be refreshed to a list that our contractors work through, this will be completed in due course. It is common for lines on brick paving or cobblestones to have a limited life so fading of these lines are to be expected every couple of years.</p> <p>Unfortunately it is not possible to allocate parking spaces to specific residents on a public highway. If this area was part of a private housing development then it would be of the</p>

		<p>responsibility of the relevant managing authority to issue such provisions however in this case, it will not be possible. No resident has exclusive rights to park in their road, in front or near to their property. It is reminded that the public highway is permitted to be used by all members of the public and not just residents. It is common for properties that are located near popular local amenities to have reduced capacity compared to other residential areas however we do recognise the difficulty that residents can face during peak times and we generally try to offer alternative options to visitors/customers to discourage them from parking in residential roads.</p>
<p>21-04 - Save Our Green Spaces</p>	<p>208</p>	<p>26th March, 2021 This petition relates both to Bowyer Playing Fields and to all other greenspaces in Slough.</p> <p>With regards to Bowyer Playing Fields, it may be helpful to refer to the Planning Committee report which was considered at the Planning Committee meeting of 10th February. You can view this on the agenda at the following link; the report is at item 106 on the agenda: http://democracy.slough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=111&MId=6525&Ver=4</p> <p>(The numbering of items on the agenda starts at 101). The following extracts may be useful: From Section 7:</p> <p>7.0 <u>Policy Background</u></p> <p><u>The Site Allocations Development Plan Document</u></p> <p>The policy for the site (reference SSA17) sets out the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Reason for allocation:</i> <p><i>To ensure that this site is developed in a comprehensive way which maximises the attractiveness of the canal and the basin. To establish the principle of allowing residential development within the public open space.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Site Planning Requirements:</i> <p>Redevelopment proposals should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide facilities that will attract visitors and form a focal point for users of the towpath and canal - Open up views from Stoke Road to the Canal Basin - Retain and enhance the winding hole and pedestrian and cycle access to the basin - Retain and take opportunities to enhance the nature conservation value of the canal - Consider the provision of visitor moorings and the north side of the canal - Provide residential development - Enhance recreational facilities within the Bowyer Playing Fields <p>The policy also refers to Core Strategy Policies 2 (Green Belt and Open Spaces) and 4 (Type of Housing), which are noted above.</p>

The site allocation recognises that the above development must be delivered within the following constraints:

- The need to retain a significant area of the existing open space, making compensatory provision for the loss of some of this space and providing public realm / open space around the canal basin.
- The presence of the canal itself and the unique opportunities it provides for development at this site.
- Site access is expected to be from Stoke Road. A secondary access from Kendal Close could be provided, but there should be no access from St John's Road.
- The existing electricity pylon and power lines on the northern side of the basin.

9.0 **Principle of development**

9.1 The site is a mix of previously developed land and open space. As noted in the previous sections of this report, the site is an allocated site, ref. SSA17 as identified in the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. The DPD sets out the reasons for this allocation:

- To ensure that this site is developed in a comprehensive way which maximises the attractiveness of the canal and the canal basin.
- To establish the principle of allowing residential development within the public open space.

The DPD states that "...only a limited amount of the Bowyer Playing field will be developed adjacent to the canal in a manner which still preserves views to and from the open space. It is considered that the loss of some open space is acceptable, as an exception, on the basis that some new public areas will be created around the canal basin with hard and soft landscaping. There will also be compensatory improvements to the quality and facilities provided within the Bowyer Playing field including the provision of a multi use games area".

While the DPD does not explicitly state what the quantum of development within this existing open space should be provided, the general form of this part of the proposal - Blocks F1-F4 - largely coincides with an illustrative plan within the Document...

Section 12 of the report deals with **Impacts on recreational users**. As this section is approximately five pages long, I refer you again to the above link to access the report in full.

Turning to other green spaces in Slough, the Council recently consulted on a Proposed Spatial

		<p>Strategy, which can be accessed at the following link:</p> <p>https://www.slough.gov.uk/downloads/download/143/the-spatial-strategy-consultation-document-nov-2020</p> <p>Paragraphs 13.86 – 13. 91 sets out the intention to protect all designated open space, with the exception of the area within <i>the Bowyer Playing field that is allocated as discussed above, in the Site Allocations DPD</i>. Paragraphs 15.27 – 15.31 sets out the policy direction for Parks and Open Spaces, and reiterates that</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A key principle of the Spatial Strategy is that there should be no loss of parks or public open space.</i></p> <p>I trust that this is helpful in addressing the key points raised in the “Save Our Green Spaces” Petition.</p>
21-05 - Resident Parking Scheme, The Green, Chalvey	53	<p>12th March, 2021</p> <p>Thank you for submitting the above petition, this has been passed onto me to respond to.</p> <p>I can confirm the enforcement dates for this scheme have been amended, a letter has been sent to all residents today providing them with up to date information on this matter and also the number of permits that can now be purchased per household. Please await this letter as I am hoping it will help answer all your queries regarding these elements of the scheme.</p> <p>Furthermore we are now in the 6 month consultation period for this scheme. We would not considering removing the scheme at this stage however I have logged your petition as a formal representation to this scheme and your comments will be considered when making a decision on the next steps.</p> <p>I have also taken note of you comments regarding residents not knowing of the informal consultation, however I can confirm letters were sent to residents of The Green informing them of a proposed scheme. Furthermore when designing the scheme, double yellow lines were introduced to areas where it was recognised that a parked vehicle would compromise road safety and access.</p> <p>I would like to reassure you that your petition has not been disregarded but has been formally logged and will be taken into consideration. We will also be working closely with your ward councillors on this matter.</p>
21-06 - Against New Parking Restrictions - Scholars Walk	15	<p>Due on - 12th April, 2021</p> <p>To follow.</p>
21-07 - Cippenham Lane Parking Restrictions - 30 Minutes Limit	36	<p>Due on - 16th April, 2021</p> <p>To follow.</p>

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Petition against re-development of 14 Lynwood Avenue (P/12604/003)	125	8 th July, 2020 The above petition has now closed and this petition has been forwarded to the relevant Planning Officer for consideration.
Abolish the Bath Road Bus Lane	5272	3 rd November, 2020 This petition to 'Abolish the Bath Road Bus Lane' was submitted to Slough Borough Council, which triggered a debate at full Council (24 th September, 2020). The officer report submitted to full Council recommended the continued monitoring of outputs of the experimental phase of the A4 bus and cycle lane scheme for the duration of the objection / consultation period. The petition was debated at full council with the motion to move it to joint panel (29 th October, 2020).
Request for Parking Permits for Flat Residents of Mead Close	11	15 th October, 2020 You very kindly organised a recent petition requesting a parking enforcement scheme to be introduced on Mead Close. As the land in question is owned by the Housing Department it is, as far as parking enforcement is concerned, considered as private land so we need specific agreements in place to set up any scheme. I have discussed this with my colleagues in Parking and am pleased to say that this scheme will be considered for formal consultation and design. However, my colleagues have advised me that due to the long list of other projects already being considered there could be a significant delay in starting this project. This is the case for a number of other roads on Housing land and we are currently investigating if it is possible to introduce a short term, interim solution using a private parking contractor. There are some draw-backs to having a private enforcement scheme in place so we need to make sure we don't fix one problem only to create another. Once we have more information about whether this is possible we will update you further.
Parking restrictions on Century Lane, Boundary Drive and Rosebay Avenue	2	16 th September, 2020 With reference to your Online petition request – Parking Restrictions on Century Lane, Boundary Drive and Rosebay Avenue. The Council is not able to accept this petition as it is has fallen below the minimum threshold of 10 signatories.
Covid19 Safe Distancing on Pavements	2	16 th September, 2020 With reference to your Online petition request – Covid19 Safe Distancing on Pavements.

		<p>The Council is not able to accept this petition as it is has fallen below the minimum threshold of 10 signatories.</p>
<p>Put speed safety measures in place on St Laurence Way</p>	16	<p>3rd November, 2020 The petition to 'Put Speed Safety Measures In Place On St Laurence Way' was submitted to Slough Borough Council.</p> <p>Speed surveys for St Laurence Way were undertaken in January 2020, over a 7 day period and which showed an average speed of just over 22 mph. Accident data for St Laurence Way, obtained from the CrashMap database indicates that over the previous 3 years, there were 2 slight accidents recorded.</p> <p>The Road Safety budget is prioritised in areas where there is evidence of speeding and where accident data supports an intervention. In this instance we do not have evidence data to support traffic calming measures. We will however continue to monitor the area.</p>
<p>Permit Parking Winvale and Vale Grove</p>	42	<p>2nd November, 2020 Thank you for your petition supporting your request for a permit zone in Winvale and Vale Grove. We currently receive a large volume of similar type of requests for a controlled parking zone (CPZ) from all over the borough. Since we are only able to work on a limited number of such parking schemes each year there is various requirements which must be met in order for one to be considered and we often try to discourage the implementation of permit zones covering just one road as best practice is to cover a number of roads within a zone. One of these measures is that off-street parking is unavailable for the vast majority of residents over a number of roads. This is not the case for properties in Vale Grove and therefore this location would not be suitable for consideration.</p> <p>I have also noticed that Vale Grove has a large number of unrestricted off-street provision to the rear of the flats, these capable of accommodating quite a few vehicles. There is also a large amount of flank wall (kerb space) available to residents in both roads and this combined with the off-street provision that is provided, I struggle to come to terms with these concerns. There seems to be a huge imbalance in favor of available kerb space, especially when you consider the small proportion of residents that would require to park on-street within both roads.</p> <p>Unfortunately, no resident has exclusive rights to park within a street, as this sterilizes the road and does not allow others to park at other times. As on-street parking can be a premium, Slough Council tries to provide a balance between parking by residents and by others, rather than displace parking issues onto another location especially where demand is high due to nearby facilities such as stations, hospitals, schools, businesses and shops.</p> <p>It would be the case that every resident who has a vehicle registered to a property in other roads within the whole parking zone would be able to park in your road and may do so if their road is full or just so to get that bit nearer to the station or to the shops. There may also be more cars</p>

		<p>registered in your street than we are able to provide spaces for and therefore you would feel that you have paid a fee to find yourself in the same situation as at present. A permit gives holders priority parking during the operational times but will not guarantee a space outside your property or even in your road. Outside of the controlled hours, the permit bays could be convenient for outside visitors/commuters i.e. if the controlled times were 12.00noon -2.00pm a vehicle could park from 2.01pm to 11.59am and not need a parking permit which could still cause you problems.</p> <p>Where residents are experiencing driveway obstruction advisory white bar access markings are now available to be requested providing they meet the agreed criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White bar access markings will only be installed where the turning of vehicles in or out of a driveway is a regular problem. • White bar markings will not be provided where waiting restrictions (yellow lines) are in force or where other carriageway markings would conflict, unless there are special circumstances to do so. • If the access or driveway is shared with a neighbour, it will be necessary to obtain their agreement to having a white bar marking. We may need to consult a neighbour in advance of installing such a marking. <p>Further information and application forms can be accessed through the following link. http://www.slough.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-roads/obstructive-parking.aspx</p> <p>Therefore, having reviewed the information available, we will not be recommending any further action at this time but will ensure that your comments are recorded on our database to be included in any review that may take in the future.</p>
<p>Traffic Calming and The Lack of Off Road Parking on Long Readings Lane</p>	<p>58</p>	<p>11th December, 2020 Thank you for your correspondence.</p> <p>With regard to the issues you have raised regarding the existing traffic calming, an engineer visited Long Readings Lane on December 3rd between 8am and 9am, and again between 3pm - 4pm.</p> <p>Our engineer highlighted that am and pm congestion is evident with school traffic contributing considerably to congestion on the road. This is unfortunately usual outside all schools in the borough. We work with a number of schools to introduce 'softer', cost-effective measures to encourage the school community to walk/cycle to school, or park away from the school gate and would be happy to work with the cluster of schools in this area. It is recognised that it is not always costly engineering measures that are required to tackle a particular issue but we would need the schools' commitment to partner with us for this to be effective. We will make contact with the schools in the new year. I feel that as part of the evidence collecting, we will issue a school-travel survey to understand how many parents drive their children to school. This is important as it will demonstrate whether the issue is the existing traffic calming, or whether it is in fact school-run congestion.</p>

		<p>I feel it is important to highlight out that the limited budget for road safety/ traffic calming measures is allocated to address speed and safety issues primarily; using speed/accident data to evidence an intervention. In this particular instance the accident data shows 4 slight accidents over the last 3 years which would mean this area would not ordinarily be prioritised as an area of concern.</p> <p>However, it was observed that drivers were unwilling to allow others to pass and although not observed, our engineer noted that drivers may speed to pass the traffic calming. We will therefore undertake further analysis to understand driver behaviour which will include commissioning of speed and traffic volume surveys to provide data regarding speeding and congestion. This data will be collected and shared with your Councillors but officers cannot confirm at this stage that action will be taken until funding is allocated to introduce any changes to the existing scheme.</p> <p>As part of this work, we will look at options for safe crossing points as a full review but the introduction of i.e. a zebra crossing may add to existing congestion issues and is very costly to implement. We have to prioritise our budget for areas where we have evidence of accident and speeding to demonstrate a need to make improvements and I am unable at this time able to advise if any other funding stream is available to address the issues you have raised such as congestion. The existing scheme would have been introduced to address a specific set of issues (speeding in particular) and the measures designed as the most appropriate however we will revisit this as part of our review of the area.</p> <p>Your concerns regarding lack of parking have also been investigated by our Parking Development team. You have requested for us to consider converting the grass verges into parking areas, however this request can only be considered if it is supported by your ward Councillors as the Council does not have a budget for such requests. You have also asked us to review the garages to see if additional parking can be created here. It is likely that these areas are not public highway, however if you could provide us with an exact location where the garages are located, we can investigate this matter further.</p> <p>Finally you have asked that we mark the existing parking bays to allow more effective parking and to make the bays resident only. Can you confirm which bays you are referring to? Again once we have this additional information we can advise further.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you soon.</p>
<p>Petition to Reject The Planning Application (Ref: P/07584/011) For The Stoke Wharf Development Project in Slough, which will be Redeveloping The Bowyers Recreation Ground and The Surrounding Areas and to Save The Bowyers Recreation Grounds from</p>	<p>228</p>	<p>Due on - 9th March, 2021 To follow.</p>

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