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22nd October 2009

Dear Mr Heath

Re: Proposed residents' only parking restrictions in Vinery Gardens

I am writing to you to lodge my objections to the above scheme.

My chiropractic clinic has been at the junction of Winchester Road and Vinery Gardens for some 20 years. Over this time we have served thousands of local residents, as well as many people who travel significant distances to attend the clinic. I employ 7 staff, and have three associates who also work at the clinic. We have been extremely distressed to see the proposals for the whole area to be made into residents' parking, as if this were to go ahead it would effectively destroy my business. I will have to make staff redundant and I and my associates would also lose our own incomes. The city will also lose the specialist service provided by us.

As you can imagine many of our patients come here because of back pain and mobility issues and so are not able to walk far, and most of our staff simply could not get here by public transport. We also have a significant number of pregnant women, babies and very young children who are brought here for treatment and are also not able to be carried or walk very far. We carried out a survey over several days that showed the vast majority of our patients do come to the clinic by car.

There are very limited spaces available already, which sometimes causes our patients significant problems. Parking issues have become progressively worse here during the past 5 years, although for the previous 15 years there was not a problem. We have often had 4 or 5 patients parking outside of the clinic and there was enough room for them to do so. Since the policy limiting suitable hospital staff parking was introduced we have many hospital workers parking all day in Vinery Gardens and the surrounding roads. The current development of 152 Winchester Road, which is creating 63 units of accommodation with between 2 and 4 bedrooms each and only 36 parking spaces, has made the residents fearful that there will be no parking spaces available at all in the area.

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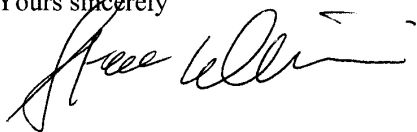
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I feel that I am stuck in an extremely difficult situation here, which I did pre-empt about 2 years ago, by proposing (along with my neighbour Mr Giany on the opposite side of Vinery Gardens) to the council that the road was made residential parking up to our properties, and then the end was restricted to limited waiting time of one hour. This would mean that hospital workers and residents would not park there and it would still enable us to serve the community. If a restricted parking scheme is approved, I would request in the strongest possible terms that it includes a realistic limited waiting element of this sort, so that the needs of the residents for exclusive parking and those of my practice would both be met.

I am enclosing a signed petition of some 200 signatures or so that have been collected by the Practice during the last couple of weeks from patients visiting the clinic and staff. This number only represents a small proportion of our patient base, as we did not have a chance to mention this to some of the people who came to clinic and there are very many more patients who come less frequently than once a month. I hope that this gives some added weight to my objection, as well as an indication of just how many people will be detrimentally affected should this proposal be approved as it currently stands.

I look forward to receiving the Council's response to my objection in due course.

Yours sincerely



Dr Steve Williams
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C.c. Mr Roger Mortimer, Principle Officer for Traffic Management
Southampton City Council, Civic Centre Road, Civic Centre
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Appendix 5: Correspondence in relation to objections

Copy of email attached to correspondence from St James Chiropractic Clinic (22nd October 2009)

Email received 21.10.09

Thank you for reply. I would have no problem in supporting your request for limited waiting. Your clinic and your employees are a valuable service to many people and I am in favour of compromise in order to help residents and your patients. You may forward this to whomsoever you are in contact with on this matter. best wishes on a reasonable outcome.

Regards
Edwina Cooke
Shirley Ward Councillor
Southampton City Council
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Dr Steven Williams
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25th November 2009

Dear Dr Williams,

Re: Parking Proposals St James Park Road Area

Thank you for your letter and petition objecting to the proposals for permit parking restrictions in the area of St James's Park Road. I have enclosed a general letter to residents highlighting the main points from the consultation and responded to the points you have raised below.

We are sympathetic to the position of St James Chiropractic Clinic and appreciate the services it provides to the community. On this basis we have amended the design of the scheme to provide limited waiting facilities at entrance to Vinery Gardens. The restriction at the side of your property would be 1 hour Limited Waiting 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and the restriction opposite would be a 2 Hour Limited Waiting except Permit Holders 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday in order that it could also be used by residents and their visitors, if required. I hope that this addresses a significant part of your concerns, if the scheme is approved.

The proposed scheme has been prompted by the development of 152 Winchester Road and with the current high level of mid-week on-street parking in the vicinity we remain of the view that a permit parking scheme is the best approach to protect the community from excessive non-resident parking.

Therefore whilst appreciating the points you have raised, with the amendment we have made, I have concluded that reasons for proposing these restrictions are still valid and I regret that I am unable to uphold your objection. I hope that you will find this decision acceptable, but if, for any reason you do not, and you still wish to make an objection, you have right to do so. Your objection would then be placed before the Council's Cabinet for consideration and a decision (unless the proposal is withdrawn). **Should you wish to make an objection in this way, please write to me stating your reasons for doing so and making sure your letter reaches me no later than 18th December 2009.** Please note that in the event you wish to make an objection and request that it be considered by the Council's Cabinet body, any such correspondence may be included within a Cabinet report accessible by the public or be subject to disclosure under Freedom of Information legislation.

If you require any further information please contact me, otherwise I have included a map of the revised proposals for the scheme.

Yours sincerely

Graham Muir

Graham Muir
Traffic Engineer, Traffic Management

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8th December 2009

Dear Mr Muir

Re: Parking Proposals St James Park Road Area, Vinery Gardens

Thank you for your letter dated 25th November regarding the above.

Whilst I appreciate that you have incorporated 1 hour and 2 hour waiting at the end of Vinery Gardens, this would only give the provision for three or possibly four cars to park because you have 'chopped off' some of the space that is currently used at the Winchester Road end of Vinery Gardens. The proposed 1 hour allocation on my side of the road also runs across the existing dropped kerb and prevents the possible use of two on-site parking spaces in my clinic. Therefore I have no choice but to object to this revised proposal as it will not provide anything like enough parking for my patients, even if it were a dedicated provision, as of course other people will also be free to use it.

I would suggest that the proposal be amended to allow either one of two hour parking on both sides of Vinery Gardens from the boundaries of my and Mr Giany's properties to the end of the road, as is currently allowed. This will not produce any increased risk to road users or pedestrians and would sort out a difficult situation for all of us.

Since lodging our original objection, which included a petition from our patients, we have collected a further 200 signatures and are continuing to do so from other patients who attend the clinic less frequently.

Yours sincerely



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St James's Close
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25th November 2009

Dear

Re: Parking Proposals St James Park Road Area

Thank you for your letters and photos of 15th and 19th October objecting to the proposals for permit parking restrictions in the area of St James Park Road.

Unfortunately any scheme of parking restrictions will have a boundary and may displace vehicles to neighbouring areas (though it may be difficult to predict the impact on particular roads). It has therefore been our approach to support communities that are most directly affected by excessive non-resident parking by proposing permit parking schemes, where appropriate.

We have also responded to your previous correspondence on this matter advising that we have forwarded your concerns over parking in St James Close to the Local Housing Office, in order that they can better represent the views of all the residents over whether any further restrictions should be proposed in this vicinity. You may also wish to discuss any particular parking arrangements during the period when renovation work is being undertaken with them.

In our correspondence to residents we have also requested that they refrain from leaving bollards or other obstructions on the highway, as you have highlighted, as this is contrary to the Highway Acts 1980.

Otherwise whilst appreciating the points you have raised, I have concluded that reasons for proposing these restrictions are still valid and I regret that I am unable to uphold your objections. I hope that you will find this decision acceptable, but if, for any reason you do not, and you still wish to make an objection, you have right to do so. Your objection would then be placed before the Council's Cabinet for consideration and a decision (unless the proposal is withdrawn). **Should you wish to make an objection in this way, please write to me stating your reasons for doing so and making sure your letter reaches me no later than 18th December 2009.**

Whilst we have noted and observed your request that your previous correspondence remains private, you may wish to note that in the event you still wish to make an objection and request that it be considered by the Council's Cabinet body, any such correspondence may be included within a Cabinet report accessible by the public or be subject to disclosure under Freedom of Information legislation.

If you require any further information in the interim, please contact me, otherwise I have included a map of the revised proposals for the scheme.

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SHIRLEY
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7-12-2009

I WISH TO OBJECT TO PERMIT PARKING

in

(St James Park Road, Vinery Road and St Winifreds Road)

Sir/

Having received your letter dated 25th November 2009 and your comments noted. It appears that you freely admit that you are happy to transfer the parking problem to other areas in which you will no doubt receive complaints from other House owners. May I take this opportunity with the greatest respect to propose that instead of carrying out proposed permit holder parking may I suggest that you instead provide double yellow lines on the corners of the following roads St James Park Road/Vinery Road and St Winifreds Road as I feel this would be a cheaper option for your department respectively.

With reference to Wheelie Bins they are still being used in the above Roads by the House owners to save A parking spot for themselves thus disregarding the information which you have provided to them please see photos. I may be wrong in saying this but I detect that as long as House owners are concerned as long as they can park there car/s they don't care where other people park their cars as long as there is a parking space for them ?.

May I add that as the persons in those roads who are buying their Houses they ultimately knew of the parking situation here before buying i.e. buyer beware and on that basis I Respectively suggest that the roads are left as they are apart From what I have suggested and I totally agree with the other works to be carried out by your Dept.

However I would like to pickup on a point in Your letter to me about contacting the Local Housing Office over parking at St James Close which I have done over the past couple of years for double yellow lines to be put at the entrance of St James Close to St James Road and this was not implemented by Caroline Megaven or by the Estate Warden Mrs A.Noyce at that time (Local Housing Office). Having taking the liberty myself to contact the S.C.C. Highways Dept this was implemented on the basis that should any large vehichles need to enter The Estate i.e. Emergency Vehichles, refuge and delivery lorries it would make it easier for access.

I would like to take this opportunity For other parts of the Close that is in front of Block 1-12 St James Close as there are Two nasty bends where cars have been parked on thus narrowing the road even further in the event of emergencies vehichles gaining entrance perhaps double yellow lines could also be Implemented here respectively please see photos.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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Our ref:

Your ref:

01 December 2009

Re: Proposed Permit Parking Scheme

Dear Mr Muir

Further to your letter to residents of Vinery Gardens dated 25th November 2009, I write to you to register my objection to the proposed scheme on the following grounds.

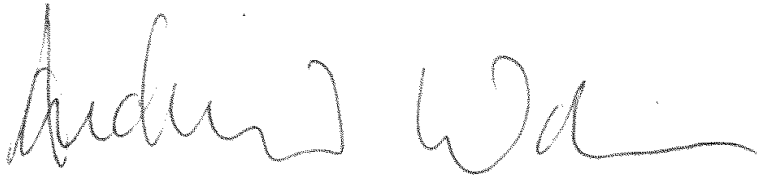
1. During the planning process for 152 Winchester Road, numerous objections were raised that the level of parking provided was insufficient for the density of housing being constructed, particularly when the application was altered from one of sheltered housing to one of general housing. The upshot of that development will be that multiple car owners will migrate excess vehicles to Vinery Gardens during the uncontrolled hours of 6pm to 8am. There will then be issues of Vinery gardens residents like myself who return from work after 6pm not being able to park in front of our own homes and having to pay for the privilege of not being able to park there.
2. While I am glad that measures have been taken to not force the closure of the St James Chiropractic Clinic I and most other residents of Vinery Gardens experience more problems with inconsiderate customers of the clinic and their parking habits than we do employees of the General hospital.
3. Two permits per household may seem adequate given that it is not uncommon for each adult to own and run a car, however I like many others in this recession have to accept that young adults are now forced to stay in the family home longer. My own step son is about to take his driving test and yet because his mother and I require a car for work he will not be able to park in Vinery Gardens during the day. Is he to be forced to take his car to work even though he works in town on a direct bus route? Is he to be prevented from owning a car because we are only granted 60 visitors permits per year? Or is he to inconvenience other residents by parking somewhere else and risking damage or theft. Perhaps there will be ample space in 152 Winchester Road?

Finally I would like to confirm that on many occasions over a period of years the residents of No 12 and No 10 Vinery Gardens have taken it on themselves to place cones and bollards in front of their properties to reserve parking. This is sometimes done for relatives who are not even permanently resident in Vinery Gardens. While annoying and at times comical I would be interested to hear what steps you plan to take to ensure that permits are not granted to residents without there own vehicles to prevent abuse of whatever system is finally agreed.

I trust my concerns and objections will be considered fully and look forward to seeing the next stage of this matter.

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Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Watson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Andy' and the last name 'Watson' clearly distinguishable.

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REF PARKING

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter pointing out your proposals for your parking scheme in our road.

May I raise a few points to this scheme?

Point one, you seem to have given a great deal of consideration to the chiropractor whose address is in Winchester road, it would have been nice if he made his own provision for parking i.e. his own two drives and made his patients aware of the parking problem when booking an appointment, he seems to have more and more clients and appointments in the evenings and on Saturdays which does' not help when you come home from work.

Point two, The new flats that are under construction at 152 Winchester roads have they not been allocated with ample parking? I think not!

Point three, Hospital workers, we seem to have at least ten cars per day dumped in the road and when they leave the night shift turn up. They will always look for alternative parking while having to pay to park at the hospital.

I am in favour of residents only parking in our road but we are the residents and what I can understand the chiropractor is trying to sell up and move premises so you would be wasting money trying to segregate the parking in this road.

Yours sincerely.

N.Binsted.