

Survey results for alternative scheme design in Bassett Green Close

Survey Results received as at 5/10/2010

Survey of residents over revised design over extended restrictions in Bassett Green Close with some provision for 2 Hour Limited Waiting 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday					
Revised Scheme Acceptable?			Comments/Qualifications		
YES	NO	Unticked	YES (no other preferred restrictions)	Prefer No Waiting at Any Time	Prefer Permit Parking
22	7	3	19	10	2
69%	22%	9%	59%	31%	6%

Comments / Objections from the survey relevant to parking restriction proposals as at 5/10/2010

1. Do not see the reasons for two hour limit. The whole area designated should be No Waiting Any Time
2. No Parking at all from turning from Bassett Green Road into Bassett Green Close. When cars are coming out to join main road, it's waiting for an accident to happen. I myself coming back from the shops Bassett Green Road, turning into Bassett Green Close had to reverse back onto the main roads to let cars out. Something really should be sorted out. And no student parking at all – some cars are left there for several days
3. Dangerous area (proposed limited waiting nearest Bassett Green Close) should be No Waiting at Any Time
4. Our preference would be no waiting at any time, but are prepared to accept restricted waiting only if a mirror is placed to reflect traffic entering and leaving on this blinder corner.
5. Regretfully, I am not aware of the original proposed scheme. Whilst the latest scheme is better than nothing, I believe that it flawed due to the 2 hour limited waiting adjacent to number 67. This means in practice we will still have cars parked in this area overnight, and at weekends causing in my opinion, severe hazards for traffic within the area of the road and the junction of Bassett Green Road / Bassett Green Close. I can see no justification for this detail, especially as it is directly opposite access to 150 Bassett Green Road.
6. We would like no waiting at any time in the whole area. We have had problems in the day time and evenings getting in and out. The proposed 2hr limit from 8am to 6pm will not stop students who use this road. I cannot see them moving there cars by 8am after parking all night.
7. The revised scheme with parking spaces on the left as one turns into Bassett Green Close from Bassett Green Road does not solve the major safety issue of having approach a blind right hand bend on the wrong side of the road. In addition the fact that the 2 hour limited waiting will not apply in the evenings and weekends will not solve the problems with student parking, since it is mainly evenings and weekends when they leave their cars on the streets.
8. The no waiting area proposed is entirely in accordance with road safety
9. Because of the narrow road width any parking in the area (of proposed restrictions) is dangerous with the blind corners. During term time students have been permanently blocking the area (of proposed restrictions). If they now move down deeper into the close trouble will arise as getting in and out of our drives is difficult with parked cars. The locals will need to park on the road. With large funerals – at present, the area (of proposed restrictions) is blocked by cars and way beyond, although this is short-lived. Bigger car parks required by students.

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10. Our main concern with the proposal is that cars will park further down the road. The road is really narrow and sometimes it is difficult to manoeuvre out of our drive when cars are parked opposite. We have widened our drive so that we can now accommodate two vehicles. As you know the driveways for our road and the rear entrance to Bassett Green Road are staggered which leaves limited space to park without being in someone's way. There are two main problems with non-residents/visitor parking. Firstly the overspill from the crematorium. Sometimes cars are parked all around the corners and across people's drives. However, this is usually only short duration, so we can put up with it to some extent. The main problem is students from the hall of residence next to the crematorium. They often leave their cars parked in the same place for a week at a time. We recently booked a skip for our son to empty rubbish from his van, but he was unable to park close to the skip. The University does not allow students in halls of residence to bring cars to the University, unless they need to travel to more than one campus or hospitals. They can then apply for a parking permit. Students do however, bring cars and the University has no record of them as they are not registered for a permit. These are then parked in Bassett Green Close. We feel that the best solution would be to have residents/visitors permit parking all along the road as in the way the residents would have some control over non-resident parking.
11. I completely disagree with the alternative scheme design for parking restrictions in Bassett Green Close and any other restrictions for parking in this area (in the original design). This will not solve the problem of parking in Bassett Green Close – it will only move the problem further into Bassett Green Close. Bassett Green Close is a narrow road and the car parking is due to university student cars and those of mourners attending services at the crematorium. Parking of these cars further into Bassett Green Close will cause congestion for emergency vehicles and utility vehicles wishing to gain access. I feel that a better solution would be to make Bassett Green Close a completely no parking zone or alternatively to permit parking only for a 2 hour parking period except for residents who could have a parking permit.
12. I am pleased that the hazard caused by cars parked up to the end of the close and at the first bend, will be removed. The second turning at No 57 is much less of a problem
13. I feel that quite strongly that none of this inconvenience and expense would be necessary if the university authorities were required to be more efficient in their use of the 50+ space car parking at Bencraft Court, the hall of residence on Bassett Green Road. Whilst I appreciate that sometimes visitors to the Crematorium park at the Bassett Green Road end of the Close, this is generally for less than an hour whereas the students leave their cars all day and all night, while using the Uni-Link bus services. I have spoken to university representatives about the problem and have been told variously – and with contradiction – that
- (a) students can buy parking permits for halls of residence for £15 month but choose not to do so and
 - (b) that no students at all can use the Bencraft Court car park.
- In response to the second assertion I asked who the car park was for, but did not get an answer beyond being told that Bencraft Court takes mostly first year students who are not allowed to bring cars to the university and therefore by definition cannot use the car park. I was also told the university appreciated the problem but there was nothing it could do about student parking which was not on campus. This is another apparent contradiction. If the first year students are in fact using their cars and parking them on residential roads where they cannot be policed by the university, then the university's regulations regarding student cars are unenforceable and therefore pointless. If the City Council feels there is no point challenging the university about this, or has already tried and failed to get something done about it, then unfortunately restrictions are necessary as at the moment the parking creates a real danger. However I have a number of concerns about the revised parking restrictions. I can understand the residents affected feel there should be some on-street parking available close to them, but the positioning of the suggested area outside no.59 would still create a blind bend when cars are parked there (the scale given on the map seems to indicate the marked areas would have space for 2 cars). I am also concerned that the spaces outside no. 67 should be far enough away from Bassett Green Road so that anyone having to stop to allow traffic through will be completely off the main road.

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| <p>14. We support parking restrictions outside properties as detailed on the map. However we would like to object to the following:- no parking between no's 57/59 as this forces cars entering the close onto the wrong side of the road on a blind bend. Timings – feel that 8am to 6pm allows overnight parking between 4pm to 10am. Suggest 6am to 8pm which should free up spaces for carers.</p> |
| <p>15. In the interest of safety I presume this is the only solution. Presumably the students and university personnel will not be forced to use their own car park! As the new term is beginning I hope the situation is resolved speedily.</p> |
| <p>16. I would have liked no waiting at any time parking restrictions but this is better than nothing.</p> |
| <p>17. Provide parking for students in the grounds surrounding the residential area. Additional parking must be provided in the grounds of the crematorium.</p> |
| <p>18. We still feel that putting parking places on such a narrow road leading to a blind bend is dangerous. However if we can only get restrictions by agreeing to this we will go with the majority. Most of us always use our driveways, and in some cases have sacrificed part of our front & side gardens, so that we do not park on the road. We feel it is very unfair as well as hazardous for people to use our close for free parking, not caring how difficult & dangerous it makes the road.</p> |