

Appendix 3 Sustained objections to specific parking restriction proposals and/or requests for specific parking restrictions

Objections to No Waiting at Any Time restrictions outside 2 Church Lane (in place of a permit parking only restriction initially advertised)

From a resident of Church Lane

Re Church Lane Parking Permit Proposals

Thank you for your letter. I wrote to you on 30 March on behalf of my wife and myself having strongly supported the proposals as they stood. However, having read the counter proposal by the resident of 2 Church Lane, we find the reasoning of 'safety grounds' to be quite unjustified. Furthermore, as this would lead to a reduction in parking places to two, on account of the adjacent 'disabled' block, this seems a poor return for the five homes located there.

From a resident of Church Lane

Thank you for your letter dated 29 July 2011 relating to the Portswood Resident Gardens Permit Parking Proposals.

As residents of Church Lane at the Highfield Church end, we were disappointed to read that the council was supporting a request by the owners of number two Church Lane to amend the two spaces outside their property to a 'no waiting at any time restriction'.

We previously wrote to you to give our support to the introduction of resident parking only zones in the immediate vicinity of our property. In so doing we did not envisage that the overall number of available spaces would be reduced. The number of road parking spaces in this particular part of Church Lane is a key issue affecting all residents of this part of Church Lane. The fact that the available spaces are now being reduced from five to three will cause us a significant loss of amenity to all households.

It is also not clear to us what safety grounds would have been put forward to support the application, and we would be grateful to receive further information in this regard. It would also be helpful if the council would comment on whether it has considered retaining one of the two spaces outside number 2 Church Lane as this may provide some balance in the circumstances.

We would kindly request that a consultation process be undertaken with the residents of this part of Church Lane so that we, and other affected residents, may have a say in this revised proposal.

We also take the opportunity to comment on the traffic calming measure that is opposite Church Lane path, which is a principal cause of the limited availability of parking in this vicinity. This generates many near misses due to cars accelerating dangerously down the road, on the wrong side of the road, in order to quickly get around the indentation, and avoid having to stop for a car coming up the road. We would therefore also like to ask whether the council has considered reviewing the effectiveness and safety of this infrastructure, as we strongly believe that there are alternatives (such as one that indents from both sides of the road as on Brookvale Road and Russell Place) that would both enhance the safety position and permit further parking spaces in this area.

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Objection from Brookvale Adolescent Service to No Waiting at Any Time restrictions outside 30 Brookvale Road

Thank you for your letter dated 29th July 2011. I have some real concerns over the outcome and wish to have my objections heard before the Council's cabinet for a decision.

I aim to outline my concerns below making reference to your letter:

As far as I am aware, none of our staff park close to De Grouchy lane and they are always mindful of blocking access to any other property or road. Indeed De Grouchy lane is some way up Brookvale Road. The staff and visitors to our service park close to the actual building. By restricting parking outside of our building, number 30, parking will increase close to De Grouchy Lane so this will not help at all.

I was interested by your paragraph stating that there is always parking in Abbotts Way and Russell Place. I am sure Abbotts Way and Russell Place residents will not want to hear this as this will cause an immense amount of congestion in their road if our staff and visitors are encouraged to park there instead of outside our own building. Staff would then aim to park anywhere where there is a space, this would also impact on Blenheim avenue to the West which again would cause displeasure to those residents too.

Whilst I appreciate that the council are not obligated to provide on street parking for staff using Brookvale Youth Mental Health Service, of the staff group we have at present, 70% live outside of the city and travel daily by car as public transport is not viable. By the very nature of the job, vehicles are required by the community nursing staff to visit clients across the city. Indeed, the parking needs are transient due to staff visiting the service only to get appointments and collect items needed for a community visit. When meetings are held at the unit, staff are always encouraged to park within the car park of the building or share cars whenever they can. As for clients using public

transport, we have encouraged this whenever possible however for some this means catching two buses from their home address, one to the centre of town, the other out to Portswood. If they are bringing their family as is often the case, the cost becomes prohibitive. For this reason alone, staff will often visit the family at home which is both more cost effective and pleasant for the young person in distress.

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We have undertaken a lot of service user feedback lately, one of the key issues was accessibility and the value of being able to park close by and attend for appointments. To limit parking to nearby streets is going to greatly hinder our service provision for our young people. We have spent many years ensuring we build effective relationships with service users by creating a service that is non clinical and integrated into the local community.

By way of conclusion, I would like to again ask if the proposed No waiting at any time area directly outside the property be changed to limited parking of 4 hour waiting. This will allow staff to park to gain their daily appointments and attend any meeting or client session they have then to leave the area. For those needing to stay in the building for longer such as myself, those staff could use the car park albeit parking is limited to eight cars and we are a team of thirty two.

I would welcome a face to face appointment with you if that would help to explain in more detail about our concerns and to be as co-operative with the council as possible.

FROM A RESIDENT OF BROOKVALE ROAD OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTION OUTSIDE 49 BROOKVALE ROAD

Thank you for your email dated 28th of July. We are now formalising our objection, as advised in your email, in relation to the parking restriction proposals on Brookvale Road (SO17 1QS). We request that it be considered formally by the Council's Cabinet body.

Primarily we dispute the need for 'no waiting at any time' restrictions outside number 49 Brookvale Road/De Grouchy Lane entrance. Although it is essential to inhibit people parking exactly adjacent to the entrance to De Grouchy Lane (making it easier to access/exit the lane safely), we do not feel that this is the best option. This proposal, if passed, would then mean that we are no longer able to park outside our house, even during off-peak periods. In conjunction with the other parking proposals within the vicinity, we are extremely concerned that we will be unable to park on Brookvale Road at all during peak times due to several local businesses utilising the road for free parking currently (numbers 30 & 34 Brookvale Road, Highfield church school, University...).

We would also, as suggested by yourself, like to request being added to the current permit entitlement register for Brookvale Road as a remedy in the short-term. In the long-term, we would like to request permit parking adjacent to 49 Brookvale Road and inclusion in future parking/permit proposals for this area.

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FROM A RESIDENT OF BROOKVALE ROAD REQUESTING 2 HOUR LIMITED WAITING 8AM TO 6PM ON THE SOUTH WEST SIDE OF BROOKVALE ROAD BETWEEN WINN ROAD AND WESTWOOD ROAD

Dear Mr. Muir,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th. July

You ask for further comments. We note that the plan will still allow for unrestricted parking in the SW side of Brookvale Road between Winn Road and Westwood Road. This stretch is by far the most congested length of Brookvale road and, while we recognise that parking is necessary, it would be much better to limit it to a two hour period, 8.0 to 6.0, - as indicated by a green marking on your map for elsewhere. Otherwise, the space will simply be blocked up by people parking all day, as space is denied to them elsewhere, and denying the space to people who want to visit Portswood High St. or other places in the area on a shorter and more irregular basis.

Additionally, large vehicles parked there makes it very difficult for us to enter our drive, and indeed, such a vehicle parked opposite a car, creates big problems for the buses.