

February 2012

Mr Richard Ivory  
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Southampton  
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Dear Mr Ivory,

I am writing to object to proposal to the following order;

**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON (HOLYROOD ESTATE RESIDENT'S PARKING SCHEME) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2012.**

My objection to the scheme is under the following grounds;

1. As a Council tax payer and resident, the scheme has a negative impact in the following ways; as a middle aged person of an ethnic minority, being predisposed to a health condition which has a bearing towards health and well being. It should be noted, that contribution is made both to the local economy through being a resident and also because I work in Southampton.
2. Furthermore the scheme impacts in a negative way from a community safety angle. It proposes to remove the parking posts currently in situ to make way for a parking permit.
  - a. **By the removal of the posts.** Cars parked on-street will be more vulnerable to opportunistic crime than off-street spaces whilst the use of the Traffic Regulation Orders creates parking places, bans waiting, generates parking restrictions and allowing the Council to enforce certain parking regulations.

**How does the council seek to enforce the parking regulation when it is required the most i.e. between the hours of 1900:-0730 hours and when there is a 'free for all' when Council Officers are not on duty and there is no Out of Hours Parking Services?**

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From this, it is recognised that the parking permit fee would permit the council to generate revenue in order to fund and enforce the Traffic Regulation Order. This then begs the question as what my Council tax is paying for and more interestingly enough brings me to look at enforcement.

- b. Under a recent Freedom of Information Request by the Council's own admission during a six month period of the Holyrood estate it carried out 38 patrols and issued 3 fix penalty notices.

- c. This was only an indication of the notices issued when Council Enforcement Officers were on duty. The proposal does not deal with those times when there is no enforcement cover say between 1900-0730 hrs or other times when there is basically a 'free for all' for parking spaces whether car users have a permit or not. This is also in conjunction with the ongoing planning proposals for a 'Morrison's in East Street, on late night football matches, sales at Debenhams and the like. Therefore, what would the proposed parking permit pay for?

**During any consultation period has the Authority conducted any surveys or studies into parking between 18:30 hrs and 07:30hrs on the Holyrood Estate to consider those vehicles/occupiers that are not resident to the area and the impact that this will have?**

It should be noted, that often and frequently I work late often finishing at midnight, my natural surveillance is that I should be able to know where the car is parked outside and should be able to see it. In housing areas it is believed that the priority should be to establish a sense of place and community, with movement networks used to enhance those qualities. On-street parking should be arranged so that people can see their cars from their homes, more importantly I feel that crime depends upon concealment. Well used or overlooked streets and spaces make the criminal feel uncomfortable and exposed.

Whilst crime is being mentioned here, a Freedom of Information Request has also been conducted on Hampshire Police who indicated that crime from the postcodes of the Holyrood estate over a 3 month period was 18 (18 far too many!)

However, the point that is being established is this; with the proposal of the permit and the removal of the parking posts, together with no enforcement and no parking services after hours. A sense of security and safety will be heightened even more since it will be difficult to park at night; which will no longer be in view; that in fact may be or not in a nearby street. On the other hand, other parking at extra cost may have to be sought when no parking is available in an area where crime is on the increase for which a permit will have no value, especially, where the council itself proposes to reduce staffing levels.

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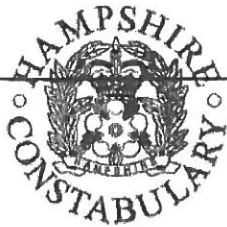
It is understood that the proposal for permits parking, is but only a small part of the grand scheme of improvements proposed for the Holyrood Estate. In general the other suggestions are impressive. However, it is intended for this objection to be noted for the proposal for the parking permit for the reasons given above.

In the alternative, it is also put forward that if the permit were to go ahead that the parking posts were also retained (coupled with the permit) because as a resident, the vehicle would be able to be seen from the residence; having the security of a place to park, and feeling safe in the community where real value would be placed upon the permit.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely

John Hamlet  
Resident



**Hampshire Constabulary**  
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May 23, 2011

Dear Mr Hamlet

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: HC/01276/11**

*Please be aware that since the subject matter of this request is substantively similar to another requested submitted by you, request number HC/00998/11 therefore, the requests have been aggregated together as one request under s12(4)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act for the purposes of the fees regulations.*

Request	Response												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How many crime incidents have been reported to the police over the last 6 months for the following post codes;</li><li>• SO14 3DD</li><li>• SO14 3BE</li><li>• SO14 3DF</li><li>• SO14 3BB</li><li>• SO14 3DE</li><li>• SO14 3BD</li><li>• SO14 3BG</li><li>• SO14 3DH</li><li>• SO14 3DG</li><li>• SO14 1NH</li></ul> <p>(the Holyrood Estate in southampton)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In particular drugs, vehicle crime and offences against the person and theft)</li></ul>	<p>For the months of October and November 2010, there have been the following recorded crimes for the postcodes provided:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Crime Offence Code</th><th>Crimes</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Violence</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>Burglary</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Theft and handling</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Criminal Damage &amp; Arson</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td><b>Grand Total</b></td><td><b>18</b></td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Information for December to April may be located on the police crime mapping website by entering the postcodes required and zooming down to the required postcode level.</p> <p><a href="http://www.police.uk/">http://www.police.uk/</a></p>	Crime Offence Code	Crimes	Violence	12	Burglary	2	Theft and handling	2	Criminal Damage & Arson	2	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>
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**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI Section at the address at the top of this letter.



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Dear Mr Ivory,

I am writing further to my objection letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to make it known that the additional residents also object to the proposal to the following order.

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Resident

Enclosed Attachment of additional Residents

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