

Objections

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1	<p>RESOLVED that Wiltshire Council be informed that the Town Council object to the loss of parking spaces which may hinder trade and cause additional pressure on parking spaces elsewhere such as on Station Hill.</p>	<p>The proposal has been developed as a consequence of the comments received following an independent Road Safety Audit of the cycle improvements which have recently taken place around the Marshfield Road Gyratory. The scheme has been provided to improve access to and from the Town Centre for cyclists.</p>
2	<p>I am the franchise owner of Pizza Hut delivery based at 8 New Road, Chippenham, SN15 1HH. I am writing to you with huge concern about the proposed plans to remove 3 short stay parking bays from New Road.</p> <p>In 2013 myself and my business partner took the decision to invest £180000 into the heart of Chippenham in an area which was considered by locals as the rundown end of the town and a bit of a no go area in the evening. Since Pizza Hut opened that area has transformed, with the addition of Atlas Gym, Prezzo Restaurant and Tax Assistant Accountants.</p> <p>While this transformation has been great for the area, the pressures this has put on parking are great. When we look at where to locate stores parking is a considerable aspect of our decision making process. The availability of short term parking outside our store is crucial to our operation as we need delivery drivers to be able to park close to the store. Walking any distance to a parked car puts us at a considerable disadvantage to our competitors as our business is all about speed of service as well as great food. The loss of these parking spaces would greatly impact our store. We are one of 4 delivery units on this corner of New Road, including Chickoland, Chippenham kebab and pizza and Regs kebab house all of which will be affected by these changes.</p> <p>I'm sure the decisions made by the council and highways and transport at the time of application for the business understood that delivery businesses would need car parking located by the store in order to function properly and this proposed change would severely damage our ability to trade.</p>	<p>A key element of the constructed cycle scheme is the ability to provide easy and safe access / egress from the shared use facility to the carriageway. The current road layout enables on-carriageway parking to take place adjacent to the location where access and egress is to be provided. The independent road safety auditors have identified the potential hazard the current layout results in and outlined the need to remove the risk of a collision occurring with a parked vehicles. Concerns have also been expressed regarding the risk of a collision as a consequence of Town Centre bound cyclists joining the carriageway and then immediately positioning themselves into live traffic to negotiate an isolated parked vehicle in close proximity to the access point.</p> <p>To improve the access to the shared use facility and maintain adequate visibility for users it has been considered there is a need to make alterations to the on street parking. These improvements this can only be achieved through the removal of the two bays (one on either side) closest to The Brunel Public House. It was also considered that removal of the isolated parking bay (outside First Move Estate Agents), would also be beneficial to user safety.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the proposed removal of the parking bays may result in a small increase in pressure on the on street parking provision in the immediate locality. However, there remains a significant availability in adjoining streets and a number of off street facilities within the town. As on street parking bays are subject to a time limit, and subject to a 'No return period' it is considered that this enables a sufficient turnover of availability to satisfy the demand for the majority of the time.</p> <p>The Highway is for the passage and re-passage of traffic only. There is no right for any vehicles to park on the highway, nor obligation for the highway</p>

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	<p>I would like to strongly object to this proposal.</p>	<p>authority to provide parking for individuals or businesses. Where parking does take place, either in a regulated or unregulated location, it is a tolerated activity rather than something which is actively encouraged.</p>
	<p>I have been told that the parking around new road and station hill are looking to have their parking limits restricted even further than they already are.</p> <p>I'm writing to you with my thoughts and feelings about this.</p> <p>I work for one of the 4 delivery chains based on the corner of the mini-roundabout at the bottom of station hill. I'm a delivery driver and occasionally work in-store for some periods of time. Our key to success is the speed in which we deliver to our customers, this is highly impacted on the availability on parking around our store. At times there are no legal spaces to be parking and it could be 10-15 minutes of circling station hill waiting for a space, as well as Sainsbury's car park which is also normally full.</p> <p>The time limits on these spaces are also a struggle, when I do eventually get a space to park in, but have no deliveries to go out, I have 2 hours of safety on my cars location before risking a ticket, after that 2 hours I have no-where else to park for a further 2 hours but I'm still meant to be in my store working.</p> <p>There are 2 spaces out the front of our store that are 45 minute slots, but have the same chance of availability as the hill as well as less time and a further hour to then not be able to return, this is also the case with parking in Sainsbury's short stay (which is a long trek on a dodgy knee while carrying hot goods).</p> <p>Reducing the spaces available as well as reducing the time in these spaces is going to massively impact local companies that are already struggling with the current limitations, as well as increase the amount of parking tickets received by the delivery drivers and the companies they work for.</p> <p>Secondly, the road outside our store is wide enough (providing people park sensibly) to have cars parked on the double yellow lines and the two current spaces without effecting the traffic flow in the slightest. Also without effecting the vision to the mini-roundabout.</p> <p>Most days I see 5 to 6 cars parked along that</p>	<p>When any business identifies potential premises on the basis of the available on street parking, it is done so under the risk that any parking provision may be altered or removed. Where a business has identified the need for parking either for potential customers, staff or as part of its business function, the highway cannot be considered as a suitable option to fulfil this requirement and is the responsibility of the business to ensure they have sufficient facilities to operate as they desire.</p>

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	<p>section and the traffic flow is just fine, these cars normally appear during rush hour after the traffic warden has done his round, so these car sit there all day without consequence.</p> <p>Thirdly, my manager and I have been discussing possibilities for the companies in this area to avoid the parking issue. Would there be a way to have a card holder system to allow delivery vehicles to park (providing they don't hinder traffic conditions) or have a couple of allocated parking zones for the card holders, or any kind of system in place to help out these small companies already finding it difficult.</p> <p>Today I received a parking ticket, I understand I was parked on double yellow lines for more than 10 minutes, however, I had previously spend 30 minutes trying to find a space to park in, within reasonable distance to our store. This made me 15 minutes late for work, and in my frustration I parked outside my store on the double yellow lines. My car however was in nobody's way, I wasn't blocking the pavement or the road and traffic, I feel although I shouldn't have received the ticket due to the situations, but I have no way of trying to appeal the ticket as 'technically' I was parked illegally. I also feel like the council is not doing anything to help the small companies and instead just trying to hinder them further.</p> <p>Every ticket I get because of the current parking situation is pushing me further in debt than I already am, and means I need to work 6 hours to just pay off a ticket before I can even think about earning anything to live off.</p> <p>Overall, I disagree with the plans on restricting the parking further, and instead feel like there needs to be a re-think into helping out the delivery companies in anyway possible. Even if the parking is restricted for the public allowing more space for companies to survive.</p> <p>I'd be more than happy to discuss the problems we are currently facing, but I'm asking, please think about the companies around this area and reconsider how the parking is Delete repeated word</p>	

