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16 June 2001

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Dear Sir

This letter is written on behalf of ourselves and our parents, namely Mr & Mrs A L Mapledoram MBE, who live next door at No. 89.

Whilst we recognise the urgent need for Residents' Parking in Exeter Street, we are extremely disappointed and dismayed at the proposed scheme for Zone F. You will recall that a plan for a similar scheme was proposed some four years ago, when the concerns of the residents of Exeter Street were put forward. As a result of these concerns, the scheme was not put into operation.

We understand from Mr Shaddock that a bus lane will be introduced in Exeter Street, within one to two years to accommodate all buses coming into the City via Exeter Street including the Park & Ride buses when the Petersfinger scheme has been implemented, which is the reason why the parking opposite is not being offered to us. However, on further questioning, we were disappointed to learn that the practicalities of such a scheme have not been completely thought through. Mr Shaddock confirmed that there was room for a bus lane, but as far as dropping off, and overnight parking was concerned, this had not yet been addressed.

Exeter Street may be wide enough as far as the authorities are concerned, to accommodate a bus lane, but in our view, it would be very dangerous. There is only just enough room with a parking lane, never mind a bus lane, which would have to be at least two to three feet wider to accommodate a bus lane. This will have the knock-on effect of narrowing up the rest of the road to accommodate two lanes of traffic. Stationary cars have to be safer than a bus lane in which buses, coaches and the emergency services will be able to travel at some speed very close to the pavement. There is no doubt that when the several hundred school children come and go from school, they are potentially in a danger area, being so close to fast moving large vehicles.

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It is important to remember that there are three schools, a very active Catholic Church, a veterinary Surgery, three bed and breakfast businesses, a Chinese Restaurant, a beauty parlour and an Hotel in Exeter Street. This represents a great deal of the community visiting Exeter Street at any one time, not to mention the tourists visiting the Cathedral.

Tradesmen visiting, suppliers, window cleaners and the like, all form part of this community. There are also people with invalid stickers who are entitled to park when they attend church etc. There are quite a number of large private houses, some of which are owned by elderly people. There are peak times when the school children are dropped off. Even with the present layout, it can be a nerve racking and dangerous experience to stop in Exeter Street, even for a matter of minutes as the road is always busy, and there is so much going on.

The safety of ourselves and our vehicles, if we have to park so far away from our own houses is a real concern. The number of dumped and vandalised cars in Glastonbury Car park has been a cause for concern for some time now. Women returning home late at night having to park several hundred yards away from their homes, is another worry.

As one of the bed and breakfast providers, we have additional worries. Visitors will not come to the door if they cannot stop in Exeter Street to make initial enquiries. This was one of Salisbury District Council's major concerns about coaches, in that if they did not give them a convenient site to drop off and park, then they would not visit the City.

Salisbury relies heavily on the tourist population and the businesses play an important part in this. We provide four diamond accommodation, and pay a considerable amount of money to the English Tourist Board and Salisbury 2000 Tourism, plus commission on every night's stay. To achieve this very high standard, we have to spend a great deal of money on our establishment to maintain this grading.

Some years ago we were tied into this scheme with the TIC initially, as a means of upgrading all accommodation in Salisbury and the surrounding area. This we welcomed. However, it is very much down to the individual B&B owner to provide these high standards. We certainly could not rely on the Tourist Information Centre to provide all our business. If at the end of the day, the Council decide that there will be no overnight parking opposite, then we will be in serious threat of closing down.

We had a meeting which was attended by Lois Faulkner (a near neighbour), Graham White and Ian Toomes last year about coaches parking, and we also talked about the Exeter Street parking. Mr White fully sympathised with our views and considered that it was not essential that Park and Ride Buses had to have a dedicated lane, and that buses could gain priority by the use of traffic lights.

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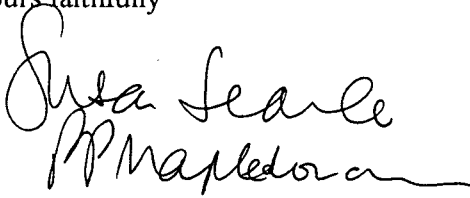
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In summary, we feel very strongly that as much as we need residents' parking, things should be left as they are until the issues above (which we consider to be major ones), have been resolved.

We have waited patiently for residents' parking, which is long overdue. However, we are prepared to extend the wait in an effort to gain a sensible outcome and a solution to the many problems involved from all aspects.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signatures of Susan Searle and Pauline Mapledoram. The signature for Susan Searle is written in a cursive style, and the signature for Pauline Mapledoram is also in cursive, appearing below the first signature.

SUSAN & ROGER SEARLE
DEREK & PAULINE MAPLEDORAM

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SALISBURY
District Council

MEMO

To: Graham Wright

From: Housing Manager (Area 1)

Date: 6th June 2001

Our Ref:

Subject: Zone F Residents Parking Proposals

With regards to the above proposals, the Housing Department is very much in favour of the proposals, particularly the inclusion of some of the Department's carparks, to avoid simply displacing commuters who will no longer be able to park on the roads.

However, it is important that all the parking areas are included. I understand that Michael Hayes who is a Friary Resident and the Council's Estate Inspector is providing you with a map indicating the areas concerned, and in our view it is important to include all the areas, and get this right first time, rather than have to add areas on at a later date.

John Pearce