

**PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS - MELKSHAM**

**CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

**Cannon Square / Church Walk**

- A. (i) The restrictions were developed follow a request from Wiltshire Council Waste Services who already use a narrow access vehicle were concerned that parked vehicles were preventing refuse and recycling collection.
- (ii) A reassessment of the situation, after confirming with Waste Services, indicates that parking can be retained on all but the very narrow part of Church Walk where it meets Cannon Square without significantly impeding access further along Church Walk.
- B. Wiltshire Council's statutory duty is to maintain the right of passage along the highway. The proposals are to ensure that any parking that takes place does so in appropriate places, so as not to cause an obstruction to the free flow of traffic. It is the responsibility of the owner/keeper of the vehicle to find somewhere safe to park the vehicle and it is something for which the Council cannot take responsibility.
- C. If the proposals are amended in accordance with A (ii) above, this would retain as much parking as is considered feasible to do so, and this should assist resolving the fears expressed by lone/single females.
- D. See B above.
- E. See B above
- F. Indeed the proposals outside the Post Office were requested by both the Fire and Rescue Service and Waste Services, concerned about the obstruction caused by parked vehicles. Residents' Parking is a potential option for the future. Procedure for dealing with these requests is currently being developed.
- G. See B and F above.
- H. See A and B above.
- I. See B and F above.
- J. The request for more robust enforcement of the new and existing restrictions has been raised with Parking Services.
- K. See A and B above.
- L. See B and F above.
- M. If the proposals are amended in accordance with A ii) above, this would retain as much parking as is considered feasible to do so, and this should assist resolving the fears expressed by elderly residents or those with young families.

### **Church Lane**

- N. At this stage of the process, we cannot increase the proposals without re-advertising the proposals for Melksham as a whole at great expense and would further delay the implementation of the restrictions for the rest of Melksham. This is because the Traffic Regulation Order covers the whole of the town, and whilst this may seem a request for a small addition, it will require an amendment to the whole Order.

### **Conigre Close**

- O. As J above.
- P. The Local Member and Melksham Town Council requested that Conigre Close was considered in the review and approved the proposals that were developed prior to the public consultation. The proposals are to ensure that any parking that takes place does so in appropriate places that would not block access for large vehicles such as delivery or emergency services vehicles.
- Q. There are existing daytime time restrictions right up to the school gates. The enforcement these existing and proposed new restrictions has been raised with Parking Services.
- R. As P above.

### **Orchard Gardens**

- S. Wiltshire Council's statutory duty is to maintain the right of passage along the highway. The proposals are to ensure that any parking that takes place does so in appropriate places, so as not to cause an obstruction to the free flow of traffic. It is the responsibility of the owner/keeper of the vehicle to find somewhere safe to park the vehicle and it is something for which the Council cannot take responsibility.

The proposed time limited parking would enable residents' visitors and/or carers the opportunity to park during the daytime and for residents and their visitors to park from 3.00 pm to 12 noon the following day.

### **Ruskin Avenue**

- T & U The Local Member requested that Ruskin Avenue was considered in the review due to safety concerns particularly at the beginning and end of the school day and approved the proposals that were developed. The proposals are to ensure that any parking that takes place does so in appropriate places and does not cause obstruction to passing vehicles.

A reassessment of the situation indicates that the parking bays nearest to the school could remain unrestricted, to allow teaching staff to park all day, but the bays nearest to the Thackeray Crescent junction be implemented as advertised to provide a safe space for parent to drop off or collect their children, as these bays will be free from all day parkers.

### **Thackeray Crescent**

V - AB Melksham Town Council requested that Thackeray Crescent was considered in the review and approved the proposals that were developed. In response to the level of representation received, the Local Member, Steve Petty, called a meeting to discuss with the residents their concerns over the proposals.

Melksham Town Councillors recognised that it would not be possible to meet all the different aspirations of all local residents in relation to this matter and therefore the initiative pursued by Cllr Petty and yourself to meet with residents on 16 January was the optimum way forward to try and reach a consensus view on the way forward.

Accordingly, whilst recognising that it is incumbent upon Wiltshire Council to decide upon the parking controls necessary, the Town Council broadly supported the recommendation agreed with residents:

*“To install extra double yellow lines around the parts of the central green not allocated to parking. This would enable parking enforcement to ticket any vehicles not in a parking space and those parked on the green itself. There would also be double yellow lines on the access road to Stratton’s Court and outside of the Byron Close houses that fronted onto Thackeray Crescent. This would better enable emergency vehicles to access the road(s) and residents would be afforded a better view when driving around the green”*

### **Union Street**

AC. The no waiting at any time restrictions will still allow for persons to board or alight and the timed limited parking opportunity to park. The enforcement these existing and proposed new restrictions has been raised with Parking Services.

AD. Proposals were designed protect accesses and to give residents of Union Street great opportunity to park close to their properties during the daytime. The proposed restrictions provide a balance for residents and their visitors and shoppers to park for up to 2 hours during the daytime and enable residents to park from 4 00 pm to 10.00 am the following day Monday to Saturday. The bays are not restricted on Sundays.

AE. As AD above.

### **West End**

AF-AI The Local Member requested that West End was considered in the review and Melksham Town Council approved the proposals that were developed prior to the public consultation.

The proposals are to ensure that any parking that takes place does so in appropriate places, and not within 10 metres of the junction in accordance with the Highway Code.