

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT KENNET PLACE, MARLBOROUGH
COMMENTS OF OBJECTION AND SUPPORT

7 Comments received (2 supporting, 2 objecting and 3 commenting)

Supporting comments

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S 1	<p>Just to inform you that Marlborough Town Council strongly supports the Traffic Regulation Order proposals for Kennet Place waiting restrictions and introduction of resident parking permits.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>Comments of support are noted.</i></p>
S 2	<p>I agree in principle, and as a Marlborough resident with no parking, hope that this scheme can be extended to cover the rest of central Marlborough.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>Comments of support are noted.</i></p> <p><i>These proposals were supported by Marlborough Town Council and the Marlborough Local Footways and Highways Improvement Group (subgroup of the Area Board) and are intended as a pilot scheme, a first step if you will, that could lead to other areas of the town being considered for such a scheme.</i></p>

Objections

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O 1	<p>Whereas I can sympathise with the residents of Kennet Place, I don't understand why they should have preferential treatment. There is already parking available for them in the council car park a few meters away if they chose to buy a permit. This is what I and many of my neighbours do who live off the High Street.</p> <p>A more useful exercise would be to look at a residents parking scheme for <u>all</u> Marlborough residents, especially for those where nearby on street parking is not close-by. Failing that, the spaces should remain as they are or become 2 hours bays. This would benefit local businesses in the parade and the Kennet Place residents can, if they wish, get their parking buy paying for a permit to use the Kennet Place car park like the rest of us.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>These proposals were supported by Marlborough Town Council and the Marlborough Local Footways and Highways Improvement Group (subgroup of the Area Board) and are intended as a pilot scheme, which if considered successful may lead to the Town Council requesting similar arrangements in other areas of the town to be introduced.</i></p>
O 2	<p>There are hundreds of houses in Marlborough that do not have a driveway or a front garden. They are on streets that have double yellow lines, single yellow lines, free for all parking or a combination of all three. There are also many residents off the High Street that do not have any vehicular access. All of us residents have the same problem of not been able to park near our properties and having to cope with trades people having to drop of equipment and then having to find a parking space for their vans. The few residents in Kennet Place are in fact in a better position than the rest of us as they have a Wiltshire car park within a stone's throw of their properties.</p> <p>It appears to me that it would be grossly unfair to allow a handful of residents to have a residents permit as some of us pay £892 a year for a parking permit. Marlborough does not have any residents permits so will Wiltshire council now begin to grant residents permits to those of us without any parking facilities.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>See above comments O1. The balance of parking needs in Marlborough has long been an issue between residents, visitors and businesses.</i></p>

Comments

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C 1	<p>I'm writing with my comments regarding the proposed resident parking scheme in Kennet Place, Marlborough. My name is Roy Meek and I'm the owner of Krumbz Cafe an independent coffee shop situated in Kennet Place. Krumbz Cafe has been trading from this location for the past 11 year now and hopefully will be for the forgeable future. Our operating hours are currently from 08H00 till 14H00 Monday till Saturday, but we have planning permission to trade from 08H00 till 18H30 Monday till Sunday witch we do from time to time.</p> <p>Krumbz Cafe are less than 10 meters away from where the proposed parking scheme might be implemented. We are concerned that no effort was made to discuss the impact of such parking scheme on our business and that the proposal is at such advance stage. We at Krumbz Cafe has been utilising the parking spaces mentioned in your consolidation order (please see below sections in green) for as long as we have been trading.</p> <p>Although we at Krumbz Cafe does not have an objection to the scheme as a whole, we have isolated concerns regarding the proposal and implementation of this scheme.</p> <p>We have the following concerns that we request to be addressed by Wiltshire Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The area highlighted in green above, parking area adjacent to the river Kennet, your proposal is to extend this parking area even closer to our Cafe and outside seating area. We at Krumbz feel this will have an negative impact on our business.2. This scheme will mean no free parking for Krumbz Cafe at all, as we had in the past. Where will we park now, there is no free parking in close vicinity for us to utilise, only payable parking areas that is very expensive for a 6 day a week parking during trading hours. Is there anyway Krumbz Cafe can have access to some parking permits during trading hours? We are not trading when majority of the residents are home.3. Why has no effort been made by the Council to discuss the impact of this parking scheme with us at Krumbz Cafe that are directly been affected. Wiltshire Council are happy to issue grants for new businesses to start up but when schemes affect a business we are not been consulted. <p>We have also been hit very hard by Storm Henk and our Cafe was completely flooded. We had to invest huge amount of monies into the business to avoid closing the Cafe and now Wiltshire Council want to implement this Pilot Parking Scheme right outside our Cafe. This decision does not seem to take everyone into account and the location and timing of this scheme is not been sensitive to local business.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any clarification from my comments. We looking forward to hear from Wiltshire Council on this matter.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>This formal consultation is your opportunity to express your views on the proposals. The council does not consult directly with neighbouring properties or business owners with regards to proposals relating to parking within the Highway. Parking within the confines of the highway is tolerated where it does not cause obstruction, and there remains no right for individuals or commercial enterprise to consider ownership or expectation of a parking provision.</i></p> <p><i>The current arrangements in Kennet Place are a combination of waiting restrictions (double yellow lines, and single yellow line day-time restrictions between 8am-6pm) and unrestricted areas which tend to be filled semi-permanently basis, hence the residents request for the introduction of the proposals. These have been considered by Marlborough Town Council and requested through the Local Highway Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG). This request has been considered by the LHFIG and prioritised with funding for implementation.</i></p> <p><i>The implementation has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Associated Procedural Regulations which enable members of the public to comment on the proposals.</i></p> <p><i>The proposals will limit short term parking between the 8am and 6pm to 2 hours. By limiting parking to two hours this will reduce long term parking use and ensuring improved turnover of use</i></p>

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	<p><i>within the parking provision, which often results in greater numbers of people into areas and subsequently can improve footfall to neighbouring commercial enterprises.</i></p>
<p>C 2</p>	<p>Kennet Mews boundary wall is privately owned by people who live in Kennet Mews, not Kennet Place. Without asking anyone in Kennet Mews you propose to make the currently freely available parking into into residents parking along our boundary wall.</p> <p>A much better and safer plan would be to extend the pavement from Kennet Place along our boundary wall; since the pavement on the other side has been turned over to garden, old and young wheelchairs and buggies have to go down the middle of the road. Also proposals to make The Parade up to The Bear one way will inevitably mean even more traffic along with that from Angel Yard, the Aylesbury development and Town Mill whizzing past the entrance to Kennet Mews.</p> <p>Surveyors recently checked over my section of the wall after nos 6, 7 8 9 and 10 were flooded on 5th January. It is an old wall and not in great condition; the coping stones are sitting on top, not cemented down.</p> <p>I am surprised that as a council you haven't involved the owners of the wall in your scheme. This wall is Kennet Mews not Kennet Place.</p> <p>I would very much appreciate a visit from whoever is in charge to discuss this so we in the Mews can have peace of mind.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>Vehicles have been parking adjacent to the aforementioned wall unrestricted for a significant number of years and these proposals do not change this, other than seek to limit the amount of time (in accordance with the operational time of the restriction) that vehicles are parked.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed restrictions do not preclude consideration of a footway provision being provide at a future time. If this is something that you wish considered, please raise this with Marlborough Town Council so that they are able to consider bringing to the attention of the Local Highway Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG). This can be done by following details on the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups</i></p>
<p>C 3</p>	<p>Although I support this proposal for the lucky residents in Kennet Place. As a Marlborough Resident for 30 years and living in a house built before the car was invented. I also have nowhere to park my car. I am concerned that Marlborough parking disproportionately are higher than elsewhere in the county. Public transport often does not take people where they want to go (although with Wiltshire connect bus service, this is a start) and is not reliable.</p> <p>If this is successful, I would urge the council to provide residents parking in various areas around Marlborough for those who have cars, but no parking area within their property - due to the type of property they live in. Including those living on the historic High Street. Could the council consider offering substantially discounted parking season tickets to residents who want them. (I was unable to find the cost of a season ticket on the Wiltshire council website).</p> <p>A further proposal to consider would be having available cheaper long stay parking for Marlborough for those who travel from other places to work within the town.</p> <p>Often for us who live in the town Centre, are disproportionately penalised for 1, having a car, 2 wanting to park near our homes, it is assumed that no resident works outside Marlborough, or needs to go to other places. In addition, new housing planning applications always include parking. If we all moved out of the town centre to housing with parking, Marlborough would be become a very sterile place. As High Streets change to more residential and electric vehicles become more popular, could the council look consider this issue for all residents affected, as currently considering moving to an electric vehicle would be impossible.</p> <p><u>Officer comments:</u></p> <p><i>Comments are noted.</i></p> <p><i>It should be noted that statue states the highway is for the passage and re-passage of persons and</i></p>

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	<p><i>goods, and consequently any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights for individuals to park on the highway, but parking is tolerated where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded.</i></p> <p><i>The change towards use of Electric Vehicles is still within its developing, and the impact this has on both the network and infrastructure are still being considered and will be monitored. The council is committed to working towards solutions which make the change to Electric vehicles sustainable.</i></p>