

**DEVERILL ROAD, WARMINSTER: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS****COMMENTS OF OBJECTION AND SUPPORT**

2 Items of Correspondence received (2 objecting)

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<b>Deverill Road</b>			
VR1	<p><b>Detrimental impact to residents living on side streets off Victoria Road</b></p> <p>After recent added restrictions at the junction of Luxfield Road and Victoria Road, it has become increasingly difficult for parking for some of the properties. The proposed new double yellow lines on the main road will appear to displace an average of 6 cars usually parked there by local residents.</p> <p>Street parking is essential throughout most of the town: restricting it along the wider thoroughfares such as Victoria Road will simply force it into the narrower side streets and onto the pavements. Thanks to your restriction of parking at the junction of Luxfield Road and Victoria Road, parking has moved further into Luxfield Road, which is now frequently blocked to emergency vehicles. The same situation is now developing along all the side streets that join West St and Victoria Road.</p>	2	<p>It is recognised that with any new parking restrictions there will be an element of displaced parking into nearby areas.</p> <p>The restrictions were proposed to assist the access and egress into Woodland Road, following the recent restrictions implemented on Luxfield Road and Woodland Road, vehicles moved to the current position on the South side of Victoria Road, this caused a visual obstruction to vehicles and further restrictions were advertised.</p> <p>It is understood that vehicles will be displaced into residential roads such as Luxfield and West Street; this is however considered more appropriate than the current safety issue which is occurring on Victoria Road. The side streets are frequently used for parking and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Luxfield Road is approximately 6 metres wide, this is wide enough to accommodate a line of sensibly parked vehicles and still allow for passing vehicles including emergency vehicles.</p>

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VR2	<p><b>No traffic congestion observed on Victoria Road in the past 25 years</b></p> <p>Contrary to the statutory justifications cited, in 25 years residence here we have never observed traffic congestion between Victoria Mews and the west end of Grovelands Way. There is frequently congestion in West Street and Vicarage Street, where ironically no restrictions are proposed, but none in Victoria Road.</p>	1	<p>This proposal is in response to reported and observed traffic congestion on Victoria Road specifically around the Woodland Road junction. Vehicles parking on the South side of the road are obstructing visually and physically the manoeuvring of vehicles exiting Woodland Road.</p> <p>Further restrictions along West Street and Vicarage Road were not considered during this proposal.</p>
VR3	<p><b>Alternative proposals to double yellow lines on Victoria Road.</b></p> <p>May I propose that the grass verge be removed and the highway widened to provide additional parking places along Luxfield Road. Alternatively the removal of the intermittent pavement on the south side of Victoria Road, could be removed to allow for additional spaces. I would be happy for the kerb to be dropped to the front of my property to allow me to park off the road and free up further spaces. White lines are also required in Luxfield Road to discourage poor parking in certain dangerous locations.</p>	1	<p>Whilst the request for further parking controls along Luxfield Road have been taken on board they are not able to be actioned as part of this proposal which is looking only at the extension of parking restrictions on Victoria Road near to the junction with Woodland Road.</p> <p>Further requests for traffic controls and developments in the area should be directed through Warminster Town Council and the Community Area Transport Group.</p>
VR4	<p><b>No reported Road Traffic Accidents in the area recently.</b></p> <p>Contrary to the statutory reasons cited, in 25 year's</p>	1	<p>It is recognised that there are a minimal number of reportable traffic incidents in the area.</p> <p>The location has been reported as a potential</p>

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	<p>residence here we are aware of only one minor RTA at the affected junctions along Victoria Road, and that was caused by the excessive speed of the vehicle travelling along Victoria Road. Speeding is a problem here, but the proposed changes will not mitigate it. On the contrary, only parked cars seem to moderate speeding.</p>		<p>accident spot following previous parking restriction installation. Having considered the changes that have been made in the past year and the impact on road users it was considered appropriate to extend the current restrictions to remove where possible potential incidents at this location.</p>
<p><b>VR5</b></p>	<p><b>The proposed restrictions will do nothing to rationalise parking restrictions in Warminster but rather put increased pressure on residents along certain sections of the road.</b></p> <p>Contrary to the intentions cited, the proposed prohibition would not rationalise parking in Warminster, merely limit its availability to the residents of houses built before the age of the private car: i.e. everyone in Vicarage Street, West Street and Victoria Road. We are not aware that the present ad hoc street parking causes problems for anyone, whilst we have never seen any cars parked or waiting on the south side of Victoria Road west of Woodlands Road. It is likely that this will occur as the new shops become more popular, but Victoria Road is wide enough there for street parking and passing traffic. As the existing double yellow lines outside the new shops are being ignored with impunity, we see no point in the council incurring the expense of additional road markings that it has no intention of policing.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>It is understood that Victoria Road is wide enough to accommodate parked vehicles in certain locations, it is not always suitable close to junctions however where visual and physical obstructions occur.</p> <p>The proposed locations seek to make the junction of Victoria Road and Woodland Road safer through the removal of parked vehicles. This in itself is deemed to be rationalising the parking in Warminster.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council is the parking enforcement authority and can be enforced by the Council's parking team. It is understood that they are notable to police all locations every day due to the limited resources and daily requests; they can and will however on request carry out a targeted approach to enforcement in problem areas.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council, as the Highway Authority in this proposal, is seeking to keep the road clear and accessible at all times through the introduction of parking controls.</p>

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VR6	<p><b>Proposed parking restrictions will create a clearway effect on this section of Victoria Road.</b></p> <p>Creation of a 'free way' cleared of all parked cars will encourage speeding. It is this that is the threat to road and pedestrian safety, not static parked cars. We would welcome the sight of more police cars and speed cameras, perhaps even a Community Speed Watch scheme, but we believe that prohibiting parking and waiting will make the speeding problem worse.</p>	1	<p>It is recognised with all new parking restrictions that there will be an element of displacement from vehicles that frequently park in that area.</p> <p>The restrictions advertised are to improve the safety of the junction of Victoria Road and Woodland Road, Warminster. It is not the intention of the restriction to create a clearway and numerous areas along Victoria Road still remain with no restriction in place where vehicles are able to park.</p>