

WARMINSTER: PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS
COMMENTS OF OBJECTION AND SUPPORT

51 Comments received (10 objecting and 41 supporting)

ROAD	OBJECTION	SUPPORT	COMMENTS
Victoria Road	3		
Upper Marsh Road		2	
Brook Street			
Hollybush Road	3		
Pound Street	1		
Boreham Road			
Alcock Crest			
West Parade	2		
Beech Grove	1	39	

No comments were received for proposals in the following roads:

Brook Street, Boreham Road, and Alcock Crest.

Victoria Road

REF:	COMMENTS RECEIVED	NUMBER OF TIMES RECEIVED	OFFICER COMMNETS
VR1	<p>OBJECTION - I don't have any parking for my property (48 Victoria Road) or my neighbours 50, 52 and upwards. If the change were to be put in place, could it simply be changed to a residents only bay, or even have the planned changes up to Groveland's way and not beyond?</p> <p>The issues the road faces in terms of parking are from Coop downwards and even culminates in a choke point between 3 and 100 west street. I would argue however this in itself reduces speeding along our road, something that is in dire need of addressing. Speedbumps or bollards would seem more sensible than a flat straight that you plan to remove all obstacles from.</p>	1	<p>The highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods, and consequently any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway, but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. In this location parking is impeding the right of passage.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the register keeper of a vehicle to ensure they have adequate facilities to store the vehicle whilst not being used, not the Highway Authority. Details of car parks available to the public is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-warminster</p> <p>The Waiting restrictions on the southern side of Victoria Road have been reported to Warminster Town Council due to safety concerns. Vehicles currently parking on the southern side, whether residents or people stopping in the shop/vets are causing vehicles to have to overtake in the right turn lane for Grovelands Way and causing conflict with other vehicles turning out of Grovelands and with oncoming vehicles. Vehicles are parking opposite the junction contravening the guidance in the Highway Code adding to the safety concerns.</p> <p>There is also an issue with visibility in/out of driveways due to people not using the shop car park and instead pulling up to use the shop/vets and often seen encroaching over driveways.</p> <p>Requests for further measure which seek to reduce vehicle speeds, or the introduction of areas of residents parking can be considered by Warminster Town Council, and the LHFIFG. To submit a request please visit https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups</p>
VR2	<p>OBJECTION - Due to the grade 2 listing of our property, there are no driveways available and no options for off-street parking. We recently had yellow lines put in the parking bay directly outside our property which has made the parking situation worse. When we park in adjacent streets we are challenged by local residents - which leads to</p>	1	See VR1

	<p>bad feelings in our local community.</p> <p>The current proposal is to add an additional set of yellow lines opposite our property (currently the only place left to park within a reasonable walking distance). Please could we ask you to review the impact this proposal has on residents in grade 2 listed properties (properties that cannot be modified for parking) and other properties without drives in our road.</p>		
VR3	<p>OBJECTION - Absolutely no consideration has been given to the properties here that have no driveways, no off-street parking options or on street parking within a reasonable distance. The few parking areas that are left opposite our home are now going to be taken away with the new proposal. Our houses are very old and grade 2 listed therefore turning our small front gardens into a hard standing parking areas also faced objections when we enquired.</p> <p>The road in question is extremely wide, it causes no issues when cars are parked there. The only issue is with the owners of the houses opposite who selfishly continue to complain that cars are parked there. They have large driveways, with ample parking for 3 or more cars and turning space. Parking on a public road outside their homes is not a warranted reason for complaint. There is plenty of room to edge off their driveways and turn into their driveways without difficulty on such a wide, long road with clear views up and down.</p> <p>The only congestion caused in the area are by the people who continue to park on the double yellow lines outside Co op. This is far enough away from our houses to not cause a problem in the proposed vicinity.</p> <p>Our houses were here long before any recent developments arrived. Absolutely no consideration has been given to where we should park now. No alternative measures have been taken to help us or even take</p>	1	See VR1

	our situation seriously & into consideration. If we park in Swaledale or Masfield Road, we get complaints and unpleasant encounters with the residents there who do not want us parked outside their homes.		
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Upper Marsh Road

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UMR1	<p>SUPPORT - A major safety issue has been having to approach close to the junction end on the wrong side of the road as cars are parked on the left and sometimes only able to get back to the left dangerously close to the junction.</p> <p>Cars swing in from upward travel off Weymouth Street at excessive speed and then have to brake hard with the risk that similar following cars might collide at the rear with this unexpected sudden stop.</p>	1	<p>Requests for further parking restrictions can be considered by Warminster Town Council, and the LHFIG. To submit a request please visit https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups</p>
UMR2	<p>SUPPORT - Totally in favour of this move. Had previously requested via John Syme similar action due to parking close to junction making entering & leaving Upper Marsh Rd by car dangerous. It is also currently dangerous for pedestrians due to parked cars obscuring their vision of cars leaving the road & speed of those entering Upper Marsh.</p> <p>I had a near miss due to cars parked close to junction church side car coming from Upper Marsh on righthand side as I was about to enter. Because I approach very slowly knowing the risk no incident occurred. Since new houses have been built & the road often used as a short cut the volume & speed of traffic on Upper Marsh Rd has increased considerably.</p>	1	Comments in support are noted.

Hollybush Road

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HR1	<p>OBJECTION- As a resident of that area that connects to that road, the limited parking options in the area already pose a significant challenge to residents around the area, with flats and terraced houses requiring to use this stretch of road and this proposed action could exacerbate the issue.</p> <p>This has already been compounded by the retirement flats being built on Portway, as well as a notable increase in parked cars around the area since the horseshoe carpark became a paid zone. There is also the case that certain peak times such as school runs or nursery usually cause overflow in and around that area, already making the parking shortage for that area and its residents challenging.</p>	1	<p>The highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods, and consequently any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway, but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. In this location parking is impeding the right of passage.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the register keeper of a vehicle to ensure they have adequate facilities to store the vehicle whilst not being used, not the Highway Authority. Details of car parks available to the public is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-warminster</p> <p>Warminster Town Council reported that access concerns have been raised due to inconsiderate parking by vehicles restricting the ability of vehicles including emergency services vehicles. Additionally, vehicles park on the footway blocking pedestrian routes. The proposed restrictions seek to ensure that the road and footway remains clear and accessible.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the presence of vehicles parked on the highway will have a speed reducing effect, however this should not be at the detriment of the right of passage by vehicles or pedestrians.</p>
HR2	<p>OBJECTION - It would have a detrimental effect on residents relying on the already limited parking in the area.</p> <p>With the town car parks having a charge and a nursery just outside Portway, it becomes quite difficult to park as it is now.</p> <p>Making a clear road on a part of Hollybush road will just encourage parking further up the road and also will make a clear way for the cars that enjoy speeding and street racing. The current parking promotes slower driving which protects kids that</p>	1	See HR1

	enjoy the nearby park and green spaces.		
HR3	OBJECTION - it will restrict the number of spaces available for residents and visitors to Portway and Hollybush road and also Medicot House, also parked cars very effectively slow traffic down, if the road is clear many more cars be speeding down Hollybush road than already do. Please could you reconsider this proposal.	1	See HR1

Pound Street

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PS1	<p>OBJECTION - Parking is already very difficult along this road (which I understand why the proposal has been put forwards) but this will only push the parking problems further down the road at the entrance to The Maltings.</p> <p>The parking difficulties stem from residents of West Street and Vicarage Street having to park their vehicles in Pound Street and Pound Row as there is already limited parking for these residents.</p> <p>I have already tried to park my vehicle in The Maltings, Cobbett Place and Pound Row due to this problem and have often returned to my vehicle being vandalized by (whom I can only assume) the existing residents as I am taking valuable parking away from them.</p> <p>As already stated that this will indeed make parking a lot more difficult for us (the current residents) and will invite double parking on Pound Street between the entrances of The Maltings and Pound Row. This will generate more difficulties for the lorries (Whom need to get to Warminster Maltings) which already have trouble getting up and down this road as well as difficulties for the emergency services who frequently visit Cobbett House.</p>	1	<p>The highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods, and consequently any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway, but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. In this location parking is impeding the right of passage.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the register keeper of a vehicle to ensure they have adequate facilities to store the vehicle whilst not being used, not the Highway Authority. Details of car parks available to the public is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-warminster</p> <p>The issue was raised by Warminster Town Council, which following discussion with The Maltings agreed there is a safety accessibility issue when there are deliveries due to the current on-street parking arrangements. Particularly manoeuvring is difficult and causing a concern by parked vehicles requiring deliveries having to mount the footway to make the turn.</p>

West Parade

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WP1	OBJECTION – The roads have 3 primary schools around them and the pavements and roads are often used by school	1	The highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods, and consequently any parking on the

	<p>children riding, scooting and running; – West Parade is often used for the cycling proficiency course by these local schools.</p> <p>This volume of usage has also increased now the shop that has opened its doors again, with cars stopping all over the road and pavement whilst people run in and grab something.</p> <p>To make matters worse, in this RESIDENTIAL area the size of lorries that try and get to the little factories in Beech Avenue and Factory Lane (maybe 3-4 units) are ridiculously big; they shouldn't be using these roads.</p> <p>It is unfair that residents (many of whom have lived here for most of their lives) have to put up with this. This proposal is not in the interest of anyone who you should be looking after. We don't want lorries of that size running over our cats and scaring our children – yes the factories have been there a long time but the access to these factories is no longer fit for purpose.</p>		<p>highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway, but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. In this location parking is impeding the right of passage.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the register keeper of a vehicle to ensure they have adequate facilities to store the vehicle whilst not being used, not the Highway Authority. Details of car parks available to the public is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-warminster</p> <p>Concerns have been raised that HGV's, and refuse trucks turning out of Factory Lane onto West Parade have collided with properties / fences etc. There has been a long standing desire to extend the current waiting restriction by 8 metres (approx. 1.5 car lengths) to provide an increased turning circle for larger vehicles and reduce the risk of colliding with properties and the mounting the footway. This will also reduce the difficulties of larger vehicles that use West Parade to access Pound Street having to reverse back. A separate ongoing HGV issue is being investigated through the LHFIG.</p>
<p>WP2</p>	<p>OBJECTION - this part of Pound Street is quite narrow, so parking is only possible on one side of the road and both sides of the road are terraced houses with no off-street parking available. Those of us who access their back doors through a gate in West Parade will usually try and park in West Parade: it's safer and there is rarely anywhere to park in Pound Street anyway. If the double yellow lines in West Parade are extended, there will be even less parking available, making an already bad situation significantly worse.</p> <p>The other point is that I understand this extension to the double yellow line is mooted in order to make it easier for lorries to navigate into West Parade from Factory Lane. If so, I am appalled. The smaller lorries don't have any problem making the turn with parking as it is. Larger lorries do find it more difficult, but they shouldn't be accessing Factory Lane anyway. There is</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>See WP1</p>

	<p>no business there – or in Beech Avenue – that requires delivery by large HGVs.</p> <p>This is a residential area and the route to 3 primary schools. During term-time children are running and scooting along these streets; it is not the place for large lorries! Any business that requires servicing by large HGVs should be on an easily accessed industrial estate – not in a residential area.</p> <p>Incidentally, we have frequently asked for traffic calming measures for Pound Street and West Parade but haven't yet succeeded.</p>		
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Beech Grove

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BG1	<p>SUPPORT – We fully support the proposals for no waiting at any time at exits from Beech Grove as view is severely restricted by parked cars when trying to exit.</p>	39	<p>Comments in support are noted.</p>
BG2	<p>OBJECTION - As a resident of that area that connects to that road, the limited parking options in the area already pose a significant challenge to residents around the area, with flats and terraced houses requiring to use this stretch of road and this proposed action could exacerbate the issue. This has already been compounded by the retirement flats being built on Portway, as well as a notable increase in parked cars around the area since the horseshoe carpark became a paid zone. There is also the case that certain peak times such as school runs, hospital or nursery usually cause overflow in and around that area, already making the parking shortage for that area and its residents challenging, which I don't think should be punished for this action.</p> <p>While I can see more of a reason to extend the no wait on Portway I feel like the only real difference this would make would be to have the same issue slightly further up the road, in all my time living here I have not noticed any dangerous issues and nearly always a very courteous attitude to cars letting one another go both ways. The Hollybush road decision however I am staunchly against as to remove that would mean only very limited parking would be available for the area. And without proper</p>	1	<p>The highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods, and consequently any parking on the highway is an obstruction of that right of passage. There are no rights to park on the highway, but parking is condoned where the right of passage along the highway is not impeded. In this location parking is impeding the right of passage.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the register keeper of a vehicle to ensure they have adequate facilities to store the vehicle whilst not being used, not the Highway Authority. Details of car parks available to the public is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parking-warminster</p> <p>The issue was raised by Warminster Town Council and Local Councillors due to the inconsiderate parking which is causing visibility problems from both exits of Beech Grove, vehicles are often parked adjacent to the junction meaning exiting onto Copheap Lane or Portway is problematic. Additionally, a number of near misses have been reported. Guidance within the Highway Code</p>

	consideration as to where the residents could park in an already limited option this should definitely not go ahead.		states that parking with 10m of a junction should be avoided.
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