

**COMMENTS**

<b><u>Ref</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Received</u></b>	<b><u>Officer Comment</u></b>
	<b><u>New Park Road</u></b>	
<b>1</b>	The proposed no waiting at any time on New Park Road Devises will seriously inconvenience the allotment holders at Quakers Walk as the cars currently parking along this road will simply move down the car parking area near the gates therefore not allowing us to park to visit our plots. They may also park on Victoria Road which already has a significant residents parking problem.	It is acknowledged that some displacement of parking is likely to occur and this may have an impact upon the space available to allotment holders.
<b>2</b>	Devises Town Council ask Wiltshire Council to withdraw amendments to New Park Road until consultation is completed on residents parking in the area.	The introduction of waiting restrictions on New Park Road as proposed would not preclude its inclusion in a residents' parking scheme.
<b>3</b>	As a resident Victoria Road I cannot see the reason for the proposed No Waiting order. This is a public road that terminates at the Canal Bridge and parking both sides of the road presents no danger to anyone.  Should the order go ahead it will mean that eight cars will have to park elsewhere, the nearest place will be in Victoria Road which is already causing the residents problems with all day parking	It is acknowledged that some displacement of parking is likely to occur and that this may have an impact upon the availability of parking in Victoria Road.
<b>4</b>	Many of the allotment holders on Quakers Walk allotment are retired and a number are female and many less physically capable than, perhaps, they might like. Their dependence upon their cars for transporting tools and produce is very considerable. Currently, parking is available beyond the canal bridge in New Park Road, adjacent to the gates of Quakers Walk. A small lay-by and some road space will currently accept 6 cars – there are more than sixty allotments. The space available is currently under pressure from casual all day parkers. This is aggravated on market days, where at least one van is regularly parked there.  Any restrictions on New Park Road would put this slender availability of space under even more pressure, denying many allotment holders reasonable access to their recreational activity.  There have been no incidents on the street and other than the hospital hedge encroaching onto the pavement for a short distance, no apparent impediment to movement down it either for pedestrians for cyclists.	Please see comments under item 1.

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<b>5</b>	We are aware that constituents in Victoria Road have been pressing for a Residents' Parking Scheme. It was very much anticipated that the section of New Park Road adjacent to Victoria Road would have been part of the consultation on the scheme and its implementation. The restrictions being proposed would compromise any discussions on this.	Please see comments under item 2.
<b>6</b>	A large proportion of allotment holders here are elderly and many of them access this on an almost daily basis, using this area to park their cars. While most gardeners that can, access the site on foot, many others live too far away for this to be practical and would find access to the allotments difficult if this restriction is made. Bear in mind that allotment holders are often transporting gardening equipment to, or produce from, the site and parked access becomes even more important.  Parking around this area is very limited already as the road is also used as an overflow parking area for nearby Victoria Road residents.	Please see comments under item 1.
<b>7</b>	This portion of New Park Road is a cul-de-sac no through road so the only traffic passing through it consists of the vehicles which might park on the corner of Victoria Road and the gate to Quakers Walk. There is no difficulty walking through this portion of the road past parked cars since the number of vehicles passing in an hour can be counted on one hand. Consequently there can be no serious congestion or safety considerations to justify this proposal which are the ONLY reasons put forward by the Council.	The restrictions proposed are to enable the widening of the footway alongside the hospital site to improve the pedestrian route removing the need for pedestrians to walk in the carriageway.
<b>8</b>	Apart from commuters during weekday working hours, those using this area to park are either residents of Victoria Road, allotment holders in the Quakers Walk allotment or walkers using Quakers Walk or the Canal Towpath who will be prevented from parking in the evenings and weekends, thereby seriously reducing the present amenity the allotments and paths provide.	It is acknowledged that some displacement of parking may occur and this may impact upon the availability of on-street spaces for allotment holders and visitors; however, there is a large car park at Devizes Wharf which can accommodate walkers or those visiting local amenities such as the Towpath. Commuters are also able to use this car park and other car parks in and around the town centre.
<b>9</b>	During weekday working hours commuters will continue to park where there are no double yellow lines, making it even more difficult for residents to park.	Please see comment above.
<b>10</b>	Victoria Road residents have made representations to seek residents' parking restrictions because commuters' cars prevent them parking near their homes. Residents parking permits may not be the answer to their problems but if they cannot take such measures, there is only ONE measure the council could take which could possibly make matters worse, namely the measures they propose.	Please see comment under item 2.

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11	<p>If the proposed parking restriction is applied, even more people will seek to park in Victoria Road which is already at or near full capacity all day – as soon as residents leave for work, their places are taken by people who work in town. It is already difficult for workmen attending properties in Victoria Road to find a space near to ‘their’ house and people returning home during the day often have to park a considerable distance away. The situation is already intolerable, particular on market day and this proposal will only make things worse.</p> <p>The proposed measure would only be acceptable if the following conditions were both satisfied:</p> <p>1: apply the restriction to just one side of the road. This would mean the loss of between four and six spaces.</p> <p>2: Residents’ parking in Victoria Road and Commercial Road. A campaign for this has been ongoing since we arrived in Devizes eight years ago and it is high time that something was done.</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that some displacement of parking may occur.</p> <p>As the proposed restrictions are intended to facilitate the widening of the footway alongside the hospital site, thus narrowing the carriageway, the restrictions would be required on both sides of the road in order to reduce the likelihood of the road becoming blocked by parked cars.</p> <p>The implementation of residents’ parking is outside of the scope of this project; however, the introduction of waiting restrictions would not prevent a residents parking scheme from being introduced in the future.</p>
	<u>Snuff Street</u>	
1	<p>Devizes Town Council object to allowing cyclists to travel opposite direction the one-way rule in Snuff Street.</p>	<p>Devizes Town Council has not provided any further information or reasoning to support the objection therefore it is difficult to provide a response to this.</p> <p>Providing an exemption for cyclists within the one-way Order at Snuff Street allows the implementation of contraflow cycling, thus providing a continuous link in both directions between Quakers Walk and the town centre, when combined with the proposed improvements at Couch Lane. Contraflow cycling is also proposed at Couch Lane – this has not received any objections.</p>