

CHIPPENHAM AND CHIPPENHAM WITHOUT: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

DETAILS OF SUPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL AND WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Chippenham Town Council - Ann Chard (Administrative Services Officer – Planning)

With reference to the proposed Parking restrictions in Chippenham, I can confirm that the Town Council at a meeting of its Planning Committee held on 14 May 2015 supported all proposals (16 in total).

Comments received by Councillor Bill Douglas – Chippenham Hardens and England Division

I have examined all proposals and approve all.

Summary of comments received by Councillor Chris Caswill – Monkton Ward

I have consulted residents about the possibility of these changes over several years and reflect their views in my response.

I strongly and unequivocally support the changes being proposed on Cocklebury Road, College Close and Darcy Close and Station Hill. Also proposed changes which will crucially improve the sight lines for (and safety of) traffic exiting Esmead and Market Mead onto Cocklebury Road.

It will also provide relief from long term parking in College Close, which can often be on pavements and block access. In this latter case, a Council refuse lorry recently destroyed a lamp post in the Close because of the difficulty of avoiding parked vehicles.

The changes proposed in Darcy Close are welcome as they would restore the bays there to their original purpose of providing short term parking for visitors. All of these changes are supported in the context of available low-cost parking for rail commuters in the recently-added Network Rail station car park.

The case for removing two bays at the bottleneck in Station Hill is again all about safety at a location where cars and buses on their way to and from the train station can often not get past each other. I know it will be widely supported across the Monkton Park estate.

I also strongly and unequivocally support the changes proposed in Downham Mead end of Sadlers Mead, in the vicinity of the School entrance, and in small sections of Downham Mead and Eastern Avenue. These areas are often parked up long term, and by parents, in such a way as to compromise safety and block Sadlers mead to larger vehicles, such as the bus. I have been informed by the School Head that the School Governors fully support these changes also.

I am also supportive of the proposed changes at the other end of Sadlers Mead, as I believe they too will improve road safety.

I also support the changes to the removal of some parking restrictions in Hawthorn and Tugela Road. The former is a hangover from the time when this was a vehicle entrance to Westinghouse and the latter will provide some much needed parking opportunities for houses at the mouth of Tugela Road. I support the changes in Langley Road but have had fewer representations on this area and the reactions of the residents now will need to be taken carefully into account.