Victoria Road, Devizes - Residents Parking

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3	As a resident of Commercial Road I accept that shoppers, commuters and users of local amenities such as the hospital and local allotments can park on the road outside my house without restriction. I have always accepted this as parking my own vehicle is usually within a reasonable distance from my residence and free. I would prefer to keep it that way, but with the potential residents parking scheme in Victoria Road a genuine possibility, I accept that this may not be possible.	Comments – but wants more	It is accepted that whenever parking controls are introduced there can be a knock on impact to the surrounding area. It is not possible to determine the extent of the impact on Commercial Road at this time and it is therefore proposed to monitor the situation with a view to introducing a future scheme in Commercial Road should the need become apparent
	I do not object to residents requesting parking permits in Victoria, but it cannot be as simple as treating one area as separate to another. Historically, Commercial Road has voted in a majority to reject the introduction of permits, on the understanding the whole area would be treated the same but that appears to have changed. Lots of the houses on Commercial have access to private parking as well which will have skewed these results. It is not acceptable to introduce a residents parking area in one area and not the other when the knock on effect with not be proportionate for those left behind. I note that recently a space on Commercial Road was turned over to double yellow as part		

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	of a scheme to encourage Devizes residents to use the canal. Many users of the canal and allotments already use our roads for parking instead of the Wharf as this is not free, and I cannot see that this will change. Encouraging further use of the canal while there is no train station and terrible bus services will only mean further cars attracted to the area. Further issues to highlight, would be those that object to residents permits on Victoria Road can simply object to buy one and then continue to use our road for free whereas our option to take up their free spaces (of which there are multiple the majority of the time) will be removed. I also cannot see why a Victoria Road resident is incentivised to pay for visitor permits when again there will be the option for them to park on Commercial Road for free. It is a nonsense and needs addressing. Wiltshire Council need to look again at these		
4	proposals and recanvas Commercial Road to give a true and fair view of the opinion of the residents that will undoubtedly be affected.	Comments	It is accounted the truly and account allows countries are introduced the account of the account of the standard standar
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	Therefore I call on Wiltshire Council to either combine the two sections of road in the same residents' parking scheme or that the section of Commercial Road which will be affected by the new scheme have a similar system introduced within the next few months.		
5	We have viewed your proposals and plans for Victoria Road, Devizes, and are very pleased to see the extension of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' on the north side in front of St Mary's Gardens. This has been needed for a long time as large vehicles (especially refuse collection lorries) find it difficult turning into St James Gardens, normally having to mount the pavement. When coming from the western end, they are having to make this manoeuvre	Support & comments	Comment noted.
	from the right-hand side of the road, due to parked vehicles. Also, when exiting St James Gardens to turn left, in a reasonably small car,		

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	it is not as easy as it should be. Just a point concerning the west end of Victoria Road. When entering Victoria Road from New Park Road, it is always necessary to take this slowly, with a wide turn to be ready to pull in to the left and wait for any vehicles coming along from the eastern end. We hope the proposed allowance on the north side of 6 metres towards the east will be sufficient for vehicles larger than cars to be able to do this without obstructing New Park Road.		The 6 metre length of double yellow line is considered to be sufficient to accommodate turning vehicles.
	One other observation we omitted to make in our previous letter was concerning the lack of visibility when crossing the road from the footpath adjoining No. 43 Victoria Road to Sedgefield Gardens. Vehicles parked on the western side of the footpath (sometimes vans) obscure the traffic travelling eastwards. We have young grandchildren and are always afraid they might not be able to see if there are any vehicles coming along. Quite a number of vehicles speed along Victoria Road and don't seem to take account of anyone possibly crossing the road at this point - the entrance to this footway isn't that obvious.		A careful balance has to be achieved between providing sufficient parking spaces, the ability for through vehicles to pass, and the safety of all road users. The inclusion of double yellow lines is intended to create an area where westbound vehicles can wait and provide sufficient room for oncoming vehicles to pass. In addition, it creates an area that pedestrians can use to cross and provide sufficient visibility to do so.
6	I live in Commercial Road and am concerned about this proposal. I do not object to Residents' parking. It is the fact that this introduction is based on some myth. There is nearly always space in Victoria Road to park during the day. The council seems to have ignored the displacement effect that introducing parking restrictions in Victoria Road will have on Commercial Road. In fact many houses in Commercial Road have private parking. Chantry Court is sheltered housing for the elderly and has parking and on the other section there is a private car park for the	Comments	It is accepted that whenever parking controls are introduced there can be a knock on impact to the surrounding area. It is not possible to determine the extent of the impact on Commercial Road at this time and it is therefore proposed to monitor the situation with a view to introducing a future scheme in Commercial Road should the need become apparent.

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	residents. I have canvassed no 1-6 and 34 - 38, who don't have parking and 80 % are in favour of residents' parking. I presume that only part of Victoria Road was canvassed therefore setting a precedent.		
	We know that parking problems in Commercial Road can be at least as bad as in Victoria Road because of shoppers and commuters, with the increasing leisure use of St Mary's Church set to increase pressure as well.		
	Presumably any Victoria Road resident who doesn't want to pay for controlled parking will end up looking at our road as well.		
	I therefore suggest that a proper and fair survey is carried out for those of us in Commercial Road who also favour residents' parking and haven't been considered fairly in this matter.		
	These bank holiday photos clearly indicate that the parking in Commercial Road, Devizes is taken up by commuters during the day. The street has been virtually empty all day. This is why a part of Commercial Road 1-6 and St Mary's cottages and 34-37 need to be included in a residents' parking scheme similar to the one proposed for a section of Victoria Road.		
7	The committee fully supports this proposal.	Support	Comments of support are noted.
8	We are writing to express our concern about the proposed plan to change the no waiting zones in Victoria Road, Devizes. The proposed plan seems to show the loss of six parking spaces.	Objection	
	As you will know from the recent discussions about a residents parking scheme for the area there are already concerns over parking. Parking during the evening is also difficult		

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	which will not be aided by the cut off time of 6.00pm in the residents parking scheme and so to have fewer spaces will only add to the difficulty. In addition these spaces are directly outside St Mary's Gardens, an area of alms houses solely for the elderly. We are concerned that this will cause difficulties for any residents with mobility issues and also for their carers and visitors. We have lived here for twenty three years and have always been able to park in this area and cannot see any benefit in changing this to a no waiting zone.		A careful balance has to be achieved between providing sufficient parking spaces, the ability for through vehicles to pass, and the safety of all road users. The inclusion of double yellow lines is intended to create an area where westbound vehicles can wait and provide sufficient room for oncoming vehicles to pass. In addition, it creates an area that pedestrians can use to cross and provides sufficient visibility to do so. In light of the concerns raised the original proposal has been reviewed and it is possible to retain a level of parking availability on the north side of Victoria Road by providing a gap in the proposed yellow lines sufficient for two cars to allow day time parking and by changing a length of double yellow line to single yellow line which allows overnight parking.
9	With regard to the proposed changes to Parking in Victoria Road Devizes. I would like to offer my total support of these changes to allow residents parking. As a resident of Victoria Road for over 25 years the ability to park in the street has progressively got worse to a point that now you are unlikely to be able to park in normal working hours. The spaces are taken up by "Town Parkers". I very much look forward to the implementation of the scheme as soon as possible.	Support	Comments of support are noted.
10	As a resident of Commercial Road for 31 years I have accepted that the on road parking has always been on a first come, first served basis. As the offer of free unrestricted parking is often used by shoppers, commuters or even the Castle Hotel, we have often been forced to park on Victoria Road or New Park Road, where parking has been up to now unrestricted. We have recently learnt that the residents of the terraced houses of Victoria Road have	Comments – but wants more	It is accepted that whenever parking controls are introduced there can be a knock on impact to the surrounding area. It is not possible to determine the extent of the impact on Commercial Road at this time and it is therefore proposed to monitor the situation with a view to introducing a future scheme in Commercial Road should the need become apparent.

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	been granted their wish of a residents' parking scheme. Although welcoming this decision, we would express our concern that little or no consideration has been made for the residents of Commercial Road, who in our opinion should be offered a similar residents parking scheme.		
	Please take this email as our wish for Commercial Road to be considered to be included either under the same scheme, as we are with the conservation order, or a separate scheme.		
11	As someone planning to move to Devizes and in particular to Victoria Road, the proposal for residents parking permits is an important part of our decision making. We therefore will support the proposals wholeheartedly.	Support	Comments of support are noted.
12	I write to confirm my full support for the proposed residents parking scheme. Householders here have for a very long time suffered huge inconvenience caused by the road being used as a car parking facility mainly by shoppers and people working in the town as well as visitors to the town. Residents can be forced to either pay for parking themselves in town or driving around nearby areas in the hope of finding somewhere to park. This is especially difficult when one has a heavy load to deliver to one's home. This can result in the only option being to stop in the centre of the road to unload causing traffic to back up. For a no-through residential road there is often a surprising amount of traffic which will only increase once the new over 50's residential flats are occupied. Hopefully permits will allow a better chance of parking one's car near home. I do however have a concern that where some households have multiple cars there may be problems as there is physically only room for one car outside each house. Poor parking can reduce this further. One solution	Support	Comments of support are noted. Evidence suggests that the marking of individual parking bays actually reduces the efficiency of parking. When marking individual bays they should be marked to a length of 6.6 metres to account for the turning manoeuvres of the largest sized vehicles that are permitted to use them. Bays of this size are often not required, particularly in residential areas. By not providing individually marked bays the Council is actually maximising the number of parking spaces available to residents, albeit that on some occasions residents do not park in the most efficient manner possible within the available space.

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	For the residents of Commercial Road who are affected by this to be left out of the residents parking scheme makes life intolerable as we will all spend time driving around finding suitable places to park when returning from work or other purposes.		
	Therefore I would like to call on Wiltshire Council to either combine the 2 sections of road in the same residents parking scheme or request Commercial Road have a similar system introduced.		
14	The above order has been proposed as a result of a long campaign by the residents of Victoria Road and it is to be welcomed. However I would like to make a few comments.	Support – but wants more	
	Firstly, the loss of parking outside the almshouses, east of the proposed Residents Parking zone, is to be regretted. This area has served as "overspill" parking for residents and visitors alike over the years, and once the		A careful balance has to be achieved between providing sufficient parking spaces, the ability for through vehicles to pass, and the safety of all road users. The inclusion of double yellow lines is intended to create an area where westbound vehicles can wait and provide sufficient room for oncoming vehicles to pass. In addition it creates an area that pedestrians can use to cross and provide sufficient visibility to do so.

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	proposed restrictions are in place I anticipate that the need for extra parking will increase. Secondly, the parking restrictions will apply between 8am and 6pm Monday-Saturday. This addresses only part of the problem reported by the residents; overnight parking by nonresidents has been a constant issue, and has increased in the period since the residents submitted their report. The proposal means that non-residents who commute to work can continue to use the zone freely outside the controlled hours, with little restriction on their enjoyment of the parking spaces in Victoria Road. It also means that residents who return home after 6pm will still find it hard to park anywhere near their houses. In effect, they will be asked to pay a hefty annual fee for residents' parking, but with no improvement in their situation. I recognise that no residents' parking scheme can guarantee the participants a parking space. However the loss of nearby spaces and the scope of the controlled hours means that the scheme is unlikely to satisfy anyone who uses their cars to travel to work, or returns to the street after 6pm. In summary, I welcome the proposals but I propose that the scheme's terms be changed to cover a longer period - say, 8am to 8pm. This would help to discourage non-residents parking overnight, and give the residents better value for their money. And if at all possible, the parking spaces outside the almshouses should be retained.		In light of the concerns raised the original proposal has been reviewed and it is possible to retain a level of parking availability on the north side of Victoria Road by providing a gap in the proposed yellow lines sufficient for two cars to allow day time parking and by changing a length of double yellow line to single yellow line which allows overnight parking. Residents' parking schemes in Wiltshire operate between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday and are intended to deal with problems caused by commuters and shoppers parking in residential areas. Such schemes are not intended to address parking problems outside of the aforementioned times. Outside of the hours of 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday all parking spaces in council owned car parks, as well as parking spaces on the public highway, in Devizes are both free to use and without time restriction. Given the availability of free and unrestricted parking in Devizes Town Centre there are few reasons for commuters or shoppers to be seeking to park within Victoria Road in the evening. The main factor affecting parking availability in the evening in Victoria Road is considered to be high levels of car ownership by local residents. Subject to a policy change the hours of operation of residents parking schemes in Devizes could be altered so that they operated later into the evening. However, any such policy change sits outside of the scope of this review process. If the correspondent wishes to take this matter up they will need to contact the Council's Parking Services Team directly. They can do so via parking@willshire.gov.uk.
15	Further to the notice of above I would like to comment as follows The proposed scheme is 8am-6pm Monday to	Objection – wants more	

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	Saturday for residents only, so outside these hours anyone can park and a few more parking spaces are removed, these to be removed are often used by people in the restricted parking area who have more than one car.		It is accepted that the introduction of any parking controls have the potential to cause displacement to other areas.
	This will encourage people to park further down Victoria Road causing even greater parking problems for visitors to my Mums and other sheltered housing bungalows in centre of Victoria Road, this includes ambulances, nurses and home helps etc. and the people further down the road in houses, flats and new residential home		
	I live in Commercial road and as Victoria Road is further restricted people will then be more encouraged to park in Commercial Road which is already a nightmare to find a space when I come home from work at 5.15pm often having to drive around for half an hour until I can find a space, if at all, which is free parking or I have to pay in Sainsburys car park which used to be free after 5pm but now not free until after 8pm		It is accepted that whenever parking controls are introduced there can be a knock on impact to the surrounding area. It is not possible to determine the extent of the impact on Commercial Road at this time and it is therefore proposed to monitor the situation with a view to introducing a future scheme in Commercial Road should the need become apparent.
	On Saturdays if I use my car I have no chance of finding a space when I return and have to park in the Warf carpark again having to pay		
	When the link road was built a carpark adjacent my house was removed and spaces lost including street parking outside my house, parking outside takeaways near St Mary's Church has been lost to two bus stops and when resurfacing at roundabout in Commercial Road was carried out a further parking space was removed. None of these spaces have been replaced, spaces also appear to have been lost in the Shambles car park by the super toilet block.		

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16	St Mary's Church is now used for events so with that, loss of parking outside takeaways, Castle Hotel residents and people living in Chantry Court let alone shoppers and town workers who will not pay to park in Sainsburys, or other carparks, Commercial Road and now those who currently park in Victoria Road residents in Commercial Road will have little chance of finding a space One resident is now so fed up with the parking in Commercial Road they have put their house up for sale Residents parking should therefore be extended to Commercial Road This is to give my strong support to the proposed traffic order, which will be a major benefit to residents of Victoria Road. I would, however, make a couple of comments about incidental aspects of the proposed scheme: 1. The proposed no parking restriction on the stretch in front of St Mary's Almshouses seems to be unnecessary, and I fear it might harm road safety. As you know, Victoria Road is grossly substandard, because of its excessive length, its dead straight alignment, and the excessive number of housing units it serves, as a cul de sac. All these features encourage excessive vehicle speeds. Clearing a stretch in the middle of the straight road of parked cars seems to me very likely to reinforce the propensity to speed. I ask you to think carefully about this non-essential aspect of the scheme. 2. The survey report Dec McSweeney and I produced last year identified a number of peripheral issues, mainly to do with	Support	A careful balance has to be achieved between providing sufficient parking spaces, the ability for through vehicles to pass, and the safety of all road users. The inclusion of double yellow lines is intended to create an area where westbound vehicles can wait and provide sufficient room for oncoming vehicles to pass. In addition, it creates an area that pedestrians can use to cross and provide sufficient visibility to do so. In light of the concerns raised the original proposal has been reviewed and it is possible to retain a level of parking availability on the north side of Victoria Road by providing a gap in the proposed yellow lines sufficient for two cars to allow day time parking and by changing a length of double yellow line to single yellow line which allows overnight parking.

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	inconsiderate and downright chaotic parking in New Park Road and Sedgefield Gardens. These issues are not addressed by the proposed traffic order, but may be affected by it. I'd just ask that we all keep them under review once the Order has been implemented, in case conditions deteriorate. Perhaps you will carry out an audit once the scheme has been operating for a year (along the lines of a Road Safety Audit)?		It is agreed that the impact of the scheme will be monitored.
17	We are very happy that Res parking is coming our way, with only one reservation is the disabled space at the top of the road, which will never be used & will be empty for 99% of the time is a wasted space. Too far from the town & the wharf area, it was put in for a resident, unfortunately too late. And no one in the street has a blue badge apart from the parking space in the middle of the street. White lines would be a help as some parking is erratic & some take the room that two vehicles could get into.	Support & comments	The parking space referred to by the correspondent is an advisory disabled parking bay. The Council will need to consult with the Adult Care Department to see if the parking bay in question is still required within Victoria Road. If it is no longer required it could be replaced with an additional resident's parking space. However, to do so will require the completion of a separate Traffic Regulation Order consultation process. So as to not delay the implementation of the rest of the Council's proposals any changes to the advisory disabled parking bay will not be taken forward until such time as the other proposals have been introduced on the ground.
18	I am writing in accordance to the parking permits looking to be issued on Victoria Road. I have been a resident of Devizes since 2010 and have always found parking in Devizes an issue. But I bought a house on Commercial Road in 2012 with the understanding that although I wasn't guaranteed a parking place, the nearby roads around me have always meant I found somewhere suitable to park. When parking was first surveyed, we were simply asked if we were in favour or against the idea. And with the potential residents parking scheme in Victoria Road a genuine possibility, I find it hard to see how the council can simply say yes to Victoria and no to Commercial. Parking permits in Victoria will not only	Comments	It is accepted that whenever parking controls are introduced there can be a knock on impact to the surrounding area. It is not possible to determine the extent of the impact on Commercial Road at this time and it is therefore proposed to monitor the situation with a view to introducing a future scheme in Commercial Road should the need become apparent.

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19	encourage more shoppers/workers/residents to fight over spaces on Commercial Road but some residents of Victoria will undoubtedly not buy permits and instead use Commercial Road. And why would Victoria residents buy visitor permits if Commerical Road is still free? To show you just how much this is effecting people already, a house has been up for sale on Commercial Road for a few weeks now and not been sold as people are unsure regarding the parking situation. Whereas two houses have been snapped up on Victoria within a week as people believe these parking permits will give them the right to park right outside their house! This really isn't fair! Wiltshire Council really aren't looking at the big picture here and need to make it one rule for everyone or nobody at all. While we fully support the Resident's parking in Victoria Road, we object to the proposed "No Waiting at any time" outside St Mary's gardens almshouses. We do so for the following reasons: This section of road currently provides parking for about 6 cars, and if retained would provide some useful parking for non resident visitors and tradespeople working in Victoria Road. I note that it is frequently used by care workers attending the residents in St Mary's gardens and nearby. We have concerns about vehicle speeds at this point on Victoria Road and we have had correspondence with the council on this matter. This is usually vehicles travelling westbound at inappropriate speeds, and we believe that the effective widening of the road without the parked	Support & objection	A careful balance has to be achieved between providing sufficient parking spaces, the ability for through vehicles to pass, and the safety of all road users. The inclusion of double yellow lines is intended to create an area where westbound vehicles can wait and provide sufficient room for oncoming vehicles to pass. In addition, it creates an area that pedestrians can use to cross and provide sufficient visibility to do so. In light of the concerns raised the original proposal has been reviewed and it is possible to retain a level of parking availability on the north side of Victoria Road by providing a gap in the proposed yellow lines sufficient for two cars to allow day time parking and by changing a length of double yellow line to single yellow line which allows overnight parking.

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	 cars will exacerbate this. We see no benefits to the removal of this parking area. As part of this consultation can you please explain the justification for imposing a no waiting zone? 		