

List of Objections/CommentsLeapgate Area, Trowbridge – One Way, Prohibition RHT and Parking Restrictions

Name	Address	Objection/ Support
Name withheld	- Email	<p>I am emailing to voice my concerns and objections to your proposed parking restrictions along Leap Gate, for two primary reasons;</p> <p>1. SAFETY. This section of road (from the CoOp, heading north to where you exit Castlemead heading toward Paxcroft Mead), is now a 30mph zone. For implementing this I thank you. Despite being a 30mph zone, there is still a significant problem with speeding vehicles. This view is shared by most residents.</p> <p>I fear putting double yellow lines along this stretch of road will only exacerbate this issue, as motorists will have a 'clear run' with no parked vehicles/obstructions.</p> <p>2. PARKING. Within the Castlemead estate there are already more cars than there are parking spaces. Each dwelling was allocated ONE parking space with the property, with only ~8 'visitor bays' per phase/50 dwellings.</p> <p>You know as well as I do that Census figures show the average number of cars per dwelling for this type of neighbourhood to exceed two vehicles. So, naturally they park on Leap Gate road. If you intended the Leap Gate road to have double yellow lines from the onset of proposed development, planning should have committed Persimmon to providing sufficient parking within the estate. This did not happen, as land space is at a premium and parking space would result in a proportional loss of 'revenue' generating building space. So, we now have a planning problem of 'where do the cars go?'</p> <p>If they are forced into the estate, parking will occur on pedestrian pavements/across driveways/on street corners all causing serious safety/social issues within the estate, which will be terrible all round and grossly unfair to people who have purchased the property here. This all comes down to poor planning.</p> <p>I would like to see cars be allowed to continue to park along Leap Gate, AND for traffic calming measures to be put in place also.</p> <p>In previous consultation responses I have voiced the dangers of having fast moving traffic through the estate right next to the green areas where children walk to school and play.</p>

Name withheld	- Email	<p>I am writing to you to oppose the introduction of a no waiting restriction along Leap Gate and adjoining roads as indicated in Order 1 of the proposals set out by Wiltshire Council (see ref above).As a resident, I am fully aware of the advantages and disadvantages that parked cars cause on Leap Gate, but I feel the issue of speeding cars is by far the most serious problem.I would like to draw your attention to the recent travel survey (Metro Count) completed for Wiltshire Council. The survey, as presented at the Council Area Board meeting on 1st June 2017, showed that speeding is a problem along Leap Gate and as such, the road is eligible for Community Speed Watch.</p> <p>Two points that can be made:</p> <p>-Without parked cars, the road would become a clear stretch allowing people to speed free of obstruction, even more so than recorded by the survey</p> <p>-If restrictions were applied, then the survey would be invalid, and would need to be conducted again.</p> <p>For nearly two years, residents have been campaigning for various safety measures on the roads through, on, and leading to the estate. We were successful in convincing Wiltshire Council that the speed limit of 40mph through the estate needed to be lower, and it was changed to 30mph. We are still campaigning for further traffic calming measures, crossing solutions, and safety measures for residents and visitors.</p>
Name withheld	- Email	<p>As resident in the new development along Leap gate I'm very concerned to learn that restricted parking and yellow lines are even considered!</p> <p>Not only when we were sold the house we were assured that we could park on the road without problems but considering the narrow roads within the estate and small garages there are very limited space and options for cars. Most families have 2 cars to not consider those families who's second car is a van!</p> <p>This isn't acceptable, the noise and speed limits not respected are already an issue in this way you will just make it worse.</p> <p>Is the council going to develop a parking area in the neighbourhood to accommodate the families that would like/need extra space? The residents in that case should get free parking there or a discounted fee for purchasing a space. In any case please refrain from making this area any more dangerous, there are many animals, young families, schools and children playing in the streets, think about them first!</p>
Name withheld	- Email	<p>I am writing to you to oppose the introduction of a no waiting restriction along Leap Gate and adjoining roads as indicated in Order 1 of the proposals set out by Wiltshire Council (see ref above).</p> <p>The recent Metro Count that was completed for Wiltshire Council in March 2017 shows that speeding is a serious</p>

		<p>issue along Leap Gate as was presented at the latest Trowbridge Area Board on June 1st.</p> <p>Should the No Waiting Restriction be brought into place I fear that the speeding will only get worse and the Metro Count will have to be conducted again as the one in March 2017 will be invalid.</p> <p>Drivers already have a serious problem with keeping to the speed limit even with cars parked along Leap Gate. I dare not think about what speeds drivers will do without any obstructions.</p> <p>Neither are certain drivers able to stop at the red light at the pedestrian crossing as they approach the lights and roundabout at a far too high a speed. And all this on a road that accesses 2 primary schools, 2 nurseries and a number of local shops. Having to cross this road at least 4 times every day with my young children is frightening. It is potluck if a car will stop in time or not at the lights.</p> <p>Numerous times have I had to pull my children back onto the pavement.</p> <p>The other issue will be ; where will all the cars that now park on Leap Gate go? There aren't enough spaces provided on the inside roads. These people were promised by Persimmon that they would be able to park on Leap Gate as that was shown in the plans at the time of purchase. Alternatives will have to be provided.</p> <p>As for the No Turning Right coming out of Huntingfield, this too is being blatantly ignored by many drivers. Some even dare to go on the right side of the road and then turn right onto Leap Gate! Having watched this crossing on a Sunday afternoon, 3 out of 5 vehicles ignore the No Right Turn sign.</p> <p>This however has been reported to the Police and Wiltshire Council in the past but no action has been taken as of yet.</p> <p>I would also like to make you aware of the fact that the notices WC attached to the lampposts regarding this proposal have been removed some 4 weeks ago, this either maliciously or not. Most people living on the estate will not be aware of this proposal.</p>
Name withheld	- Email	<p>I am writing to object to plans to put yellow lines along leap gate as coming from a house with 2 cars and one drive way this will be taking away our only other place to park on the estate which is already hazardous to navigate through due to lack of parking for the residents around the pipistrelle crescent area.</p>
Castle Mead Primary School (Ms Mel Jacob)	Castle mead School	<p>I am writing on behalf of Castle Mead Primary School about the proposed Traffic regulations.</p> <p>Our main concerns are parents parking to drop off /pick up. This is what causes most congestion around the school and associated area at key points during the day. We are happy that there will be a no stopping</p>

		<p>outside the school but concerned that whole of Leap Gate will also not allow parking at any point. We can see the reasoning, as this is where children play, but think will cause issue as many parents park there and walk last bit as it is so congested around school.</p>
<p>Name withheld</p>	<p>Leap Gate,- email</p>	<p>I am very concerned and even more disappointed to learn of the council's plans to implement parking restrictions along Leap Gate. Yes, it will make my life slightly more difficult trying to park my second car, but that's not what concerns or even disappoints me.</p> <p>I have written to you in the past regarding my concerns with the speed, amount and type of traffic that traverses Leap Gate on a daily basis. Yes, the speed limit has been dropped to 30 miles per hour, but no other traffic calming measures have been implemented. Now that Leap Gate is open to West Ashton Road, there is a marked increase in traffic, especially HGVs, and traffic on average does not travel at 30 mph - it goes, much, much faster.</p> <p>Right now the cars parked on Leap Gate are the only traffic calming measure we have, and they can only manage to slow it down one way - heading towards Hilperton Drive. If the council puts double yellow lines down, drivers will not bother to slow down for the 30 mph zone, and the speeding problem - and the associated noise pollution - is only going to get worse.</p> <p>I cannot understand the council's reasoning for wanting to put double yellow lines down on Leap Gate. I live on Leap Gate and have never seen the parked cars causing congestion or significantly impacting on anyone's journey. Emergency services vehicles have never had a problem getting through Leap Gate. And buses and bin lorries are able to function as normal with the cars parked on the road.</p> <p>The cynic in me thinks the only reason the council could possibly want to implement 24 hour parking restrictions on Leap Gate is money. The potential parking fines must seem a lucrative prospect. However, in my opinion, the council would be better off putting up a speed camera between Green Lane and Mascroft Road - it would pay for itself in a month and continue to serve to slow the traffic down.</p> <p>Double yellow lines on Leap Gate strike me as an extremely irresponsible move by the council, especially if no other traffic calming measures, like speed humps and pedestrian crossings are implemented. Just today as I was driving down Leap Gate, a ball bounced out into the road closely followed by a child who didn't look to see if cars were approaching. How many kids following wayward balls are going to have to get hurt or worse before the council understands that this estate is screaming for something to be done about the amount and speed of traffic that uses the road - and that parking restrictions, far from being the solution, are only going to exacerbate the problem?</p> <p>Many thanks for your time and consideration.</p>

Name withheld	Castlemead – email	<p>As a resident on the Castlemead Estate I would like to object to the implementation of parking restrictions along Leap Gate.</p> <p>Firstly, it is a concern that with no cars parked on that road, it could lead to an increase in the temptation for some road users to speed. This is already an ongoing issue but potentially could be made worse with the changes. This is obviously a concern in an area with a school and lots of young families.</p> <p>Secondly, these restrictions will force drivers to park on the smaller residential roads which I have witnessed cause an obstruction to emergency vehicles. Would you want a fire engine or ambulance to be prevented from reaching your loved ones? Not only this, but an increased volume of parked cars will lead to obstructed roads and pavements, making it difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs to manoeuvre through the gaps. Residents may be forced to block driveways, double park or park in an area which restricts the view of oncoming vehicles to other road users. This is clearly not a safe option.</p>
Name withheld	Castlemead – email	<p>I would like to object to the pending proposal / implementation of parking restrictions along leap gate.</p> <p>Firstly, not allowing parking along leap gate is likely to increase drivers' temptation to speed. A problem that is already rife and quite dangerous to the many local children.</p> <p>Secondly, you would not be solving anything but merely diverting traffic to the minor roads of the castlemead estate. This would cause congestion and block access/egress routes for emergency service vehicles. Were there to be a catastrophic event leading to the death or maiming of residents due to roads being blocked, how would you alter traffic management then? And how would you justify these pending parking restrictions?</p> <p>Finally, the cynic in me hopes this is not a money making scheme designed at penalising drivers via parking tickets to line the councils pockets. I am sure you were happy to take the benefits of investment in to the local area by large housing firms so the council should not unnecessarily frustrate and potentially endanger residents who have happily come to live in castlemead.</p>
Name withheld	- Email	<p>I am a local resident who lives directly facing Leap Gate road. I understand that Wiltshire Council are planning to implement parking restrictions along the road.</p> <p>When we bought the property we actually hoped that parking restrictions would be brought in to stop cars parking outside the house.</p> <p>However after being in the property for 4+ years I believe that doing so would dramatically increase the already dangerous situation that we face.</p> <p>The road is consistently being used as a race track during the day and late in the evening. The cars that currently park along Leap Gate are actually slowing the cars down. The thought of giving a clear race track is alarming and genuinely frightening. Being worked up in the early hours to cars wheel spinning and racing</p>

		<p>each other will only end up with a fatality of an innocent bystander.</p> <p>The local farmers who use the road with large trackers and huge trailers are seen regularly speeding along the road whilst looking at their mobile phones. Again, opening up the road and giving them more space will only allow them to drive faster and pay even less attention.</p> <p>I would rather have a 100 cars parked outside my house everyday to help reduce the speed.</p> <p>Houses have wrongly been built with inadequate parking, a four bedroom house with one outside parking space is bad planning and has implications on all residents and visitors. This has resulted in cars being parked within the estate roads and on pavements which leads to parents pushing push chairs along the road, which is not expectable.</p>
Name withheld	Leap Gate – email	<p>I have received the proposed changes to Leap Gate parking this evening and I am emailing to voice my concern and objection to this. I live on Leap Gate and park my car on the drive behind our house in the garage area whilst my partner I live with parks on the main road opposite our house.</p> <p>There is already no space behind our house or opposite on soprano way to park so I have no idea where we would end up having to park our second car if double yellow lines. This goes for our neighbours who also park on the main road as well as the garages.</p> <p>I don't see the problem with the road as it is at the moment, it is wide enough for two cars still and it keeps the traffic speed to the 30mph limit. If no cars are parked then I think the speed will increase which could be dangerous and make it harder to cross the road in front of my house. I really don't understand the reasoning to put double yellow lines on Leap Gate.</p>
Name withheld	Soprano Way, Trowbridge – email	<p>We live on Soprano Way and are extremely concerned that any parking restrictions on the above roads as proposed would lead to the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •□□□□□□□ an increase in the current speeding and noise problems along Leap Gate, making the Castle Mead estate a more dangerous place for children to play and walk and a less peaceful and desirable place to live; •□□□□□□□ an exacerbation of the existing problems caused by insufficient parking spaces in the estate, which would add to the already congested side streets. This in turn would lead to major problems and safety issues for all residents as a result of obstructed roads and pavements, with cars parked in front of residents' front doors, windows and driveways. <p>As Castle Mead is a family estate with a primary school (which is currently expanding) we strongly oppose any measures which would be detrimental to the safety of children living and going to school in this area. We believe that the introduction of a parking restriction to Leap Gate would encourage and enable people to speed through the estate and would be putting lives at risk. We would therefore ask the council to withdraw this proposal.</p>

Name withheld	- Email	<p>Again we have to fight for common sense, how can we enforce pointless yellow lines without thinking of the massive consequences behind such an action.</p> <p>It shows how unaware the council are of this area, it is already a struggle to park; the average house hold has two cars, private parking for the average house in the estate can only hold one car- where are the overflow vehicles going to park? Further into the estate causing mass congestion, creating a dangerous environment for our children and local wildlife.</p> <p>Does the council not think these things through? I would strongly urge you review who you town planner is because quite frankly they are out of touch with the modern world. If you want to put yellow lines down on these roads then expect accidents to rise, collisions to happen and even worse, fatalities to inevitably occur, since the council have been so wise in implementing a 50mph speed limit right at the entrance to a housing estate, I am sure these are the things they are not thinking off.</p>
Name withheld	Leap Gate - Email	<p>I would like to state my objection to the proposed plan to put double yellow lines on leap gate. I live on leap gate and use the road to park on most days as my partner uses our drive. The estate roads are already congested with cars forced to park on pavements making it hard to navigate. This proposal would only make matters worse and with leap gate free of parked cars the current speeding problem would only get worse.</p>
Name withheld	- Email	<p>I understand that Highways at Wiltshire Council is moving ahead with the planned introduction of double yellow lines along Leap Gate, despite concerns raised by residents. It seems that when Highways wants to do something, they always go ahead with their plans, despite a lack of understanding of how the road is being used by street racers and speeding motorists and HGVs on a day-to-day basis. As previously raised, the installation of double yellow lines is a major concern for residents who already feel that vehicle speeds are too high. Motorists driving through the estate ignore speed limits along Leap Gate, run the red lights at the pedestrian crossing and fail to stop at the roundabout opposite Castle Mead Primary School. The number of accidents at the roundabout continues to rise and no one at Wiltshire Council seems to care about the risk to residents and their children. Has Wiltshire Police changed their position on parking along Leap Gate? They have always been in favour of parking along the 30mph stretch of Leap Gate from the roundabout to Green Lane as it acts as natural traffic-calming, which in turn reduces vehicle speeds.</p> <p>What alternative provisions is Wiltshire Council going to make as there will be parking required somewhere else for all the visitor cars that currently park along Leap Gate? The provision of on-street parking was always part of the design</p>

of the estate.

We draw your attention to the following as set out in the Land at East Trowbridge Development Brief:

Parking 5.14 - Garaging and parking should be accessible to the dwellings they serve. Car parking provided within the curtilage of properties should be located behind the building line to maintain frontage continuity. **Provision for visitor parking on street will need to be an integral part of the urban design.** Where car parking is grouped, care must be taken to ensure that visitors can readily identify the differences between public and private spaces. Smaller residential streets should be designed as links between the higher order routes. Shared parking courts should be located within the perimeter blocks and treated as separate spaces with houses used as to overlook the space.

Noise 2.13 - Potential noise sources adjoining the site are identified as being road traffic noise from the proposed distributor link road. The effects of this on both the new development and the existing neighbouring residential properties to the site **should be mitigated**, with particular care taken on the narrow corridor that forms the extension of Leap Gate as far as Green Lane.

Planning Policy - Traffic Calming 3.3 - 9. Mead distributor road T4A to the distributor road T4B provided in conjunction with the employment allocation E1A north of West Ashton Road, as required by the County Highway Authority (see Policy T4); The completion of link road T5A or its secured provision to the satisfaction of the County Highways Authority; **The provision of traffic-calming measures within the development and locality** as approved by the County Highways Authority;

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Objectives 4.2 - vi) **A safe and attractive residential area** with easy access and movement through the site to reduce the need to travel by car.

Movement 5.18 - In accordance with national and local transport policy, emphasis will be placed on encouraging and developing sustainable methods of travel rather than relying on private car use. By **controlling vehicles speeds**, effective use can be made of shared surfaces for pedestrians and cyclists.

Movement 5.19 The development (in combination with the planning permission for site E1A) will also provide for the completion of the Distributor Road link between West Ashton Road and Paxcroft Mead. This road will improve traffic circulation for bus services in particular. The District and County Councils will determine at the planning application stage, after appropriate public consultation, the design and/or traffic management measures for the road to **ensure road safety** and residential amenity in the development and the surrounding locality. **Particular care will be required to ensure safety on the narrow corridor that forms the extension of Leap Gate as far as Green**

		<p>Lane. The residential development, with other new residential development east of Trowbridge, will also require the completion of the Hilperton Relief Road, as required by Policy T5A. This will be the subject of a separate planning application. The layout of the Master Plan should ensure the provision of bus shelters adjoining the distributor link road. The layout of the development must not prejudice future access to the adjacent land formerly identified in the draft District Plan 1st Alteration under Policy H11a. Any future development of this site will be determined through a Local Development Document.</p> <p>Movement 5.20 For safety the design speed of the road network which will be served by the Distributor Road and which will be within the development should be limited to a maximum of 20mph. Traffic calming measures should be adopted throughout the development and may take several forms. Traffic can be calmed through road narrowing, changes in surface materials and levels, but equally the shape and form of streets themselves will influence driver behaviour. Built form and natural features can be used to limit long views for drivers and therefore control vehicle speed. It is particularly important to integrate speed control features at the design phase rather than as an afterthought. For further information reference should be made to the Department of Environment Transport and Regions (DETR's) 'Places, Streets and Movement' the companion to Design Bulletin 32.</p> <p>HGVs continue to thunder though the estate and disturb residents' sleep during the night. Since the removal of the strategically-placed metro count sensors, vehicle speeds have risen again as motorists were seen slowing down before they reached the sensors while the surveys were being carried out.</p>
Name withheld	- Email	<p>As previously raised, the installation of double yellow lines is a major concern for residents who already feel that vehicle speeds are too high. Motorists driving through the estate ignore speed limits along Leap Gate, run the red lights at the pedestrian crossing and fail to stop at the roundabout opposite Castle Mead Primary School. The number of accidents at the roundabout continues to rise and no one at Wiltshire Council seems to care about the risk to residents and their children.</p> <p>Has Wiltshire Police changed their position on parking along Leap Gate? They have always been in favour of parking along the 30mph stretch of Leap Gate from the roundabout to Green Lane as it acts as natural traffic-calming, which in turn reduces vehicle speeds.</p> <p>What alternative provisions is Wiltshire Council going to make as there will be parking required somewhere else for all the visitor cars that currently park along Leap Gate? The provision of on-street parking was always part of the design of the estate.</p>

Name withheld	Leap gate – email	<p>From the information that I was made aware of today in regards to Wiltshire Councils ideas about implementing yellow lines out the front of my property (Leap Gate) and adjoining streets. I am again forced to lose faith in a local authority that clearly does not listen to the residence living in the areas that they are making decision about.</p> <p>Unfortunately this is becoming something of theme I have been confronted with since moving to this area 3 years ago.If you have spent any of your time in this estate or area of Castle Mead you will be aware that parking is already a SIGNIFICANT problem! Roads and junctions are already obstructed as are pavements. This is in fact a family area where children are out in the community and these obstruction are AGAIN putting us and children at risk! Wiltshire Council have already failed to secure the safety of Leap gate and have remained ignorant, indifferent and unresponsive to the residents living or visiting this area.I have been woken in the night with cars veering off the road outside my house because they are driving too fast and you fail to implement ANY traffic calming strategies in this area despite near misses and serious incident already taking place!!! This road is fast and noisy! And now I hear that you want to make this fast road even faster by removing the one thing that slows people down!!!...??? I am very confused right now and actually really angry and fed up with this constant battle as I know this email is actually a waste of my time because inevitably people in power don't listen to the people that are living with the decisions that you make. Democracy... what a joke. As a comprise I would ask that Wiltshire Council allows parking on Leap Gate at certain times of the day as other local authorities manage similar situations. (e.g. 6pm-7am) this would support people to park around work hours and reduce the traffic speed and noise at night which is already a battle to live with.</p>
Name withheld	Pipistrelle Crescent,	<p>Our house faces Leapgate, and we have only one allocated parking space for our three cars. And we are just one of many houses that use Leapgate to park our additional vehicles.</p> <p>We have also been working with Councillor Oldrieve and other residents to find a way to reduce speeding in the area, as it creates a serious risk to residents and unnecessary noise in a residential area.</p> <p>Parked cars along Leapgate act as a traffic slowing measure, and their removal will surely increase average speeds along this road, which is a major concern with a School in the vicinity.</p> <p>On an average day, there can be as many as twenty cars parked along the road. Can you please advise where residents are supposed to park when these restrictions come into effect? Where are visitors supposed to park, as there will</p>

		<p>be no available space left.</p> <p>Are you going to provide alternative parking areas?</p> <p>We are also deeply concerned that these measures will adversely affect our property values, and seek assurance that the Council will compensate home owners should this happen.</p> <p>I would also like to see the original development plans and approvals indicating where residents can park their cars.</p> <p>I have attached a Government planning standards document advising the number of parking spaces that should be provided for various types of property. For a three bedroom townhouse such as ours, there should be two allocated places and 1.75 unallocated. Where are they?</p> <p>An early response to my concerns would be warmly received.</p>
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