

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTION AMENDMENTS
IN SOMERSET ROAD AND BISHOPDOWN ROAD, SALISBURY AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

Comment Ref. No.	Comment	Officer Response
1	<p>This is a wonderful proposal, which I support completely. The current street parking at school pick up/ drop off times is so dangerous that it is only a matter of time before a child is seriously injured. Cars park on the pavement near the crossing lady on Bishopdown Road preventing parents with pushchairs safely using the pavement safely. I hope parking enforcement resources are available to enforce the proposed changes at school pick up/drop off times.</p>	<p>The issue of enforcement of the existing and proposed waiting restrictions will be considered as a substantive issue in the main report. The other comments are noted.</p>
2	<p>I am writing to you with regards to the TRO for St Marks School, in Salisbury. Whilst I welcome the plans and clearly something needs to be done, as I believe an accident will happen if nothing is done, I do have a few further concerns.</p> <p>We live on St Marks Avenue not far from the school. From looking at the plans there doesn't seem to be any changes to this area. You will keep the existing no waiting from 10am to 11am. Firstly I am not sure why this is in place, seems an odd time to have a no waiting, can you explain why this is needed at all and perhaps wouldn't the no waiting be better during school pick up and collection times?</p> <p>Currently there is always a lot of parked vehicles along St Marks Avenue on both sides of the road. Some drivers have no consideration for driveways and park across them, and some park on the pavement and on double yellow lines. It does not seem to be policed at all. As the road is busy during pick up and collection with heavy traffic, this causes issues with the parked cars being there and buses and vehicles trying to get past. I would think a good idea would be to restrict parking to just one side of the road. Also crossing the road to take my son to school then becomes a challenge due to the parked vehicles.</p> <p>I also believe that as a result of the plans to around the school on Bishopdown road etc. this will move the current problems on to St Marks Avenue and will make it worse further down the road towards St Marks roundabout. There are also similar issues outside Lee Hurst Swan where parking on both sides of the road causes issues with vehicles getting past and children crossing the road, and I think this will be made worse.</p>	<p>The issue of enforcement of the existing and proposed waiting restrictions will be considered as a substantive issue in the main report. Specific comments not addressed in the main report will be considered below.</p> <p>The No Waiting Monday-Friday 10.00am-11.00am restriction was introduced into St. Mark's Avenue in 2009 as part of work to extend Residents Parking Zone H (RPZH hereafter). The main aim of this restriction was to stop the commuter parking that was taking place in Campbell Road and at the southern end of St. Mark's Avenue from being displaced further along St. Mark's Avenue. This is achieved by virtue of commuters not being able to leave their place of work between 10.00am and 11.00am to move their car to avoid the risk of receiving a Penalty Charge Notice for parking illegally on the No Waiting restriction. The No Waiting restriction has been successful in meeting this aim.</p> <p>In addition to stopping commuter parking from taking place the No Waiting restriction is also designed to help parents during school pick up and drop off times by allowing them to park close to the Somerset Road Campus. If the correspondent wishes to find out more information about the use of the No Waiting Monday-Friday 10.00am-11.00am restriction in St. Mark's Avenue then I would direct them to the report that considered the extension of RPZH, specifically paragraphs 16-20. A copy of the report is available via the following webpage.</p> <p>https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeeld=739&MeetingId=1899&DF=07%2f01%2f2009&Ver=2</p>

	<p>The final part is will this be policed, as currently there are some parents with absolutely no regard to the current enforcements. They currently park on pavements, double yellow lines, on the corner of St Marks Avenue and Somerset road. I have heard the lollipop ladies express concern going onto the road due to parked vehicles near them and restricted views because of these vehicles. All of this will be wasted if no one polices it.</p> <p>We used to have our children at Harnham and you restricted certain roads and had police there and issued tickets, and it seemed to work. If people started to get fined for parking dangerously and illegally then this would deter them.</p>	<p>In of itself parking on both sides of St. Mark's Avenue during school drop off and pick up periods is not of great concern to the Council as in the main the road is wide enough to allow parking to take place on both sides whilst still maintaining a running carriageway lane. Indeed, parking taking place on both sides of the road in conjunction with the lengths of No Waiting At Any Time (NWAAT) restrictions (double yellow lines) present along the road are intended to create informal priority working systems which serve to control the speed of traffic using St. Mark's Avenue during school drop off and pick up periods. The NWAAT restrictions provide areas for vehicles travelling along St. Mark's Avenue to pullover onto to allow other vehicles to pass by. The NWAAT restrictions present in the area, particularly those in the vicinity of the junction of Somerset Road, St. Mark's Avenue and Bishopdown Road, should provide locations where it is relatively easy for the correspondent to cross the road with their child on their journey to school.</p> <p>The proposed waiting restrictions consulted upon by the Council are aimed at addressing road safety and congestion concerns arising from the parking activities taking place at the start and end of the school day in Bishopdown Road and the section of Somerset Road in front of the main entrance to the school campus. A more restrictive approach has been required in the aforementioned locations for a number of reasons. With respect to the proposed restrictions in Somerset Road they are intended to try and remove as much parking as possible from in front of the main entrance to the campus to aid crossing movements undertaken both with and without the assistance of the School Crossing Patrol. The proposed restrictions for Bishopdown Road are again intended to aid crossing movements undertaken both with and without the assistance of the School Crossing Patrol as well stopping the current parking that can obstruct both the footway and the carriageway. The proposed restrictions also take into account the need to move the parking away from the entrance to the Bishopdown 20mph Speed Limit Zone to improve motorists' awareness of the speed limit change and to stop parked vehicles obstructing the cycle bypass lane at this location.</p> <p>If the proposed waiting restrictions consulted upon by the Council are implemented it is likely that the parking that occurs during school pick up and drop off times will be displaced to nearby locations. If that occurs the Council may need to consider the introduction of additional waiting restrictions to address problems that arise. However, any parking that is displaced into St. Mark's Avenue is unlikely to create significant problems given that the whole of this road is already subject to waiting restrictions to control the parking that takes place.</p>
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3	<p>These proposals will only work if there is someone to monitor the situation. I have over the years highlighted the dangers of people parking on the pavements near the school, this resulted in police or traffic wardens making an appearance and warning drivers, after a few days with no sign of anyone watching the drivers revert to their usual practise of parking on the pavement. I think you will have to issue tickets to offending motorists to deter them. Some of these drivers only live down the road.</p>	<p>The issue of enforcement of the existing and proposed waiting restrictions will be considered as a substantive issue in the main report.</p>
4	<p>We are writing to comment on the proposed changes to the parking on Bishopdown Road and Somerset Road.</p> <p>There is a fundamental problem in the current parking arrangements on the roads surrounding the local school complex which needs to be addressed. This proposal does not go far enough.</p> <p>Whereas the majority of the roads in the area have restricted parking (no parking between 1000 and 1100 or residents only/parking for 2 hrs) there are 4 roads in the immediate vicinity of the St Mark's School complex where parking is unrestricted (Bishopdown Rd, Somerset Rd, Cambridge Rd and Dorset Rd) and as a result commuters, which includes the staff from the local schools, are parking there daily. We wonder if the planners are aware of the number of staff in the schools complex who arrive every day by car and have nowhere except the road to park. For example, Exeter House Special School has over 100 staff and a carpark that is inadequate for their means. The same can be said for St Mark's and Wyndham Park schools and St Mark's Pre-school. If the current proposals are carried out there is nowhere for those commuters who are currently using Bishopdown Road for parking, to legally park. They will try to park all day on the other 3, already very busy, unrestricted roads and the totally unenforced single yellow line restricted areas. If no action is taken then the simple result will be mass illegal parking and traffic chaos.</p> <p>Unless the entire area is patrolled every day during term time, both morning and afternoon by traffic wardens, there will be no point in making any changes. Cars persistently park on the yellow line outside the schools on the N side of Somerset Rd and on the double yellow lines on the southern side of Somerset Rd. They park with impunity, often blocking the pavement, because they know that no traffic warden will ever appear and they will not be ticketed.</p> <p>We have also observed cars being parked on Bishopdown Rd and the parking bay on Somerset Rd for significant lengths of time (in one case for several months), possibly because they are unable or unwilling to obtain resident parking permits for them.</p>	<p>The issue of enforcement of the existing and proposed waiting restrictions will be considered as a substantive issue in the main report. Specific comments not addressed in the main report will be considered below.</p> <p>The Council is aware of the current parking situation in Bishopdown Road, Somerset Road, Cambridge Road and Dorset Road and that its proposals may result in parking activities being displaced from Bishopdown Road into the other three roads mentioned. Commuter parking problems have existed in Cambridge Road, Dorset Road and Somerset Road for a number of years now. Back in 2012 residents of these three roads were offered an opportunity to become part of RPZH but, following consultation, there was insufficient support from residents to do so. To address the problems with commuter parking that the correspondent is envisaging would require the introduction of a residents parking scheme. Since 2012 the Council has not received any requests from local residents asking for the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Somerset Road, Cambridge Road and Dorset Road. However, the Council would be prepared to consider the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Somerset Road, Cambridge Road and Dorset Road if residents can demonstrate that there is now support for one. The correspondent can request the introduction of a residents parking scheme through the Council's waiting restriction request process.</p> <p>In terms of Bishopdown Road it is important to remember that parking will continue to be able to take place in the road. The Council's proposals for Bishopdown Road are intended to move parking away from the Somerset Road Campus to aid crossing movements undertaken both with and without the assistance of the School Crossing Patrol as well stopping the current parking that can obstruct both the footway and the carriageway in the front of the school campus. The proposed restrictions also take into account the need to move the parking away from the entrance to the Bishopdown 20mph Speed Limit Zone to improve motorists' awareness of the speed limit change and to stop parked vehicles obstructing the cycle bypass lane at this location.</p> <p>It should be noted that as the parking bay on Somerset Road and the parking currently taking place on Bishopdown is not currently time limited the</p>

	<p>This issue needs to be urgently addressed and the resident's parking/2 hr maximum stay introduced immediately on Somerset Road opposite the school complex, with a possible extension to the rest of Somerset Rd, Cambridge Road and Dorset Road as it is for the surrounding areas.</p> <p>If the proposals are implemented without action taken to address the comments above, then the whole exercise will be a waste of time and money and the traffic problems in this corner of Salisbury will worsen to the detriment of the local residents.</p>	<p>vehicles mentioned as being parked up for significant lengths of time are not doing anything illegal.</p>
5	<p>I agree with the proposed restrictions on the East side of Bishopdown Road. However I think some parking could be safely retained on the West side of Bishopdown Road, especially outside of school pick up and drop off times. Also The logic for a 20mph zone to become a 30 mph zone just as it enters a school zone is flawed. The traffic calming feature could be removed without impacting on safety. I agree with the other proposed restrictions on Bishopdown, Somerset and Cambridge Roads. Once these changes are passed they must be robustly enforced by the Council.</p>	<p>The issue of enforcement of the existing and proposed waiting restrictions will be considered as a substantive issue in the main report. Specific comments not addressed in the main report will be considered below.</p> <p>In terms of Bishopdown Road then it is important to remember that parking will continue to be able to take place on the east side of the road. The Council's proposals for Bishopdown Road are intended to move parking away from the Somerset Road Campus to aid crossing movements undertaken both with and without the assistance of the School Crossing Patrol as well stopping the current parking that can obstruct both the footway and the carriageway in the front of the school campus. The proposed restrictions also take into account the need to move the parking away from the entrance to the Bishopdown 20mph Speed Limit Zone to improve motorists' awareness of the speed limit change and to stop parked vehicles obstructing the cycle bypass lane at this location.</p> <p>The comments about the start/finish point of the Bishopdown 20mph Speed Limit Zone are understood but it should be kept in mind that when the zone was introduced in 2003 it was part of a package of measures to control vehicle speeds within the Bishopdown Housing Estate rather than to address any speeding concerns directly in front of the Somerset Road Campus. If the correspondent feels that a 20mph speed limit is required immediately in front of the school campus then they should raise this matter directly with the Somerset Road Education Trust who is responsible for its management. The Trust would, through the Council's Taking Action On School Journeys programme, be able to apply for the introduction of an advisory 20mph speed limit that would operate around the start and end of the school day.</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>With reference to the above traffic order and the one that applies to Bishopdown Road, what considerations have you given to moving the problem entirely to the cul de sac element of Somerset Road. The cul de sac is already absolute traffic mayhem at both AM and PM school runs with mums trying to reverse 4x4s, giving up and leaving them at all angles both on and off the pavement.</p> <p>I fear you may be alleviating the problem in 2 places and moving it to my street. As a nightshift worker both school runs are a nightmare, the AM to actually get onto my drive after a 12 hour shift and the PM one when I am sleeping due to the noise of the hideous mums and children partaking in the parking experience.</p> <p>As its stands ambulances and fire engines most certainly could not get down the cul de sac at these times and indeed on occasions any other time as cars are left here all day by some parents.</p> <p>Perhaps you should just come and witness the problem before you enforce this.</p> <p>What would be better if you stopped having mothers driving to school and having a if you cannot walk to the school policy then you need to look for another one in your catchment area!</p>	<p>The Council is aware of the current parking situation Somerset Road and that its proposals may result in parking activities being displaced from Bishopdown Road into the cul-de-sac section of it, as well as the nearby Cambridge Road and Dorset Road. Commuter parking problems have existed in Cambridge Road, Dorset Road and Somerset Road for a number of years now. Back in 2012 residents of these three roads were offered an opportunity to become part of RPZH but, following consultation, there was insufficient support from residents to do so. To address the problems with commuter parking that the correspondent is envisaging would require the introduction of a residents parking scheme. Since 2012 the Council has not received any requests from local residents asking for the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Somerset Road, Cambridge Road and Dorset Road. However, the Council would be prepared to consider the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Somerset Road, Cambridge Road and Dorset Road if residents can demonstrate that there is now support for one. The correspondent can request the introduction of a residents parking scheme through the Council's waiting restriction request process.</p>
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