

ATWORTH PARISH ORDER: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

COMMENTS OF OBJECTION AND SUPPORT

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**7 Comments received (3 objecting, 3 supporting and 1 commenting on)
Table below shows distribution of consultation comments**

Breakdown by road			
Road	Objections	Support	Comments
Clocktower View	0	0	0
Mead Park	3	3	0
A365 Bath Road junction with Fleetwood Rise	0		1
A365 Bath Road junction with Bradford Road	0	0	0
Total	3	3	1

Ref	Comment received	Number of Times Received	Officer Comment
A1	<p><u>Clocktower View</u></p> <p>NO COMMENTS RECEIVED</p> <p><u>Mead Park</u></p> <p>I live at Bath Road which is on the corner of the entrance into Mead Park. I've owned the property for 18 years. The planning notices to extend the double yellow lines has been seriously concerning me. I have to object to this proposal.</p> <p>My property, and a few others I am aware of, have no off road parking. I have always parked my vehicle safely and securely at the rear of my house on Mead Park, which is part of your proposed no waiting zone. Approximately between the hours of 8pm and 6am. From here I am able to check on and access my car without any issues and feel it is safe. To remove my ability to do this would impact my quality of life and freedom tremendously.</p> <p>As you are aware the main Bath Road can have a lot of traffic. At times large articulated vehicles can drive at speed along here. It is not a safe or viable option to park my car outside the front of my property. I've known many pedestrians involved in serious accidents here, and I'm sure traffic accidents.</p> <p>I bought my property with the knowledge I had safe and secure on street parking for my car, away from the A365. I rely on this aspect of my property and feel the type of proposal you are</p>	3	<p>The Highway Code advises that drivers should refrain from parking on bends and within 10 metres of a junction. It has been noted that vehicles accessing The Mead from Bath Road (A365) have safety issues when they meet head on with vehicles egressing from the Mead onto the Bath Road due to parked vehicles on both sides of the Mead. Sight lines along The Mead at this bend are compromised by these parked vehicles and it then forces the cars leaving the A365 to reverse back onto the A365 which is a safety issue also. The proposed lines allow vehicles to have an unobstructed route off the A365 when they turn into the Mead removing this hazard.</p>

	<p>making would be removing this value from me and future owners should I decide to sell on. It is a friendly village with a successful Neighbourhood Watch scheme operating in Mead Park, which were good reasons for choosing my house to buy and bring up a family in.</p> <p>With the knowledge my property and vehicle are safe, I strongly feel that you would be taking this security away from myself and the few others that absolutely rely upon it.</p> <p>The parking on this side of the road has always been successful and rarely congested. Giving way to vehicles turning into Mead Park is always courteous and works well. I cannot object strongly enough to this proposal, and feel this would not be feasible for the 4 or 5 properties that use this place to park.</p>		<p>It must be noted that vehicles do not have a right to park on a public highway outside their property. Drivers are reminded that it is their responsibility to park their vehicles in a safe manner and not obstruct other road users using the highway. Parking space has been provided on the opposite side of The Mead so as not to obstruct vehicles leaving the A365 Bath Road as they turn into The Mead.</p>
A2	<p>With reference to the proposed extending of double yellow lines in Mead Park, I am in full agreement of said proposal.</p>	3	Noted.
A3	<p>As a resident of Mead Park I strongly object to the proposal to extend the yellow lines at the entrance to Mead Park. This will only move the problem of parking further round the cul-de-sac and in any case it is not policed now and is unlikely to be so in the future.</p>		<p>It is the driver's responsibility to park in a safe location so as not to obstruct other road users. The Highway Code outlines locations where no parking is advised. The enforcement of parking restrictions is carried out by Wiltshire Council. However, if the Highway is obstructed this will be a Police issue to enforce.</p>
A4	<p>Currently, there are severe traffic problems from time to time. They occur when traffic entering Mead Park is forced to reverse out by oncoming vehicles, onto the main Bath Road. Bath Road has a great deal of fast-moving vehicles,</p>		Noted and agreed.

	<p>heavy goods vehicles in particular, increasing in numbers because of Clevedon Bridge closure in Bath. I have been informed of near misses by three residents and witnessed one myself 2 weeks ago.</p> <p>The proposal will move parking to the opposite side of the road, eliminating the problem. At the same time, it will not reduce the amount of safe parking available to residents. I fully support the initiative.</p>		
A5	<p>I am pleased to see the double yellow lines are on the other side of the road. I want them to go ahead.</p>		<p>Noted.</p>
A6	<p>In response to more yellow lines in Mead Park. I feel they will cause more problems than they will solve.</p> <p>Going back a while, there was a problem caused by cars parking on the entrance to Mead Park and the main road, making access in and out dangerous. This has been very successfully resolved with yellow lines both sides of the entrance according to traffic regulations, at the same time leaving space for much needed parking.</p> <p>There are several original village properties with no garage or parking facilities who have been able to use this space without any problem, especially as it does not cause obstruction to any properties.</p> <p>People needing parking will inevitably be forced further into Mead Park causing more problems to Mead Park residents.</p> <p>I am also concerned that there will be more cars parked outside houses on the main road (the A 365) which has recently resulted in a bad crash involving 3 cars and causing a lot of damage.</p> <p>As in many old villages, Atworth was not designed for modern living, but we have to make the best of what we have got for</p>		<p>The existing double yellow lines do not extend far enough down The Mead causing drivers to be confronted with vehicles in the middle of the road as they egress from The Mead onto Bath Road. To allow additional space for cars to stack safely whilst they wait for oncoming traffic to clear the parking restrictions have been extended to remove cars parked on the bend.</p> <p>Some cars may have to park within The Mead, but this is preferential to them parking on the bend at the junction where a safety hazard is apparent.</p> <p>There is no right to park on a public highway and, as such, drivers are expected to refrain from parking in unsafe area as highlighted in the Highway Code. However, it is felt that sufficient safer parking is available with The Mead that will not present a safety issue that exists currently, although drivers may have to walk slightly further to access their</p>

	<p>the benefit of everyone. Please consider my concerns, as I am a very long term resident of Atworth, and I feel sure these proposals are unnecessary.</p>		properties.
A7	<p><u>A365 Bath Road junction with Fleetwood Rise</u></p> <p>I can understand why such an order might be put in place but I should appreciate reassurance that the parking in Fleetwood Rise is not affected by the new scheme.</p> <p>The residents of Shell Court between them own six vehicles. We are already under considerable duress from neighbours in Fleetwood Rise who use the parking allocated to this building with no account for the age or infirmity of some residents, meaning we have to park elsewhere in the Rise IF there is space.</p> <p>It appears from your map that there could well be the loss of one space on the left kerbside facing the A365 and this would have a serious impact.</p> <p>Selwood Housing tell us the allocated parking space for Shell Court belongs to Wiltshire Council so it would be very much appreciated if this matter could be taken into account when planning improvements or alterations in order to consider the provision for elderly residents of Atworth.</p>	1	The proposed parking restrictions are required in order to prevent drivers parking their vehicles on the slays and next to the junction and allow safe ingress and egress from the junction as highlighted in the Highway Code. The restrictions will also improve sight lines at the junction
A3	<p><u>A365 Bath Road junction with Bradford Road</u></p> <p>NO COMMENTS RECEIVED</p>		