

## WEST WILTSHIRE PARISHES: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

### SUPPORTING STATEMENTS FROM EDINGTON AND SUTTON VENY PARISH COUNCILS

#### Edington Parish Council

For a number of years residents in the Tinhead Road/Charlton Hill area of the village along with residents of Long Hollow and Salisbury Hollow have had issues when emerging from Tinhead Road and Long Hollow onto the B3098 due to the parking of vehicles on or in the immediate vicinity of these junctions. There have also been issues for traffic moving along the B3098 especially large articulated lorries that have difficulty negotiating the parked vehicles on the road along with these local farmers and their contractors have had problems moving machinery along Tinhead Road and Long Hollow due to parked vehicles.

The Edington Parish Council sought guidance from Wiltshire Highways, notably Kirsty Rose (Principal Engineer Manager), and the recently retired Pat White (Area Engineer). We also sought advice from Wiltshire Police who were involved in an incident involving a parked vehicle at one of the locations. All of these advised that the only way to overcome the issues raised was to install double yellow lines in the area and this the Parish Council duly undertook via a written submission in December 2020. Prior to this the Parish Council had raised the issue in the village newsletter requesting that people did not park in these areas but unfortunately some individuals continued to do so stating that they had a right to park near their property regardless of the consequences for other villagers and road users in general.

We also sought guidance from our local councillor, Suzanne Wickham, who supports our application.

When looking at the issues raised there were a number of factors that guided the Parish Council in submitting the request, see below.

1. B3098 – traffic entering the village from the Erlestoke direction were forced onto the opposite side of the road to pass the parked vehicles and due to the layout of the road this involved travelling around a blind bend towards oncoming traffic.
2. B3098 – due to the number of vehicles parked in the area there was no safe area for children to exit from school coaches except directly onto the carriageway. This also applies to pedestrians waiting at the bus shelter having to walk into the road between the parked cars to reach the service bus. Sometimes access to the bus shelter is blocked due to parked vehicles.
3. Long Hollow and Salisbury Hollow – traffic attempting to exit these roads onto the B3098 were forced to stop on the opposite side of the road at the junction as there are frequently vehicles parked on the junction.
4. Tinhead Road – Drivers exiting from this road have not only the hazard of it being a junction partially blocked by the property in the middle of the road but also traffic on the B3098 being on the wrong side of the road due to the parked vehicles, thereby necessitating them having to look both ways for oncoming traffic on what has become a single lane carriageway.
5. Charlton Hill – As for the Tinhead Road junction.
6. Tinhead Road – Due to the narrowness of this road between the B3098 and the junction with Court Lane it has been at times impossible for farm vehicles and delivery vehicles to travel along this road.
7. Long Hollow - As for Tinhead Road the narrowing of this road at the junction with Salisbury Hollow has meant that the local farmer has been unable to access his fields on Salisbury Plain due to the inconsiderate parking of vehicle near the junction.

In drawing up the proposals submitted we took into account the impact that parked vehicles have on slowing the traffic entering the village from the Erlestoke direction and as a consequence we requested that two spaces be left between the Long Hollow junction and the bus stop to act as a build out to slow incoming traffic this will also provide spaces should any local residents have visitors who require somewhere to park. All of the properties in this area have at least one parking space for their vehicle and indeed one of the main objectors to this scheme has not only a parking space at the rear of their property but also a garage although they choose not to use the garage for parking and we believe that they own three vehicles for the two residents!

**Edington Parish comments cont...**

Having discussed all of the options, both with the various officials but also councillors and residents, it was decided that double yellow lines will be the only solution, as the painting of single white lines would have no impact on the parking of vehicles as we have found to our cost elsewhere in the village.

The Parish Council is aware that the enforcement of the parking restrictions will not be undertaken by enforcement officers on a regular basis but with the unknown factor as to when they may visit the village along with pressure from villagers we hope that these measures will resolve the problems discussed.

Should you wish to discuss any of the points raised further or indeed visit the location please feel free to contact me.

**John Pollard**  
**Chair Edington Parish Council**

**Officer comments**

**Further to the supporting statement from Edington Parish Council and in considering the responses received during the consultation, it is recommended that the proposals proceed as advertised.**

**Sutton Veny Parish Council**

Sutton Veny Parish Council wishes to comment to the consultation on the proposed waiting restrictions in Sutton Veny. The proposals were discussed at two meetings of the Parish Council and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

This was an important issue for the village and members reviewed the practicalities for everyone. There was great concern that the current dropping off activity that the school carry out would be compromised and what might be the best solution.

It was resolved to put forward recommendations that waiting restrictions should be recommended at Bests Lane and Hill Road to be sited 10 Metres maximum either side of each junction.

School Keep Clear restrictions to start at the Telegraph Pole (notice Board) which are at the entrance to the school to 10 metres from Bests Lane where the proposed new waiting restrictions will start.

These to be timed with school drop off and end of the day pick up. 8-30am – 9-30am and 2-30pm – 3-30 pm. It was felt that these were only needed on one side of the road.

The headmaster of the school attended two meetings and supported these proposals.

These were the majority decisions taken at the Parish Council meeting on 4 May 2023.

**Heather Parks FSLCC**  
**Parish Clerk - Sutton Veny Parish Council**

**Officer comments**

**Further to the supporting statement from Sutton Veny Parish Council and in considering the responses received during the consultation, it is recommended that the proposals be reduced slightly at the Best Lane/Hill Road junction and that the school keep clear marking be reduced to just the school side of the road and be time restricted to 8-30am – 9-30am and 2-30pm – 3-30 pm.**