

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS RECEIVED OBJECTING TO / COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF
WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN LOWER ROAD, LOWER BEMERTON AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

Comment Ref. No.	Comment	No. of Times Received	Officer Response
1	<p>I have already raised some points re the proposed modifications to the No Waiting restrictions in Lower Bemerton and would just like to summarise my concerns as a formal objection to the proposals as they currently stand.</p> <p>I recognise the intention of the proposals, to encourage parents to use designated parking in the car park or lay-by, or the 'Park & Stride' at Wilton Road, and to encourage more journeys to school by more sustainable modes. I support the principle of the changes on that basis, however I feel the modifications as proposed need further refinement, as follows:</p> <p>1) the restrictions should not apply on a Sunday. I believe the feeling locally is that parking on Sunday (as in the evening) does not typically cause problems because the roads are less busy and there are no buses running along this route then. There are community events when the option to park on Lower Road on a Sunday (or in the evening) is used. Note the restrictions should apply on Saturday, because buses do use this route on that day and because the road outside St Johns should be kept clear for weddings which typically occur on a Saturday.</p> <p>2) the changes to the 'No waiting' restrictions should apply to the entire No Waiting zone, out to Bemerton Farm. I am concerned that if this is not done then vehicles will park in the road to the west of the boundary of St Johns where, with the bends and lack of pavements, it is even more hazardous than further east. This concern is shared by residents of Bemerton Farm and I will forward to you separately two emails I have received from them on this point, one from a resident and one from the warden.</p>	1	<p>The Council agrees that as the restrictions are to control parking during the school pick up and drop off times that they are unnecessary on a Sunday. The legislation allows for minor amendments to be made to the proposed order without further consultation as long as they result in a less onerous restriction. Therefore the Council can introduce an amended restriction to allow parking on a Sunday without re-advertising.</p> <p>The Council cannot make amendments to the Order that make the proposed restriction more onerous without re-advertising. Therefore it is not intended to extend the restriction further along the road. The parking will be monitored and should displaced parking cause a problem, then further waiting restrictions can be proposed.</p>

	<p>3) I believe Mr X of Lower Road has already written to you re point 1) above and he also mentions the de facto bus stop immediately on the west side of the side entrance through the grave yard. This provides a convenient pull in for the bus, immediately prior to the build out which is there, and with the benefit that those waiting for the bus can (and do) sit on the churchyard wall while waiting. Given the lack of a pavement on the northern side of Lower Road there is nowhere else in this part of Lower Bemerton where people can wait safely for a city bound bus and where the bus can pull in without causing undue problems. I trust that it will still be permissible for the bus to stop there when there is a 'No waiting at any time' restriction in force at this point.</p> <p>I have had two other comments from local residents regarding this scheme. One was purely in respect of enforcement of No Waiting and indeed other traffic regulations in Lower Bemerton and I have passed that on to the Neighbourhood Policing team who have responded re the points raised. The other was not directly relevant to this consultation in that it suggested a larger car park was needed for the school - I have pointed out that the parking off Wilton Road, and the path down to the school, provides an alternative for those who must drive their children to school and that a larger car park is not part of the current proposals.</p>		<p>The changes to the restriction will not affect whether or not the bus should be stopping at this location.</p> <p>The comments are noted</p>
2	<p>I write in reference to the proposed changes along Lower Road. As a local parent with two children at Bemerton St John's School I am obviously concerned by traffic in this area. However, from my perspective I think that the real issue is not parking, but sheer volume of traffic.</p> <p>The principle problem along this section is that the school does not have sufficient parking for parents/pupils. Thankfully this has been somewhat relieved by parking at the cricket club, but parents need to get to work after dropping children off and this is not always an option (owing to the path).</p>		<p>There is no land available to provide additional parking within the school boundaries; the school has, however, put considerable efforts into securing parking as close as possible along with a safe walking route. Unfortunately it is not possible to accommodate the needs of the different circumstances of every parent at the school. If the parents were currently parking considerably restrictions would be unnecessary, this is not the case and therefore it is</p>

	<p>Parking will remain an issue until additional spaces are provided. I try not to use my car these days as I am more local, but as an example last year I had to drop Martha off at nursery before delivering Toby to school whilst ensuring I made it to work on time.</p> <p>This would not have been possible without this parking. If new parking is not on the cards then the only way I can see things being remedied is to allow limited parking outside the school during pick off and drop off times.</p> <p>I would suggest that the council look at options to stem traffic from commuter / churchfields traffic further up lower road. Perhaps even make the section from the school up to Quidhampton one way, i.e. towards Quidhampton during peak times.</p> <p>In my opinion placing further parking restrictions outside of the school and church is only going to exasperate the current problem.</p>		<p>unlikely that limited parking would improve the current situation.</p> <p>A peak time one way system would not work due to the length of carriageway involved. A one way system has been considered in the past however there was no support from local members or the local community.</p>
3	<p>On behalf of the residents at Bemerton Farm I would like to express our views on the proposed changes to the 'No Waiting Zone' on Lower Road.</p> <p>It is our general opinion that it would be better to extend the Zone out as far as Bemerton Farm.</p> <p>We are concerned that if the zone is not extended we would see large amounts of parked cars along the lane stretching out to Bemerton Farm.</p> <p>Please can you make note of our comments.</p>	1	<p>The Council cannot make amendments to the Order that make the proposed restriction more onerous without re-advertising. Therefore it is not intended to extend the restriction further along the road. The parking will be monitored and should displaced parking cause a problem, then further waiting restrictions can be proposed.</p>
4	<p>Several of the residents at Bemerton Farm are concerned that the proposed changes to restrictions at St. John's would have the effect of pushing the problem along the road towards the entrance to Bemerton Farm unless that stretch of road is also included in the restriction.</p> <p>There is no footpath and the road is very narrow at that point so that a bus cannot pass a car and any vehicle stopping there would block the road.</p> <p>Please make this representation on our behalf.</p>	1	<p>As above.</p>

