

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**COMMENTS OF OBJECTION AND SUPPORT****15 letters of representation received****Downs View / Tanners Close / Tinkers Field** (6 letters - 2 objecting, 4 supporting)

Principle of Objection	Officer Comment	Comment reference
<p>Resident of Tanners Close We already have problems with parking. The bowls club is opposite our house and during the bowls season cars will park anywhere including on the paths and grass pedestrian areas.</p> <p>There are many elderly people in the area and they have witnessed a mobility scooter user unable to cross the road as it has been blocked by parked cars from the bowls club.</p> <p>With the High Street nearby they also have people working in there parking in Tanners Close all day.</p> <p>Requests a resident parking scheme or that the bowls club make their own arrangements for parking as doesn't think they should be able to park where ever they like. This has been an issue for years yet nothing ever sees to get done, there is a car park attached to the memorial hall that is empty a lot of the time so I don't understand why the bowls club can't use this.</p> <p>As residents parking is difficult at the best of times and we sometimes have to park quite far away from our house. I cannot see how putting in these parking restrictions are going to help if people just park on the pedestrian areas.</p>	<p>Vehicles should not park within 10 metres of junction and the proposed restrictions are there to prevent this. The proposals were extended to include the bend as it was felt that any parking in this area hampered visibility when approaching the junction with Tanners Close.</p> <p>When a Traffic Regulation is advertised for public comment, it is not possible, within the Procedure Regulations to alter a proposed restriction to one of a greater severity (ie: further restrictions, longer hours) without recommencing the legal procedure by consulting and re-advertising the restrictions.</p> <p>With regards to parking spaces on private land, this would need to be discussed as a community with the land owner and is not something that Wiltshire Council can comment on or influence.</p>	A
<p>Resident of Downs View Whilst agreeing that restricted parking is necessary to avoid accidents, is somewhat concerned where all these cars are going to park as some are there all day.</p> <p>It seems highly likely that they will try and park in Downs View which is a narrow road with many of the occupants of the houses elderly and with disabilities who obviously need to park outside their house. The problem will become unbearable when the bowls club start playing again. We often have to drive up the wrong side of the road to the junction which is extremely dangerous, and often the cars block the view of on-coming traffic. Also it would restrict the access for emergency vehicles and the refuse collection vehicles.</p>	See comment A above.	

Downs View / Tanners Close / Tinkers Field cont...

<p>Comments of Support</p> <p>Resident of Tinkers Field I'm very much in favour of the no waiting areas but suggest that they continue further between Houses Nos 30 and 91.</p>	<p>When a Traffic Regulation is advertised for public comment, it is not possible, within the Procedure Regulations to alter a proposed restriction to one of a greater severity (ie: further restrictions, longer hours) without recommencing the legal procedure by consulting and re-advertising the restrictions.</p>
<p>Resident of Tinkers Field They whole heartily agree with the proposal as it is becoming very hazardous when exiting the junction. It's a wonder there hasn't been an accident, or at least I'm not aware of any to date. Please make sure that the yellow lines extend far enough around the corners to make them effective.</p>	
<p>Resident of Downs View Has been very concerned about the dangerous way motorists park with no consideration for other road users for some time. It is now in their view a health and safety issue and they fully support the parking restrictions as proposed.</p>	
<p>Resident of Tinkers Field States that they are directly affected by the proposals and wish to register that they support these proposals 100%.</p>	

Mitchell Close - (2 letters - 2 supporting comments)

<p>Comments of Support</p> <p>Resident of Mitchell Close Thinks the proposals are a fantastic idea. People using the Doctors surgery (Tinkers Lane) block the entrance to the close and mount the pavements on both sides of the Drs surgery car park.</p> <p>This means pedestrians particularly with buggies have walk across a large part of the road as I cannot fit buggies around the cars, which can be quite dangerous as cars speed up and down the roads around here.</p> <p>My only concern with the proposed plans is people then using Mitchell close as a car park. Last year Councillor Chris Hurst was kind enough to hear the problems we have with patients and staff of the surgery parking in our allocated spaces.</p> <p>There have been times where our spaces were being used for hours at a time. There are only 10 houses in Mitchell Close, with most of us having 2 cars, so parking is cramped enough with residents let alone other people using our spaces. So asks if these no waiting at any time areas are approved, what are you going to do anything to stop people parking in our allocated spaces?</p>	<p>When a Traffic Regulation is advertised for public comment, it is not possible, within the Procedure Regulations to alter a proposed restriction to one of a greater severity (ie: further restrictions, longer hours) without recommencing the legal procedure by consulting and re-advertising the restrictions.</p> <p>However the effect of these proposals, if implemented, will be monitored and if deemed necessary further restrictions could be considered.</p>
<p>Resident of Mitchell Close Writes to confirm their full support for the two proposed no waiting areas covering the turning into Tinker's Field and at the entrance to the car park for the doctor's surgery.</p> <p>In particular, the turning into Tinker's Field is very hazardous when trying to pull out on to the main Tinker's Field road because drivers have to pull out quite far into the road to be able to see whether the road ahead is clear or not. They have been caught out in having to reverse back because they couldn't see that another car was coming towards them and given the narrowness of the road due to parked cars it is not always easy to reverse or provide space for another car coming in or out of that junction.</p> <p>With regards the car park entrance to the surgery, people park so close to the entrance to the surgery and to Mitchell Close that it can be a case of watching your wing mirrors as you drive through.</p>	

The Mulberrys - (1 letter - 1 supporting comments)

Comments of Support

Manager of The Mulberrys Residential Home

Is very pleased that the proposal in now being put forward for waiting restrictions for the Station Road entrance. As this is a residential retirement scheme obviously the people who reside here are all elderly which means emergency vehicles are often in attendance. The parking of vehicles on our entrance makes this very difficult for access both for emergency vehicles and residents and their visitors.

It is also the only way in and out for Bevirs solicitors staff vehicles and therefore gets very busy and when vehicles park on the entrance it is blocks the view for cars exiting, which is very dangerous.

They therefore wish to register their full backing for this proposal.

Rope Yard/High Street (6 letters - 6 objecting)

Principle of Objection	Officer Comment	Comment reference
<p>Resident of High Street Cars parking in this area do not block access to the Ropeyard; anyone who knows the area or live nearby will know that the Ropeyard access rarely, if ever, blocked by parking vehicles, and in any event any vehicle obstructing a highway in this manner could be removed and/or fined regardless of the proposed order.</p> <p>However, does support the proposal to have a "loading only" bay on the opposite side of the High Street, and the retention of the "no waiting at any times" adjacent to this area, but would urge the Council to do far more in enforcing these orders. Vehicles are frequently parked next to the access into Beamans Lane - thereby blocking the visibility for vehicles exiting Beamans Lane.</p>	<p>After further consideration it was felt that the proposal provides no benefit, and in turn reduces parking in the High Street for residents and visitors.</p> <p>We were made aware of a problem with vehicles making illegal turns in/out of Rope Yard and these proposals would have made that illegal manoeuvre easier.</p> <p>Requests for a paved area on the south side of the entrance to Rope Yard to ensure that access can be achieved only by the legal route, will be forwarded to the Community Area Board.</p>	B
<p>Landlord of The Waggon & Horses PH Their own vehicle is parked at the rear and they regularly use the exit onto the High Street and have never encountered or seen any issues with this exit.</p> <p>Any proposed loss of anymore much needed parking spaces from the front of the pub certainly would have a direct effect on the business therefore totally objects to these planned proposals.</p>	See comment B above.	
<p>Cottage Dental Clinic, High Street Feels that the parking restrictions should be at the side of my building and along Rope Yard not at the front of the building so that Emergency Services can gain access. At the moment it would be impossible for an emergency service to drive through rope yard, with all of the cars that park along there.</p>	See comment B above.	
<p>Resident of High Street Requests that we be aware that parking for local residents in this area is very difficult and the removal of any existing spaces would, in their opinion, be sheer madness! As they use Rope Yard on a regular basis, and can see no tangible benefit to either safety or traffic flow, which would result from the proposals.</p>	See comment B above.	

Rope Yard/High Street cont...

Principle of Objection	Officer Comment	Comment reference
<p>Resident of Royal Wootton Bassett Objects to the proposal, as parking in the High Street at this end is already at a premium with this proposal it would mean the loss of a further two parking bays.</p> <p>They have lived in the town for over 70 years and have never found any problem with people parking across the entrance to the rope yard by taking away the two bays it would also mean that anyone deciding to turn right would be able to do so (illegally) thus causing a danger to any vehicle coming up the hill and hopes you will reconsider this rather ill conceived proposal.</p>	See comment B above.	
<p>Resident of High Street Considers the proposal would; Result in the loss of one or two car park spaces which are in short supply in this part of the High Street and would facilitate an illegal and dangerous right turn for vehicles exiting Ropeyard onto the High Street and considers that this proposal looks to solve a problem that does not exist.</p>	See comment B above.	