

**COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE COUNCIL'S
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT ALFRED STREET, WESTBURY**

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| 1 | <p>I would like to raise concerns over parking before the new estate which is very difficult to get through due to vehicles parking directly opposite the entrance and then vehicles park both sides of the exit of Glovers Row making it very difficult to see if anything is coming which could cause an accident (which I have nearly been in many times). In addition to this, most evenings with this parking mentioned, it would be very difficult for either an Ambulance or a fire engine to fit through.</p> <p>Therefore we do feel these areas should be double yellowed areas.</p> | Your comments of support are noted. |

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| 1 | <p>As a resident of Alfred Street who is unable to park outside my own house due to existing parking restrictions that are in place. I am somewhat angered by the proposed increase with further parking restrictions you are proposing to implement. At present I am very lucky to be able to park in the road I live in but over the past two years with the additional housing that has been built, with the access to this new estate taking away at least three existing parking places and with these extra proposed restrictions being implemented, I can see virtually all the possible parking for residence being taken away completely.</p> <p>I find it somewhat amazing too that we have had no letters regarding these new proposals sent to us. All you have seen to have done to inform residence of the new increased parking restrictions but just nailed a few signs to lampposts in Alfred Street. I do fail to see why we would need these extra parking restrictions. Your plan also fails to show further parking restrictions that are already in place outside of number 61 (due to dropped curb) also between 34a and 38 (private drive).</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>The request for waiting restrictions was made by residents and supported by Westbury Town Council as a result of concerns relating to difficulty experienced when using the Alfred St/Glovers Row junction.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only, and not opposite, has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> <p>It is not a statutory requirement for letters to be sent to properties in relation to</p> |

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| | <p>It would be nice to know where you would suggest we park our one car we rely on due to our age. It will be very frustrating for us in the future if we must walk a long way to our car as it looks like will happen. It seems ironic that the new houses built have provisions for parking only at the cost of removing existing parking for long term residents.</p> | <p>Traffic Regulation Order proposals as part of the legal process. The Department for Transport sets out that traffic authorities are required to take reasonable steps to bring proposed and made traffic orders to the notice of those that may be affected. In Wiltshire, TROs are advertised in the local press (for example, the Wiltshire Times), on site using site notices and online through the Council's website. Documentation is also deposited in the local library. Statutory consultees, such as the emergency services, are directly contacted.</p> <p>All existing restrictions are shown on the site notice alongside the proposed changes.</p> |
| 2 | <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the plans to enforce double yellow lines down the top end of Alfred Street.</p> <p>As you are aware there are no parking facilities for the terrace residents from no 45 onwards so by adding further restrictions along the top end of Alfred Street you will be causing huge problems for residence who have nowhere else to park within the area.</p> <p>Bitham Mill area is already causing friction from residents there unhappy with Alfred Street residents using spaces which will only intensify further.</p> <p>I strongly object and do not understand why this is an option. We have already lost 3 spaces with the new build in Gibbs Close and the dropped curb so to lose more with no alternative parking area would be a huge struggle to the majority of residents.</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only, and not opposite, has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Alfred Street has very limited parking and is compounded by the somewhat thoughtless attitude of some people in the newer builds who insist on parking in the front of their houses instead of the hardstanding provided to the rear. This takes possible places from the people who have no parking connected to their houses whatsoever. Mostly the far top and middle lower part of the road. Would it be possible to have yellow lines one side only with a couple of loading spaces and make the whole road one way??</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> <p>A request for the introduction of a one-way on Alfred Street should be directed to Westbury Town Council in the first instance, using the Highway Improvement Request form found at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups.</p> |

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| 4 | <p>We are writing to express our objection for the proposed plan to apply parking restrictions on the Alfred Street in Westbury. The terrace house we live in does not have drive or dedicated parking area, which means that the only option we have is to park on the street. We rely heavily on our vehicles including our daily commute to work and school run. Following an open-heart surgery, my husband is unable to carry heavy loads including weighty shopping bags. Not being able to park our vehicles on our street will have a detrimental impact on his health and our family life.</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> |
| 5 | <p>There are Many houses along Alfred street with no parking area at all and with the street already being 90% yellow lines it makes parking very very difficult for many households along this road Now if you put double yellow along the remaining road this will leave all these house with no parking Lots of us have very young families with small children and several older residents as well.</p> <p>We would then have to find parking along other streets and walk to our houses this would be a good 10 minute walk this for older residents will be impossible and also for us residents with small children very difficult with our shopping and small children this could then mean with no parking we will be unable to keep our vehicles for me this will put me out of work as I am a community care worker so require my car for work.</p> <p>I think there are many things that need consideration before this goes ahead. Many of us will then be parking on nearby roads causing many problems. You will also affect the house prices as these leave no parking within a good mile of these houses!</p> <p>I would like you to think about the impact especially on on the young family's this is going to have. How would you managed with two children under 5 your weeks shopping and not being able to park any closer than a 10-minute walk back to your house. This then causing conflict on other streets as we take up their road space for our cars.</p> <p>Please please reconsider the very life changing impact this will have on us family's and older residents you are going to cause</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> |
| 6 | <p>The residents of Alfred Street are suffering a lack of parking space and this has been exacerbated by the recent development of 9 houses on Gibbs Close and the loss of about 4 or 5 parking spaces to create the access road Glovers Row.</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long</p> |

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| <p>There is now a Traffic Order to have No Waiting along a fair stretch of Alfred Street in the only area of the road where residents need to park, many of whom live in the terrace houses that have no parking spaces.</p> <p>I accept the need for double yellow lines to be placed at the junction of Alfred Street and Glovers Row for safety and access reasons.</p> <p>I object to the remaining points given in the traffic order because these changes will remove all the available parking spaces for residents of Alfred Street.</p> <p>Using the points made on the document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alfred Street, Westbury – south side – 'no waiting' from a point opposite the western boundary of property No.67 Alfred Street for a distance of 16 metres in a westerly direction <p>I propose that: No double yellow lines be placed on the southside of Alfred Street from westerly direction opposite No 67 Alfred Street for at least 16 metres.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Alfred Street, Westbury – north side – 'no waiting' from a point outside the eastern building boundary of property No.69 Alfred Street to a point outside the boundary between property Nos. 30 Alfred Street and No.2 Bitham Mill <p>I propose that: There should be no double yellow lines placed that will remove the existing spaces for cars parking outside No 67 and 69 Alfred Street. Retain the 1 car space allowance between white driveway road markings for No 61 and corner of Glovers Row.</p> <p>To clarify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I propose that in order to not lose any of the existing parking spaces on Alfred Street that all parking spaces on the southside of Alfred Street be kept between driveway for No 38 and along down to Nos 26/28 Alfred Street. * I propose that the unclear road markings on the road opposite No 57, and between No 26/28 on the southside be sorted out. The double yellow lines here can be extended to join the 'gap' in the yellow line markings (in the direction of the mini roundabout) * I propose that the spaces for cars on the northside, by No 61 be retained. | <p>as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> <p>With regard to the suggestions made regarding further alterations to waiting restrictions, it is understood these points have been raised with Westbury Town Council for consideration and if supported will be passed to Westbury Local Highway and Footway Group.</p> <p>Any changes other than those set out in the consultation documents cannot be implemented as part of this Traffic Regulation Order and must be subject to further statutory consultation.</p> |
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| | <p>The parking on Alfred Street is already insufficient for the residents of this area. Therefore by removing the parking spaces, by creating No Waiting on the majority of this road, then Wiltshire Council is creating further problems for surrounding roads and putting pressure on the already reduced space for parking.</p> <p>I am asking that Wiltshire Council review the Traffic Order and review these parking restrictions.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>I am emailing to register my disgust, dismay and strong objection to the proposal to paint double yellow lines on both sides of Alfred Street, Westbury.</p> <p>Our house, along with many others in the street, was built in the 19th century when parking was not required. This is not our fault- would you like us to use a horse and cart to be more in keeping with life then?</p> <p>The situation with parking is critical on the street because of the range of mill cottages and begs the question: where are we supposed to park the car? We are adjacent to a main road which is a potential for parking but would cause major accidents if over twenty cars added to the congestion there. To park anywhere else is difficult as the only option is up the hill to the white horse opposite which has its own traffic issues and is not suitable for elderly people and children to get to our house.</p> <p>Of course, decisions by your council have exacerbated the parking situation. You allowed a pedantic householder to lower kerbs that would span parking for three cars. You also allowed the new development behind Alfred Street, Glovers Walk, which has caused no end of traffic issues. I wonder how much the council benefited from this and why you could not see fit to encourage developers to develop some of the buildings now defunct in the High Street and near Morrisons. Indeed, even the development of the mill on Alfred Street (in a so-called heritage centre) has created parking issues over the years. There are simply too many cars for households- the failure to compute this lies at your door when you gave permission for this all those years ago.</p> <p>The proposal to punish householders on Alfred Street is punitive and plain wrong. Perhaps you should focus on the amount of traffic driving through Westbury, contributing to the poor air quality? Or on the proposed incinerator which will further pollute out streets?</p> <p>In potentially devaluing our homes and possibly causing further traffic carnage, collisions and casualties inherent in this proposal, you should reconsider and work in the interests of your council-tax paying residents.</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> |

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| <p>8</p> | <p>I live at xx Alfred Street, while I appreciate there have been cases of inconsiderate parking on the street the removal of parking will cause a nightmare for anyone who lives here. People who live further down Alfred Street opposite the pub, park at our end as do residents of Bratton Road and the Bitham Mill areas, this makes it difficult for actual residents to park.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions will be absolutely unacceptable.</p> <p>I would welcome a residents only parking permit type of thing, we have two cars in my household, while my wife gets home around 3.15 and stands half a chance of finding a space I don't get home until 7.00pm hoping for the best.</p> <p>I do think that marking the corner outside my house may reduce the frankly stupid parking we see regularly, the rest, for the people who actually live here would be impossible.</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> <p>A request for residents parking should be directed to Westbury Town Council in the first instance, using the Highway Improvement Request form found at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups.</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>We have already lost some on street spaces due to the new road put through to the new development at Glovers Row and the proposed parking restrictions with take away potentially another eight on street spaces. I would like to know where vehicle owners are going to find alternative areas. One of my suspicions is that they will try to park on the block paved areas within the Bitham Mill development, an area which can already get very congested and difficult to park within and is private land which we as residents pay for through a land management company.</p> <p>If the issue is that larger vehicles ie. the emergency services find access to and egress from Glovers Row and Gibbs Close difficult then could I suggest double yellow lines on the corners of the new access road with the effect of keeping vehicles clear of the corners therefore aiding visibility?</p> <p>It could also be argued that the residents of the new development have been supplied with two parking spaces per household and now the rest of the residents are due to have parking opportunities removed.</p> <p>I would welcome more consultation on the whole matter, perhaps a meeting between the highways department and residents would be in order and a rethink of the existing parking restrictions could be considered.</p> | <p>The comments within this response are noted; however, highway law states the public highway is for the passage and repassage of persons and goods. There is no legal right for motorists to park on the public highway, nor obligation upon Wiltshire Council (as the local highway authority) to provide parking. Parking within the confines of the public highway is tolerated so long as it does not impede the right of passage along it.</p> <p>Further to the comments received and further discussion with the local Member, who has corresponded with residents, the provision of waiting restrictions at the junction only and not opposite has been considered an appropriate compromise.</p> |

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| 1 | <p>It is my opinion that the scheme of Highways works carried out along Bratton Road giving priority to outbound traffic has already increased the risk of injury to pedestrians on the narrow section of pavement outside dwellings 51 to 61. By removing parked cars in the section between 60 and 62 for a distance of 14 meters there will be an increased risk to residents and users of the narrow pavement as vehicles will not have any reason to slow down.</p> <p>Currently the road is at its busiest during morning and evening rush hour, this accounts for school and station runs as well as those using the road as a cut through for Bratton, Erlestoke and Devizes. Many cars also use the road to avoid congestion on the A350 preferring to use Bitham Park as an alternative route. I think it is fair to say a majority of road users are regular and familiar with the road's characteristics.</p> <p>Until recently the only thing forcing vehicles to slow down in either direction between The Laverton and No.74 Bratton Road, were the parked cars along the northern side of the road and the then implied give way system between No.24 and No.50. Both had a traffic calming effect. Now vehicles have been given priority leaving town the only thing enforcing a reduction in speed are vehicles parked on the northern side of the road.</p> <p>The pavement outside of houses 51 to 61 Bratton Road is 75cm in width, there have been several incidents of vehicles wing mirror hitting shopping bags and brushing coats of resident as they leave or enter their homes. It's truly a miracle that nobody has been seriously injured to date, most likely down to the fact that vehicles are forced to slow down and give way to oncoming traffic due to the parked vehicles parked from just after No.61 Bratton Road onwards.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE:</p> | <p>The recently implemented priority give-way system on Bratton Road is currently subject to post-construction monitoring, part of which will be the completion of an independent road safety audit. Should any safety issues be identified through this process, action will be taken as necessary.</p> <p>As part of the post-construction monitoring, a survey of vehicle speeds has been undertaken. This has found that 85th percentile speeds (the speed at which 85% of vehicles travel at or below) have remained the same as prior to the scheme implementation and average vehicle speeds have reduced.</p> <p>The proposed waiting restrictions remove a short length of parking to ensure vehicles can pass those waiting at the give-way into the priority section. The length has been chosen to balance this need against that of the need for on-street parking on Bratton Road. Whilst the priority give-way system is currently operating without this parking removal, members of the public have raised concerns about this area becoming blocked and it is a key element of the priority scheme to remove this short section of on-street parking.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the footway alongside 51 to 61 Bratton Road is narrow. A request has been made via Westbury Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group to consider the feasibility of improvements. This footway serves the properties mentioned; however, the continuous footway route providing the main link for pedestrians is on the south-east side, which has been the focus of improvements so far.</p> <p>The removal of the short length of on-street parking is not expected to increase vehicle speeds due to the narrow priority give-way section and the remaining on-street parking.</p> <p>The implementation of road markings associated with the proposed restrictions would not result in any tree removal and have no impact on wildlife, flora or fauna.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no evidence or data to show that vehicles parked opposite the boundary of property Nos. 60 and 62 Bratton Road for a distance of 14 metres in a north easterly direction cause congestion or additional waiting time for vehicles using the give way system.• The traffic survey for the Bratton Road traffic calming scheme was conducted during a period of nation lockdown and does not represent normal traffic conditions.• There is no evidence or data to show the new traffic scheme has alleviated or removed a risk to public safety. <p><u>Tree Protection and bats</u></p> <p>I would like to understand what if any tree surveys have been carried out in connection to the proposed works. Will trees or shrubs be removed to allow the no waiting zone to be created? We often see bats flying through the trees and across the gardens.</p> <p>If trees and shrubs are to be removed, I would like to see evidence from Wiltshire Council that a full assessment has been made and no evidence of bats are present.</p> | |
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