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Residents Parking Scheme

Dear Mr O'Connell,

On behalf of the residents of Albany Road, I am writing to express our concerns over the existing parking scheme arrangements and to suggest some opinions as to how these concerns may be resolved.

Initially the scheme worked very well and it was delight to find a place to park in the road without having to use the public car park nearby. Unfortunately, over the past few weeks we have noticed a growing number of people who park their cars in Albany Road in order to avoid paying parking costs whilst at work nearby. Although these cars display legitimate parking scheme permits within the correct zone they are inevitably causing parking congestion for the actual residents of Albany Road and given that they can only live a few roads away we are becoming increasingly frustrated at their inconsideration.

Furthermore, we have also recently become aware that there are a growing number of 'visitors' to Albany Road. That is the number of people displaying the visitor parking tickets in their cars who then also walk away from the road in the direction of the town centre, presumably to their places of employment. The visitor passes state:-

'Residents' visitor permits are available for use only by bona fide visitors to residents of the Swale Borough Controlled Parking Zone.'

Therefore, we must only conclude that these visitor tickets are being misused by those who wish to avoid higher parking costs whilst at work. This can only be achieved by someone within one of the parking zones buying tickets for their friends and colleagues to use or by members of the parking scheme in a zone outside of this area who use their own visitor tickets, again to avoid paying higher prices for parking.

There has also been an increase in the number of people who park their cars for well over the allotted hour whilst they visit the shops, etc. We fully appreciate that the Traffic Wardens have many areas to monitor and do not hold them responsible for the situation as it now stands. We understand that other roads in the scheme are not experiencing these problems but given the proximity of Albany Road to the town

centre it is obviously going to be affected by those who abuse the system and we can only see this situation becoming worse unless these people are penalized.

I do not intend to make comments regarding extending the scheme to include weekends since you are already aware that a number of residents have already expressed their thoughts over that particular matter.

Therefore, we would appreciate that the following points be considered when the scheme is reviewed to try to resolve these issues.

- That the zones are determined by road only, e.g. AL for Albany Road, PA for Park Road, etc. We appreciate that this is not ideal since it means that residents cannot overflow to nearby roads if their own road is congested, but we feel that if this situation becomes worse, the residents of Albany Road will not only not be able to park but will have the privilege of paying not to do it under the scheme as it now stands.
- The close and regular monitoring of regular displayers of visitor passes. Traffic Wardens could monitor this over several days and then, if needed, issue a notice for the driver/owner of the vehicle to phone your delightful ladies at the Parking Department giving the name of the person they are visiting regularly and the house number within a given number of days or a penalty will be issued. We are convinced that this need only be monitored for a short time and these 'visitors' will disappear.

We would appreciate you giving these ideas serious consideration since it is evident that there are those who are taking full advantage of the loopholes in scheme as it now stands.

Yours Faithfully,



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On behalf of the residents of Albany Road

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