

ANNEX E

Summary of Objectors Comments in Area 2

1. Do not feel that sufficient regard has been given to the actual need of the scheme in this specific location. There are no office workers or commuters parking here during the day, the problems occur in the evening. Occasionally we have problems during the day when parents drop off and pick up their children from school.
2. We are rarely adversely affected by parking by non-residents and do not experience any parking problems during the day on weekdays when residents parking would be in force. Although many of us do not have off street parking we have developed a pattern of parking over the years which allows us all to park on street close to our homes.
3. The scheme is unnecessary and will cause problems for residents rather than reduce problems. The area concerned is not affected by commuter parking or shoppers using the high street. The scheme will create parking problems in the evening by vastly reducing parking spaces. The proposed double yellow lines in Homewood Avenue are likely to contribute to problems of traffic travelling too fast. Do not agree with the permit charges as this is just a means of raising money for the Council.
4. The scheme is a disgrace, I suspect, less about car parking and more about the Council levying an unjustifiable tax penalising home owners. Parking problems occur after 6pm when residents return from work when the proposed scheme is finished. Make town centre parking fees realistic and affordable.
5. The scheme will not improve the parking problems, which occur after the period of enforcement. A majority of residents do not want this scheme to go ahead. Shoppers and school employees do not park in this area during office hours. It is a money making scheme made up by Councillors which will not improve parking in Park Road.
6. Am a resident of Connaught Road, parking has improved since the scheme was implemented. I object to the new proposals as the residents of Park Road will park here. Connaught Road is a favourable road to park in as it is quieter and probably think their wing mirrors will not get knocked off. A lot of people in Park Road do not want the scheme but have given up objecting as they know it will come in.

7. There are simply no significant difficulties parking in Area 2 during the proposed operational hours of the scheme. Residents will be charged for a permit to park when they currently face no difficulties parking during the operational times of the scheme. The scheme does nothing to alleviate early evening parking pressures. Although the consultation results showed that Area 2 did not want the scheme, SBC have decided to proceed anyway making residents annoyed. The scheme will encourage parking displacement as per previous times. Numbers of residents are elderly or families with young children, additional financial burden of scheme permits encourages residents to park a distance away outside scheme area which is not in the interest of safety or convenience. The scheme will not improve parking in the evening as this is the worst time. Permit charges have increased to £40.
8. Currently, there is no parking issue in the part of Ufton Lane included in the scheme. The scheme is clearly designed only to produce a source of revenue for the Council. I understand from a Councillor that KCC Highways have insisted the scheme be applied to the entire road without any apparent justification. Residents of Ufton Lane will not be able to entertain guests due to the restrictions. I would welcome an explanation to how a Wednesday afternoon meeting of friends with pre-school children, perhaps ten families could undertaken with this scheme in place. There is no issue with town centre car parks; the drop in income has been made worse by the decision to increase prices. The prospect of overspill from cars parked to use the town therefore seems extremely unlikely.
9. Daytime parking is not a problem and the scheme will not address the parking problems in the evening and weekends. Object to being forced to buy a permit to park in my own road and having to pay for visitor permits who wish to park more than 2 hours.
10. Have had three or four consultations for the top part of Park Road and each time we have said no. Having spoken to the residents we would like the scheme to be scrapped particularly as the price has doubled and no guarantee of parking.
11. There are no problems with parking during the day and generally the only difficulty occurs after 6pm. Please consider scrapping the idea as it appears to be a revenue raiser. If there was a problem I would be happy to pay for permit but things are fine as they are.

12. Has never been a problem with parking since we have been here, can almost always park outside our house. Only times when problems occur is during the school runs, but this is temporary. Does seem a waste of time and money to address a problem that doesn't exist.
13. Feel it is not needed this far up Park Road during the day as there is ample parking available for residents and at a cost of £40 per car feel this is another tax burden especially in the current climate. You informed us that you would be painting a double yellow line across our drop crossing, a neighbour down the road has asked for a white bar marking so they can park there. This information was not forthcoming in your consultation and as my wife is disabled the use of parking across the drop crossing would be beneficial to us. Feel the scheme is being railroaded through without listening to the residents of Park Road.