

Formal Objections, Indications of Support and Comments – Extension of Residents’ Parking Scheme, Edith Road, Faversham

Annex D

Response No.	<u>Objections</u>
1	<p>The parking order to Edith Road, as a resident of ... Edith Road of 24 years I wholly object to any form of resident permit scheme. The perception that parking allocation solely of residents will provide an advantage whilst family households will be charged for this privilege. In a recent survey, parking spaces during the potential restricted period were allocated to residents, the perception it attracts commuter traffic is not substantiated.</p> <p>Regardless of the counsellor's ill-conceived decision of this order from KKC, today families are facing financial hardship and they now wish to inflict yet another charge that has not been verified nor evidence-based providing any value or benefit to residents. In fact, this will further increase pressure on neighbouring roads such as Kingsnorth Road, where there are no restrictions during the week.</p> <p>The plans have no consideration of the last resident vote, democratic system with a counsellor breaching our confidence as a serving officer. Frankly waste of public spend and time.</p> <p>It is my understanding that the plan, including yellow lines, will further reduce parking into the road plan will only escalate the problem. So I urge you to consider what is right and represent the resident voice, and withdraw the plans.</p>
2	<p>FORMAL OBJECTION Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I have lived in Edith Road for the best part of 18 years, and yes, parking in the road is sometimes difficult, especially in the evenings but on the most part it is not a problem.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Several years ago, the council wanted to add Permit parking to Edith Road, Kingsnorth Road, and Belmont Road. This resulted in double yellow bands being put in place on the corners, and the prospect of losing 13 or so parking spaces over all 3 roads. It was hotly contested by many of the residents, and as such was not put in place. 2. The current idea was borne out of the need for some of the residents of Edith Road to be able to park outside their homes?! Sailing under some kind total misapprehension that a permit will grant them a space outside their property !!

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Dear Sir,

Having lived at this address for 30 years we can see no evidenced argument or justifiable reason for the imposition of a residents' parking permit scheme in Edith Road. Parking has always been a challenge and certainly it is rare that residents are able to park outside of our homes but

The reasons for objection are listed below.

1. Edith Road street length is 113 metres x 2 = 226 metres of road-side.
2. The average space required for parking a small family car is 6 metres: $226 \div 6 = 37$ cars total capacity. Note that larger vehicles owned by residents are also regularly parked in the road.
3. Existing double yellow lines at the corners of Edith Road total approximately 6 car spaces. Total space available is thus for 31 cars.
4. There are currently 31 residential addresses in Edith Road including the flats at number 4.
5. A number of households have two or three vehicles and from time to time households may have more especially where adult children are living with parents or residents are self-employed with business vehicles.
6. In other words, there simply is not enough room in the street to accommodate all the residents' vehicles.
7. There is an erroneous claim in some quarters that residents parking is significantly impeded by commuters. This simply is not true. There are one or two vehicles which may be able to find a space to park in the road early in the day where a resident has left for work earlier but otherwise such a problem does not exist. During the day, there are always a number of empty spaces available for residents to leave and return and to facilitate service vehicles attending households.
As residents return from work in the early evening the road quickly fills. By 21:00 and throughout the night the road is filled to capacity. Clearly this is not due to commuters but

simply to residents' vehicles. This has always been the case and your records will show the results of your overnight survey when this matter was last raised in 2011. Anyone returning home later in the evening / early morning will inevitably have to park in Canute Road or even further away. A permit scheme will thus not solve the problem.

The situation is even more obvious over weekends when there are no commuters travelling yet the street is full.

Several photographs are appended to this letter to illustrate the various conditions.

8. The parking situation is additionally exacerbated by vehicles owned by residents from other roads in Zone B who are forced to already park in Edith Road when over-subscribed scheme in The Mall spaces are full.

9. A residents' parking permit does not specify a space or road; it is simply a permit to park in the zone. There are as you know currently numerous roads in Faversham whose residents are eligible to purchase Zone B permits.

Finally, I note that the order consultation notice posted in the road requires consultees to submit responses by post and not email. This is contrary to communications best practice within national and local government. One hopes that those submissions made by email will also be properly considered along with the postal submissions.



Thursday 3rd March @ 10 :00 hrs.



Sunday 20th March @ 10:00 Hrs

5 and 6

Dear Sir/Madam

I am wishing to express my objection to the proposed residential parking restrictions for Edith Road. Although I live in Kingsnorth Road the proposal will have a direct impact on my Road.

Firstly anyone from Edith Road will rightly be able to park in Kingsnorth Road if they need to, but I will not be allowed to park in their road if there is a space available. Some residence think that they will have a space outside their house in future if they have residential parking permit and that it is the commuters that are causing the parking problem. This is not true, as it is not the commuters that are the problem but the sheer number of residential vehicles in our area and we are all to blame for this being multi car houses.

The only thing that will happen will be to move the problem to another street, namely Kingnorth Road and not solve anything. All it will mean is that the residents in my road will request residential parking also, so we will be back to square one apart from having to pay £60 per car to park where we are now.

The top and bottom of it is that there are too many cars trying to park on the street in our area, restrictions will not solve this, so leave well alone and let us carry on as before.

To Engineering

an argument against putting bays in Edith Road. It will not solve the problem.

The problem is too many cars. In 1973 when I moved into the road there was only one other car, six times have changed most people have two cars and some have three vehicles.

We have cars from the Mall and London Road, so putting bays will not solve the problem but just make more money for the Council.

We are writing this letter in response to the proposed change in parking arrangements in EDITH ROAD.

As a long term resident in Edith Road for over 40 years the phrase comes to mind of "why fix something that isn't broken"!!!

Permit Parking and the cost incurred for these does not even guarantee a space or spaces outside your own home, sadly some residents think it does. The cars without permits have to find somewhere else to park which obviously would make neighboring roads ie Kingsnorth, Belmont and Canute even more congested than they already are.

We are a friendly area to live and a lot of people are worried it would cause upset between households. Nobody wants this at all.

So all in all we do not understand what you want to achieve by implementing this course of action that we strongly disagree with the proposal.

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Proposal to extend Residents Parking Scheme to Edith Road, Faversham

I wish to make an objection to the above scheme on the following grounds:

- 1 If the scheme was introduced it would exacerbate the current situation where a number of residents in Edith Road already routinely park in Kingsnorth Road because there is simply not enough space for their vehicles.
- 2 A number of residents in Edith Road have more than one vehicle and the introduction of parking permits is not going to provide them with guaranteed parking and they and their neighbours are still in the same position. The possible offer of more than one permit per household would only make things worse.
- 3 As a consequence of the above and as a resident of Kingsnorth Road we also are not guaranteed to park near our house or indeed in Kingsnorth Road itself. With the influx of Edith Road car owners and others from the A2 who park in Kingsnorth Road we frequently have to park in Canute Road if space is available.
Put simply there are just too many cars!

Response No.	<u>Indications of Support</u>
1	I hope you still have me supporting this parking scheme, my original email for support was sent on the 1st June.
2	Please could you accept this email as support for the parking scheme for Edith Road, I have previously emailed in when in the consultation period for support so if this email is too late then please us my original support email to you from this email address.
3	<p>We are responding to the recent letter regarding the proposed extension of the residents' parking scheme to Edith Road in Faversham. We at Edith Road are both in complete support of the proposal to introduce a parking permit scheme to the street.</p> <p>We have lived in Faversham for over 20 years and have noticed that parking in streets near the station where the permit was required, such as Athelstan Road were much easier to find parking than in those that didn't, such as Edith Road.</p> <p>Whilst those in opposition may dispute it, it is an undeniable and observed fact by residents that non-residents use the street for free parking during the 'working day', which can last from 7am through to 7pm. Teachers at the Abbey School, commuters and people who work in town have all been observed by myself and other residents using the street to park their cars to avoid station parking charges or town parking charges. Whilst one can hardly blame people for taking advantage of this opportunity it has an unfortunate effect that makes parking for residents extremely difficult, especially at the staggered end of the working day, between 5.30 and 7pm.</p> <p>To this extent, we have already bought a parking permit as we often find ourselves having to park on the Mall. I know that our neighbours at have done the same for similar reasons. For us, it is an accepted and necessary part of living on a Victorian street. Parking on the Mall is never an issue and to our mind that is because it has a permit scheme. Parking on Edith or Kingsnorth Roads is ridiculously difficult and we believe it is because there is no permit scheme.</p> <p>Some of the counter arguments for introducing this scheme include the assertions that the parking problem is caused by households having more than one car. Whilst this may be the case in some houses, it is not in ours, and indeed out of all our neighbours, I don't believe any of them has more than one car. I can't speak for the rest of the street.</p> <p>They also argue that anyone with a permit could park on the street, but that applies now, and a quick survey of most of the cars on our street will show that few have permits, are those that do are residents of the street.</p> <p>During lockdown when no-one was really driving we never had an issue finding a space when we went to the supermarket, which proves there is adequate space for residents. It is on returning from work that space becomes an issue.</p> <p>We heartily endorse this scheme and hope that the parking permit scheme will be extended to Edith Road.</p>
4. Faversham Town Council	Following the formal consultation, Faversham Town Council support the proposed extension to the residents' parking scheme to include Edith Road

Response No.	General Comments
Kent County Council	Thank you for the opportunity to view the documents for Amendment 34, KCC has no observations or comments to make.