



31 January 2020 (Delivered by hand 02/02/20)

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Dear Ka Ng

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO:-

Traffic Regulation Order, Statement of Reasons and Notice of Intent – Handside 3.

Thank you for your letter ref JC/12118 dated 22 January 2020.

We confirm that objection 1 remains because the proposed remedy is neither adequate nor sufficient. White hatching has been of some but not complete success in maintaining access while there has been no formal arrangement for the area. With the formal introduction encompassing the site as part of a (legally defined) parking zone it is necessary to put in place a measure of commensurate magnitude. Counter proposal remains as previously set out: -

That an area of sufficient magnitude immediately outside the gate is designated to be "No waiting at any time" AND the area is physically marked accordingly.

In addition, it has come to our attention that the Council may be considering phasing out the paper visitor permits. In light of this, we should be grateful if you would confirm The Council would allow eligibility of the numbered properties to apply for paper VISITOR permits **or a viable alternative if paper permits are withdrawn at some time in the future.**

As set out in previous letter, we would be happy to meet and discuss if this would assist.

Yours sincerely



Environment Services

16 JAN 2020

Date: 6th Jan 2020

RE: Resident Parking Permit proposal

To whom it may concern

In relation to the above scheme that is being proposed, I would like to strongly oppose this.

I have lived here for over 30 years, and although the parking situation has been an issue for some time, I do not believe that bringing in this scheme will benefit the majority of households.

On looking at the map, it appears that there is nowhere nearby where visitors could park, so would need to park in the town centre.

My partner and I have a large family, and some who live away, so when visiting us, there would be nowhere for them to park. I also look after my grandchildren regularly, so when they are dropped off and picked up, they would be at risk of getting a ticket.

I know this to be the case, as know this happened in another area of WGC, where they were issued a ticket, even though it was explained to the warden that they were just collecting a child from childminder.

If we were to use a visitor's permit every time, this is going to prove extremely costly.

I am not completely against permits, but do not understand why the restrictions are from 8-6 Monday to Saturday?

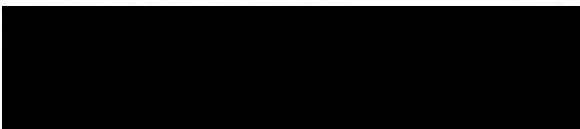
The issue has always been people parking when going into London on weekdays, so restrictions really only need to be from 9-11, or similar as this would solve that. Residents could still have permits so they could park between these times, but could be cheaper.

There is no need to have this from 8-6.

I definitely disagree with Saturdays, as other permit areas are only Monday to Friday, and weekends are when most families will visit.

I actually feel that this is not being helpful to residents, and we are actually being penalised.

I hope that you will take my comments into consideration.



Dear Ka Ng

In response to the proposed parking permit scheme in the Handside area, and Farm Close in particular.

I would like to convey my strongest possible objection to Farm Close being in the permit scheme on a Saturday.

The only time Farm Close suffers from commuter parking here is Monday to Friday, not during weekends.

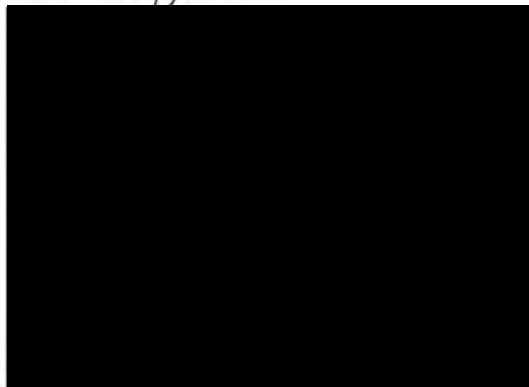
I've lived in Farm Close for just over 20 years, and the issues with parking do not impact residents on Saturday or Sunday.

After having conversations with various people living here, I know they're not entirely with Saturday being included in the scheme. I will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

I appreciate the response deadline has been missed, however, the residents in Farm Close strongly object to the scheme being enforced upon us at the weekends.

This will do nothing to improve the quality of life in Farm Close, and as a consequence is creating animosity towards the council and its decision making.

Sincerely,



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Note * Email also received : From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 January 2020 13:04
To: parking
Subject: FAO: Ka Ng - Objections to Handside Resident Parking Scheme

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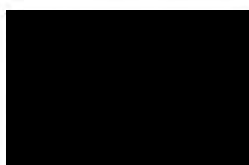
Regarding your letter dated 16th December 2019, I would like to make the following objections.

1. I object to the "shared use parking bay permit zone A12 or 2 hours no return within 2 hours on Guessens Road" outside the former doctors' surgery. As the doctors' surgery has now closed down there is no need for this parking bay. It will encourage people to seek parking down Guessens Road where no further parking is available.
2. I am still concerned about the dangerous junction at Guessens Road and Russellcroft Road - I can see that you are proposing to put new double yellow lines at the junction but am concerned that this will not be properly patrolled.

Additionally, I called your team yesterday and someone was meant to be calling me back to answer the following questions:

1. What visible signs will there be in Guessens Walk to indicate that it is in the parking scheme, in terms of lines on the road and signage?
2. What area is covered by Permit Parking Zone A12?
3. What plans are in place to monitor adherence to parking regulations on Sundays?
4. Does the council have its own rules on the year on year increase that can applied to resident parking permits? What is the risk to me as a resident that the charge for having a permit will increase dramatically year on year.

Kind regards



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Environment Services

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31st December 2019

GUESSENS AREA-RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING SCHEME.

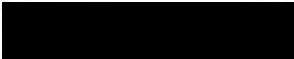
Dear Ka

I would like to object to the proposed scheme for the following reasons.

- 1 Most town centres are suffering through a lack of foot fall and this scheme will inevitably contribute to this in our town and as land lords now in the town centre are the council prepared to accept the responsibility for this lack of trade to their tenants and other retailers.
- 2 St Francis Church could well have problems with parking for funerals and weddings due to its very small car park. Where will mourners and wedding guests be expected to park once this is full. This could lead to financial implications for the Church.
- 3 To date residents off street parking areas have not experienced serious parking problems so why impose additional costs to these residents and the council in having to provide additional parking officers when the present scheme of no parking between 9.00am – 11.00 am works well.
- 4 Why not consider introducing restricted street parking for two hours instead of permit parking to satisfy the needs of residents casual car parkers and town centre shops etc.
- 5 Why use a sledge hammer to crack a nut when better thought could be given to ease the situation of parking without the additional cost that will befall to residents for their permits and those they have to purchase for visitors

Best wishes

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Note	<p>Email recieved-also sent to Grant Shapps office - I have passed onto 'freedom' re the FOI request :</p> <p>-----Original Message-----</p> <p>From: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Sent: 10 January 2020 14:40</p> <p>To: Contact-WHC</p> <p>Cc: Grant Shapps</p> <p>Subject: Guessens Area - Resident Permit Parking Scheme Ref JC/12118</p> <p>WARNING: This email originated outside the WHBC Network. Please be extra vigilant when opening attachments or clicking links.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Dear Parking Services WGC</p> <p>On behalf of my father in law who lives in Guessens Court, we would like to register our objection to the proposed introduction of a resident permit parking scheme for the following reasons :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As this is a sheltered housing scheme, significant numbers of residents have care packages in place and this permit scheme is prejudicial to good care for residents as care providers are unlikely to be provided with free parking either through the Council or their employer. This will inevitably lead to instances where a carer, who it must be said , are generally very poorly paid, either unwilling to visit (I am aware of instances elsewhere where this has happened e.g. "Vineyards" area of WGC), or rush their visits to avoid a PCN. This is therefore NOT in the best long term interests of residents.2. There are insufficient numbers of car parking spaces compared with flats with cars therefore a car space cannot be guaranteed thereby undermining the whole purpose of the scheme.3. Visitor passes are I believe available at a cost per visit of 25p. However, if 4 visits per day are required this equates to £365 per annum which is exorbitant for a 92 year old retired gentleman in ill health and limited means.4. The letter refers to "Notice of Intention" whereas elsewhere you refer to "Consultation". These statements are contradictory. The former suggests a fait accompli, the latter suggests you will listen to residents concerns ? Which is it please ?5. The consultation letter dated 16th December fails to explain the rationale behind the

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	<p>permit scheme. It is unacceptable to expect elderly residents to be able to access the internet to understand the objectives behind the scheme - it should be spelt out in the letter and a named officer with telephone number given so that any queries can be discussed and recorded by the Council, if in fact, the Council are serious about consultation and satisfying their Equality duty under the Equalities Act for those with protected characteristics.</p>
	<p>I have copied this e-mail to our Member of Parliament in the hope that he will consider the issue for himself and if he agrees with the points I have raised lend his support to this objection.</p>
	<p>Finally, I would be interested to know to date how many people to date have supported the permit scheme by writing to the Council in support. Please treat this as an FOI request.</p>
	<p>I look forward to hearing from you shortly</p>
	<p>Best Regards</p>
	
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APPENDIX B