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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 June 2020 11:39

To: parking

Subject: Church Street Disabled Bays Consultation (OBJECTION)

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Dear Ka Ng

I am writing to you to make an objection to the proposed disabled bays in Church Street, Wewyn Village

Having lived in the High Street for over 10 years I see the increased amount of cars parking in the village to visit businesses OR as residence need to park there.

There are already unreasonable & unnecessary time restrictions in place, with frequent presence of parking ticket officers enforcing this

In my opinion there are barely enough parking places for all concerned and two whole parking bays effectively removed from general use, solely for disabled persons in my opinion is unreasonable

I am not sure of the psychological distress or health & safety issues that you state when disabled drivers can be parking in any of the available bays or car parks that have the same restrictions that apply to the whole community - which in turn because of the 90 minute limit currently in place could equally cause all the residents and business owners equal psychological distress and health and safety issues.

if, as you say more people are eligible for the blue badge, including those with health issues who cannot undertake a journey without there being a risk of serious harm to their health or safety or that of any other person .....? do you mean that they are being driven as a passenger? - as it would appear that anyone with these issues should not be on the road driving in the first place.

I'm also not sure why you mention about the ridiculous measures that have been put in place along the High Street out of the blue last week apparently to aid social distancing which is only making it more difficult for the disabled community. First of all surely this is only a temporary measure?! and secondly all this has done is caused even MORE problems and psychological distress and health & safety issues for ALL people including cyclists, buses, pedestrians, parking FOR ALL - business owners, residents, the disabled badge owners, etc

In light of this information I trust that the Disabled bays will be objected

with kind regards  
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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 25 June 2020 14:34  
To: parking  
Subject: Objection - MM/12141

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Good morning,

I write with minor objections to the proposed disabled parking bays in Church Street, jct High Street, Welwyn.

I do not object to two new 'blue badge only' bays in Welwyn, particularly as the village has an ageing population in need of support. My only objection is the creation of two bays, next to each other on the North end of the High Street. I feel it would better serve those requiring assistance to have a parking bay at the south end of High Street, potentially at the junction of School Lane or opposite Mimram Place, as well as a space at the north end.

The south end of High Street houses a doctors surgery (which serves the vast majority of the village) as well as two pharmacies, which are likely to be frequented by those with mobility or health issues. Further parking at the south end of High Street allows easier access to the shops at that end of the village such as the post office and second bakery, and is nearly equidistant to vital supplies such as Tesco, as parking at the north end of HIGH Street.

Further, while the social distancing measures are in place High Street, Welwyn is a one-way system, placing an abnormally high amount of traffic through Mill Lane, a narrow lane with few passing points. Parking at the south end of High Street, particularly at the junction with School Lane would go some way to easing a small amount of traffic on Mill Lane, as well as preventing drivers who may lack confidence in their driving ability (due to mobility or health issues) being forced into a narrow lane where they may be required to complete difficult maneuvers or reverse for prolonged distances.

To reiterate, I applaud the support shown for residents with disabilities through the creation of extra 'blue badge only' spaces in the village centre, but I feel that those in need of these spaces could be better supported by providing parking in a number of places rather than grouped in one place.

Kind Regards

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