

Subject: Objection - The Ryde estate Parking Restrictions Proposal

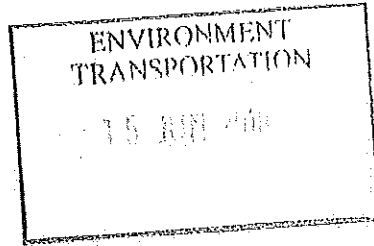
Dear Vikki Hatfield,

Re: Objection - Parking Restrictions Consultation – The Ryde estate:

Having studied the proposed scheme for parking restrictions on The Ryde Estate, I have no objection to a parking-permit scheme in my road (Sunnyfield). However, I do object to your defacing our estate with double-yellow lines at the various junctions where this is not necessary (e.g. junction of Sunnyfield with Lodge Drive, junction of Lodge Drive with Stag Green Avenue etc). We don't have parking problems at the junctions on this side of the estate – and I would therefore ask that you reconsider defacing them with yellow paint.

Yours,

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13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Ms. Hatfield,

We are writing to you to object to the proposal for a parking restriction scheme for the Ryde and surrounding roads. Having considered the issue carefully, we responded objecting to the proposals September 2015 and were dismayed at the outcome of the consultation. We remain firmly of the opinion that:

- A) No parking restriction is necessary
- B) The area proposed is excessively extensive
- C) The problem only began when the station car park closed. Although the new car park had been open for some time, access to it was severely affected by roadworks and associated disruption. Nevertheless the decision was taken before the effects of a properly functioning car park could be accurately gauged. It is fair to say that commuter parking on the Ryde has continued to be an issue. Without knowing the traffic usage of the station car park it is hard to say whether this is a consequence of excessively expensive charges at the station car park or if it is just full. However at its worst the commuter parking affecting the Ryde did not appear to extend beyond the junction with Fawn Court and it seems a great overreaction to blanket the whole of the Ryde and all the other unaffected roads on the Ryde estate with a regime of parking restrictions and permit parking. We accept that it might be possible that if restrictions only applied to the part of the Ryde between the Hertford Road and say the junction with Pleasant Rise that the commuter parkers would merely move further along. We believe this to be unlikely as it becomes unattractive to park and walk when the distance reaches a certain critical point. Were that to happen the council could always submit a further proposal in light of clear evidence as opposed to supposition, which is all you have now.

There are other reasons why we are firmly against parking restrictions;

- 1) Many residents on the Ryde are retired and need to employ tradesmen to assist with the upkeep of their property. It does not seem right that they should be charged to park outside the property where they are working.
- 2) Our children, parents and other family members all live some distance away and may visit at any time. Even when we have a family gathering, the increased number of vehicles causes no disruption to traffic flow outside our property, so there is no need to introduce parking restrictions or charges in the area of the Ryde where we live.
- 3) If elderly residents need carers to visit, they would also suffer with restrictions and or charges (we already suffer from this when visiting my wife's brother in Old Hatfield).

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We already pay road tax on our vehicles for the use of public roads. It seems wholly unnecessary for us to incur further charges to obtain parking permits for ourselves, our visitors and our tradesmen. It also seems that the council is incurring unnecessary additional expense for line painting, signage, warden patrols etc unless of course you have worked out that the income derived from the residents will more than meet the costs.

We do hope that you will seriously consider changing the scope of this rather draconian proposal. We accept that commuter parking and outside school parking has become an issue in certain parts of the Ryde estate but generally the majority of the Ryde has been unaffected and we feel that at the moment it really does not need the measures proposed.

Yours Sincerely,

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Sent: 13 June 2016 22:59  
To: Contact-WHC  
Subject: The Ryde and surrounding roads parking

Dear Sirs,

I wrote with reference to your proposed parking proposals for The Ryde and surrounding area.

I and my family vehemently oppose to these proposals, for the following reasons:

We are not personally affected by any parking problems and therefore find it ludicrous to be included within these plans, furthermore as I work for a local company I have no intention to drive to work and therefore would be penalised for working locally to me.

Why should I have to pay for a permit of £40 to park outside my own house / own street, from my understanding this is what I pay my road tax for, and not to line the pockets of the council. If this is not a money making exercise for the council then why haven't they proposed to reduce the residents council tax charges by the same amount of the permits? When in fact both will most likely rise, in an austere environment when the Ryde residents DO NOT receive value for money.

Would the council like to see the Ryde residents turn their front gardens into paved areas for parking their cars? I have already seen 3 properties do this since these plans were proposed, this in turn having a detrimental effect to the Ryde and its photogenic environment. I can only presume this is happening as a direct result of these plans.

As previously stated where I live commuters will not park their cars and commute to the station from here, due to the distances involved. We personally feel that still proposal is just an excuse for the council to generate more revenues from residents, residents whom already have to incur one of the highest council taxes in the county, whilst pound for pound having less spent on it.

The main issue here is that the rates being charged by the railway station are in comparison extortionate when compared to other parking options. Perhaps the council should of lobbied British Rail when the planning proposals were being submitted despite endorsing them whole heartedly and failing to protect the rights of their own residents.

Whilst being a Ryde resident for over 30 years I have never been aware off any parking issues, and reiterate the point that originally we are told that the whole area was going to be affected, and now as a result the council are only proposing to put them in certain areas where some point was welcomed. I would like to proposal that the council ONLY place parking councils in places where the individual residents want them, and respect the wishes of those who DO NOT require them, nor NEVER asked for them.

Please feel free to discuss any points in more detail with me, and I look forward to hearing from you if you should wish to do so.

Kind Regards,

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**Re; Parking proposals**

Date 12.06.2016

Dear Vikki Hatfield

With reference to your letter dated 31st May 2016, I do not agree with double yellow lines impacting outside residents homes, these residents have allocated off road parking provided for when the houses were built probably the reason I am bringing this up, Let us not forget this is for safety reasons only , although you are going to monitor the areas for six months does not alter the fact you wish to be seen to be doing the right thing but do not want to follow the highway codes guidance .

My objection is for a no parking opposite junctions for 1 hour only and should be for 24hours 7 days a week.

I await your response

Regards

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Sent: 24 June 2016 14:27  
To: Contact-WHC  
Subject: Ryde consultation

Dear Sir Madam

Sorry for late response.

I would like to raise my objections to this scheme as I feel it is unnecessary to roll this scheme so far and wide.

This is a peaceful community and really don't need these restrictions for my friends and families.

Also our Ryde hall has various activities and should not be prevented from activities for its guests then.

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I wish to formally object to aspects of the proposed parking controls in The Ryde area of Hatfield advertised recently.

My observations and objections are based on my experience as a local resident for 23 years and over 30 years professional experience in transportation and parking.

The blanket restriction approach proposed by the Council is outmoded and should be replaced by a more responsive and interactive approach, which seeks to address actual road safety issues as they develop and then monitor the area post implementation to resolve any unintended or consequential issues, rather than implement a large number of parking restrictions on a “just in case” basis.

#### Pleasant Rise.

I object to the proposed 1530 – 1630 waiting restriction adjacent to 'The Dell'. This location is a good on-street parking location with good visibility and no safety issues. There is a proven need for on-street parking associated with school use during the school day, which is the reason for the anomalous time period proposed for this location. Imposing a restriction at this location will also affect parking for after school activities and events, which would regularly coincide with this proposed restriction plus the school's parents evenings and school plays, which run through the times of this proposed restriction. This area of parking is also remote from the train station and parking is unlikely to be an issue.

There is no justification for this restriction, which as it differs from all the others will either be costly to enforce or will not be enforced, bringing it into disrepute.

I object to the proposed 'at any time' restrictions on Pleasant Rise in the vicinity of Greenfields as I have not seen anyone park in this vicinity in all the time that I have lived here. At this point the road makes a 90 degree bend and there is a traffic island which effectively makes parking impossible anyway.

The only reason people might be tempted to park at this location and further along in Mount Pleasant Lane, would be if parking was unnecessarily restricted adjacent to 'The Dell'

My objection would be resolved and I would therefore be prepared to withdraw it, if the RPZ boundary is moved so that the zone commences on Pleasant Rise after its junction with Lodge Drive. I believe the residents of Greenfield should be further consulted to establish whether they would wish to be inside or outside a zone boundary.

I look forward to your response and for good sense to prevail.

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