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Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
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Reference: MM/12097 Date: 15th March 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the proposal for resident only permit restricted parking on Clarkes Road and the surrounding area in Hatfield.

I work very locally and require somewhere to park due to varying shifts and other commitments. My employer does not have any spare parking available, despite their quest to find locations for staff to park. It is also not legislation to provide parking for employees. I therefore have been parking on Clarkes Road for over 4 years now, with as much ease as I always have.

Clarkes Road has houses with driveways which are not always used. I have spoken to residents on Clarkes Road regarding the issues. Some residents choose to park kerbside rather than on their own driveways in order to block non-residents parking there. This started because non-residents would park carelessly; hanging over a dropped kerb and half-blocking residential driveways. Surely easily rectified with PCN enforced yellow lines over dropped kerbs?

There are other circumstances where properties have 3 or more cars (or taxis) to park. 2 are parked in their driveway and 1 is parked on the road itself. In one of these circumstances, the owner has parked the taxi in the centre of a stretch of kerb on the road that would usually comfortably fit 2 vehicles. These examples make it evident that the local residents in fact make it more difficult than it needs to be.

The parking 'issue' has not changed in recent years due to excessive numbers of local workers as is rumoured. More than ever before, commuters using Hatfield Train Station park in these surrounding roads to avoid the high charges at the train station car park. This contributing factor is no more the fault of the local workers like me than it is the residents.

As a road tax payer working a full time job in the immediate vicinity (NOT parking to walk to the train station), I do not feel that I have any less right to park my one private vehicle in these areas than the residents.

I understand you will keep objectors informed as you progress, so I look forward to that.

Regards,



Crop Common Hatfield AL10 0DG

For the attention of Ka Ng Council offices The Campus Welwyn Garden City

Objections to the proposed alterations to parking in Crop Common Hatfield and adjoining roads.

Having considered the duty imposed by Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council consider that it is necessary and expedient to make orders for the following reasons:-

1st Objective

In order to provide suitable and adequate parking facilities.

In answer to the above

In the respect of Crop Common and adjoining roads Crop Common, Corncroft, Harvest Mead, Cotton Field, Cobmead, Strawmead, Wheatfield.

An enclosed area the adjoining roads are themselves cul-de-sac. There seems to be a mistake made in that the solution to painting yellow lines (no waiting at any time) will improve and provide adequate parking. On the contrary this solution will only prove to further any problems that arise from lack of suitable parking in Crop Common and adjoining roads.

2nd Objective

For the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic.

In answer to the above

I have never in the 17 years I have lived in Crop Common ever suffered from traffic congestion in any form. While realising the list of proposals for traffic are general and cover a larger area. This generalisation will only damage the residents of Crop Common and adjoining roads. Residents that are at this time forced to park on the corner of roads marked out for (no waiting at any time) will have no available place to park. This will arise in a shortage of spaces, the situation will be first come first parked. Unfortunately those left without parking will be forced out of the area to park in other roads near by. The whole solution will have a knock on effect. The area of Crop Common and adjoining roads at present has little in the way of social tensions, it is neighbourly and a very pleasant place to live. This proposal is a conflict in the making and once the council have painted their yellow lines they will leave, the problems that remain inflicted on to the residents.

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Would it not be a better solution to the problem of parking for the present to provide spaces for those who at this time have no option but to park on proposed restricted areas of road? There are two green areas that could provide additional parking. On the plan provided indicating proposals I have marked the two green areas in red, which could provide extra spaces. The proposed (no waiting at any time) I have coloured blue are I know for a fact, areas that residents at present have to park, simply because there is no other space available. This is probably true of other parts of the area of Crop Common.

3rd Objective

For the avoidance of danger to persons or other traffic using the road and preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

In answer to the above

Being an enclosed area there is no through traffic. Vehicles using this area have a reason to be here: residential, delivery, trades people and council services. Passing traffic is not a problem and I urge the council again to rethink the situation of Crop Common and adjoining roads. To follow through with these proposals from the council without further thought for the residents of the area seems very unjust.

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Sent: 16 March 2018 10:02 To: Contact-WHC

Subject: Re: Notice of Intent - Statutory Consultation - The Borough of Hatfiled - 9th March 2018

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Dear Vanessa,

My full address is;

Wheatley Road

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Kind regards

On 16 March 2018 at 09:53, Contact-WHC < Contact-WHC@welhat.gov.uk > wrote:

Good morning

Thank you for your email.

I would like to log your correspondence for the attention of the Parking Services team.

Prior to doing so, I would be grateful if you can please confirm your full address for our records.

Regards,

Vanessa Welch

Customer Service Advisor

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From:

Sent: 15 March 2018 14:40

To: parking

Subject: Notice of Intent - Statutory Consultation - The Borough of Hatfiled - 9th March 2018

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Dear Parking Services,

I live in Welwyn Garden City and have worked in Hatfield for 20 years.

Parking in and around Ground Lane has always been difficult, spaces are valuable and are taken up quickly

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once a vehicle as moved. However, in my opinion, this doesn't appear to be any more of a problem now, than it ever has been. If parking spaces aren't available, one is forced to look elsewhere.

All the residences along Ground Lane, Cecil Crescent and Clarkes Road, the proposed areas for restrictions, have driveways enabling residents to park within the boundary of their own residence, so I can see no reason why road tax payers should be restricted as long as they are parking sensibly and without causing obstruction.

Unfortunately, commuters using the train station also park in and around these residential areas making parking even more difficult for those of us who work directly in these areas. Perhaps if the daily parking charge of £7.50 at the multi-storey car park at the station was reduced, more commuters and even some of us working locally would use it, easing the parking situation on the surrounding roads.

The company I work for is very aware of the parking situation and has already constructed off road parking for a dozen or so vehicles at their own expense, and they are looking for more land nearby on which to put further parking, but finding additional land has proved difficult.

I know I am just one person in the big parking scheme but as a council resident who is also lucky enough to have a driveway, I have to put up with my neighbours vehicles (some of which are commercial vans and trucks) parked outside my house 24/7 but I understand that everyone needs to park their vehicle somewhere.

I hope you will consider reviewing this intention.

-Kind-regards-

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