

[Cintra Close Resident Permit Parking Scheme]- OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
 APPENDIX 4 - Summary of letters of support and objections received to Traffic Regulation Order

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Please note that the feedback text contained in this document has been directly copied from the responses we have received to preserve integrity of the feedback. Where there was any sensitive or identifiable information provided, this text has been removed and has been clearly indicated.

Street/Summary	Objections/support/comments received.
1) Comment	<p>Summary of responses: Objections - 2, Support - 7, Comment - 2.</p> <p>I am writing in response to the Residents Parking Order 202.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Christchurch Road is a student house consisting of 9 tenants. Of this 9, myself and one other tenant have cars that we use to travel to work which is essential to cover our rent and living costs. We currently park down Cintra Close which is now being turned into a permitted road. We both spoke with members of the council on the phone who advised us to email you with our request.</p> <p>We have noticed that 52A and 52B Christchurch Road are on the list and we were wondering whether [REDACTED] are meant to be included [REDACTED]. For some reason our house doesn't seem to be recognised in a lot of cases [REDACTED].</p> <p>If this is not the case, I am writing to ask if [REDACTED] Christchurch Road can please be added to the list of residencies that are allowed to park down Cintra Close, as otherwise we do not have anywhere to park. We appreciate that a 9 tenant house hold is a lot of people, however we believe we are being fair in asking for only 2 permits as we are aware that other student tenancies in the surrounding area are allocated up to 2 permits per household.</p> <p>We hope you take our request into consideration as it is essential for us to have cars to be able to travel to work in order to pay rent and cover other living costs. We are happy to answer any questions.</p> <p>Many thanks for your time, I look forward to hearing your response.</p>
2) Support	<p>I am a resident of Cintra Close and fully support the introduction of permit holders only parking in the close. Since residents only/pay & display parking restrictions were introduced around Upper Redlands Road and</p>

	<p>Elmhurst Road 4-5 years ago, there has been a significant increase in people parking in the road to visit the hospital, university and Christchurch Road shops. This causes a couple of issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are regular incidents of careless or inconsiderate parking, including people using pavements and turning circles within the close as parking spaces once the spaces on the road fill up. 2. The sheer number of cars parked and the lack of space/narrowness of the road has occasionally meant the bin collection lorry and other smaller delivery vehicles have not been able to access the close. This would suggest there is a risk of emergency vehicles being obstructed in responding to an incident at one of the houses.
3) Comment	<p>Thank you for the consultation documents relating to the Cintra Close parking consultation.</p> <p>Whilst Thames Valley Police do not enforce parking restrictions we do need to be able to park in all areas for both emergency and routine aspects of police work. Our staff will usually use marked and unmarked police vehicles for patrol work and enquires, but there are times when their own personal vehicles are used. I would therefore request that this eventuality should be written into the TRO as an exemption to ensure that any vehicle used in connection with police or emergency services work is covered.</p> <p>Having visited Cintra Close I found a long line of vehicles that were parked and unattended along the western kerb on the run down to the left hand bend when travelling south. Vehicles were parked opposite private driveways which could potentially make it difficult for residents of these dwellings to drive onto and reverse out onto the road.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police have no further comment.</p>
4) Object	<p>The residences on this road frequently compose a large number of adults, and as such a high volume of drivers per residence. The imposition of a restriction in the number of vehicles permitted within each household under the proposals would devalue the properties by being less appealing to professionals who need access to a vehicle.</p>
5) Support	<p>I am a resident of Cintra Close and I'm contacting you to express my support for the introduction of a permit parking scheme in Cintra Close.</p> <p>The Close is one of the only streets left in Redlands Ward which does not have permit parking. There does not appear to be a valid reason for this omission and the issues it creates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frequent parking by people who's business is really rather far removed from the Close (e.g. staff from the Royal Berkshire Hospital). They park here all day Monday to Friday.

	<p>- frequent parking by residents from Morton Court (next to Cintra Close. This residential development has its own car park which should be sufficient for its residents). They park here 24/7 Monday to Sunday</p> <p>- frequent parking on the pavement, incl. on the corner of 11 Cintra Close, thereby preventing or restricting access to the close by the rubbish collection services.</p> <p>This influx of non-residents and people who have no business in or around the Close is creating a shortage of parking for residents of the Close. Every house has 1 allocated parking space or driveway. There are also 8 unallocated bays on private land. However, this is insufficient for the following reasons:</p> <p>- Cintra Close is one of the only streets in Redlands Ward unprotected by Article 4 (again, there does not appear to be a valid reason for this exclusion). It therefore has a substantial number of HMOs. There is therefore a need for more than 1 parking space per house. Residents are regularly unable to park in the Close because all the spaces on the street have been taken up by non-residents.</p> <p>- [REDACTED] Cintra Close is occupied by a RBC's approved care facility. This house has approximately 8 cars parked in the Close on a 24/7 basis. They take up most of the 8 unallocated resident bays the Close has available on its private land, leaving the other residents with nowhere to park.</p> <p>In terms of who should be covered by the permits, please note that numbers 17-18-19-20 Cintra Close are in fact located in Whitley Park Lane, which is already covered by a permit parking scheme.</p>
6) Support	As a resident of the Close, I observe that there is insufficient parking for residents, caused by a large demand for parking by non-residents. I strongly support the introduction of a permit parking scheme to enable residents of the Close to park near their home.
7) Support	We strongly support the proposal, resident parking is in all of the streets around and Cintra Close should not be an exception. We hope it will limit the number of cars in the street, sometimes it is difficult to enter the street especially if some cars park on the pavement. It is true especially for school buses, deliveries or other bigger cars. It would be also good if the cars cannot park opposite of the driveways, sometimes it is more difficult to park in the driveway when another car is parking opposite of it.
8) Support	I have lived here for 20 years and the parking has been an issue all the time. The current yellow lines at the entrance mean cars park almost up to the turning into the close and it can make it very difficult to drive out. Apart from when the University is on holiday the road is full with parked cars. A large percentage of the parking is done by people who leave the road. We have had instances of parking on the paths and the bend in the close making it almost impossible to navigate around. The dustbin lorry has to back down using the footpath part of the way which has damaged the kern stones.
9) Support	I support the proposal. My back door and back garden backs on the main development - my address

	<p>[REDACTED] - a block of much smaller houses. My and my neighbours houses [REDACTED] face onto Whitley Park Lane. I have access to the parking place at the side of my back garden. Parking is always a problem for access and spaces in the main development. I expect being in the University area and lots of houses renting rooms, entire houses rented out to multiple occupants or HMO set ups contribute to the problem: it is 'a problem' full stop in this whole area. It is a massive and daily constant issue on Whitley Park Lane too - see other complaints about traffic and the associated problems with deliveries to the row of shops on Christchurch Road. I have a real fear that emergency services cannot get through to any emergencies at the far end of the central area - and this affects me and my neighbours in the smaller houses as well as the bigger and taller houses that are close to my back garden.</p>
10) Support	<p>in the event of an emergency (fire or ambulance) I would argue that they would not get past the numerous parked cars that love to park in Cintra Close for free and without fear of a fine.</p> <p>In the event this ever happened to me as a resident, I would hold the council entirely responsible and you would be hearing from my lawyer, no question.</p> <p>I have lived here for 3 years and the matter in my opinion is out of control.</p>
11) Object	<p>It's just an excuse for the council to bleed more Reading residents dry through draconian parking policies. Cintra residents shouldn't have to pay to park outside their own homes when their street doesn't provide access to anywhere.</p>