

Appendix 6, RESULTS OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION - SHILLING CLOSE RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING

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

Summary	Feedback received
	Summary of responses: Objections 13, Support 4 + a 29 signature petition, Comment 1.
1) Object	Permits are expensive for residents that are mainly on pensions.
2) Object	I don't believe in having to pay to park outside my own house
3) Object	We live at [REDACTED] Tilehurst Road and require parking on Honey End Lane as our house does not have any parking spaces.
4) Object	I live on [REDACTED] Tilehurst Road so opposite the Park and I totally object to this as none of my neighbours, including the victorian terraced houses near us have off-street parking. All the houses in Honey End Lane and Shilling Close do, so we will be the one penalised. It also means that when we have family visiting us they won't be able to park. So this is totally unfair and inconsiderate of those like us who can't afford a house with off street parking! Is this how the council wants to treat its residents? This means not only people living in Honey End Lane and Shilling Close will have off street parking but they will also benefit from a resident parking permit! So when I finish work and pick up my [REDACTED] young children from nursery that means that I can't park near my house so where would I park then? If this is approved then I will expect the council to create parking space in front of our houses!
5) Object	We live opposite Honey End Lane on Tilehurst road, this is a busy thoroughfare with no off road parking for many of the houses, so it is not possible to park outside our houses at all. Honey End Lane is essential parking for residents in these houses.
6) Object	I live on [REDACTED] Tilehurst Road so opposite the Park and I totally object to this as none of my neighbours, including the victorian terraced houses near us have off-street parking.. this is an unfair proposal. With future plans for a community area and development in prospect park, it means more people are likely to park meaning no space for actual residents like my household. All the houses in Honey End Lane and Shilling Close have off the st parking so we will be the ones penalised. It also means that when we have family visiting us they won't be able to park. So this is totally unfair and inconsiderate of those like us who can't afford a house with off street parking! Is this how the council wants to treat its residents? This means not only people living in Honey End Lane and Shilling Close will have off street parking but they will also benefit from a resident parking permit! Compete and utterly unjust. If this is approved then I will expect the council to create a parking space in front of our houses to accommodate us likewise the decision to accompany the above plans. I will also expect and please consider lowering the curb which will be the only way to create parking spaces for us - if you are going to accommodate a shared area being simply given to honey end lane and shilling close then we need to be thought for also.
7) Support	The people that park are from the hospital, they park in a dangerous positions block pathways so people with pushchairs also disabled people with mobility scooters. I have asked on several occasions if they could not park dangerously, to be told it's none of my business. The people are so rude. Also on a couple of occasions ambulances have had trouble with access to Chimney Court. A parking scheme is overdue i have send photos to Cllr Absolem to prove my point.

8) Support	I have lived in Shilling Close for the last [REDACTED] years, and the parking has got a lot worse, with parking on the pavements. They even park right on the corners of the roads so it makes it very very dangerous for drivers to see other cars coming.
9) Object	<p>I am a resident of Tilehurst Road, basically just across from Honey end Lane and i do not have a parking place, so use the Free parking on Honey end Lane. If i am not allowed to use Honey End Lane to park my car, I will be forced to park on Tilehurst road with the possibility of disrupting other traffic and the number 33 bus route and as i have small children, this would not be safe for me or my young children.</p> <p>All the homes on Honey end Lane, HAVE off street parking, so i dont actually see the point of them needing resident permits, if they all just park in their drive. Where will the staff of Prospect park/yes the same staff we all clapped) park, as their car park fills up extremely quickly, or even visitors to the hospital to see loved ones etc. This is obviously a ridiculous' proposal, as you have not taken into account people who live near by and as i said earlier, do not have access to parking. This proposal needs to be stopped or maybe if you have money to spend, come and lower my curb, tarmac my front garden, to provide me with off road parking.</p>
10) Object	<p>This will have unfair implications for the staff and visitors at the neighbouring NHS hospital, a hospital which covers all of Berkshire and for which the local authority gave permission for. Patients and staff come from all local authorities in Berkshire and I know a car is vital in ensuring the NHS staff can deliver effective patient care. The local authority should have foreseen any potential parking difficulties when agreeing to the use of the small site for a hospital serving the whole county, and denied permission for the hospital. The area can get busy Monday - Friday between 9-5 and at all other times there is not an issue with parking. I frequently exercise around that area and it is only between 9-5 that there are cars parked in all available spots. The cars seem to change frequently suggesting that time limits are not necessary. As a town we should welcome NHS staff and the work they do for people with mental health issues not seek to penalise them if they are delayed in the work they do and park longer than the new regulations would permit. If we want the best mental health services we have to accept staff will be recruited from beyond Reading, and even Berkshire, and will elect to commute from afar, rather than move to the busy and expensive town which Reading is. I do not drive, electing to walk or cycle and would welcome fewer cars in Reading but some journeys by car are unfortunately necessary, and the town should acknowledge this.</p>
11) Support	<p>There have been more and more cars from staff and visitors from the hospital. Whilst I do not drive, I believe genuine visitors to ME should be prioritised, who can park in the shaded areas which are essentially the bays assigned to each home when the Close was built in 2003. I understood that originally there were going to be FREE residents permits for parking in these areas, with a scheme for residents to have a book of visitors permits for one-off parking which would be free of charge for the first few, then available at a small fee thereafter. Is this not now the case?</p>
12) Object	<p>I do not support this proposed parking scheme. As a resident of the terrace houses on Tilehurst Road [REDACTED] I have no driveway parking and cannot leave my car on the main road. I have been parking my car on the corner of Honey end Lane next to the park for the [REDACTED]. As no houses on the Tilehurst Road are included in the list of permitted addresses where am I supposed to park my car?</p>
	<p>My suggestion is including the terraced houses (388-372) to the list of residents parking. The alternative is the council convert the grass verge between the terrace houses and the road into viable parking.</p>
13) Object	<p>I feel the staff working in the hospital providing a vital service for Berkshire County as whole would be disadvantaged and so would visitors who come from miles to see patients have no where to park.</p>
14) Object	<p>The hospital was built with the understanding that it would serve the whole county therefore public transport would not be an option for some people. It is absolutely impossible to park in the hospital grounds for most of the day and street parking is the only option for most people.</p>
15) Support	<p>We support the proposals and welcome any measures to control the dangerous and illegal parking in Honey End Lane. The worst hazard is around the bend (by house no. 131) and there should be double yellow lines on both sides, because if a car is parked on the bend it is impossible to see any cars approaching from the other side. Any scheme will only be beneficial if it is closely monitored - particularly to begin with - to ensure car users are complying with the newly introduced rules. Will this be done?</p>

16) Object	This will have a negative effect on Park Grove, parking is already terrible and this can only make it worse. Strongly object
17) Comment, Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police will not object to these restrictions, however we would ask for an exemption for any vehicle that is being used in connection with police purposes.
18) Object	We live at [REDACTED] Tilehurst Road in one of two blocks of terraces, each containing four houses. If we weren't allowed to park in the local neighbourhood roads, we would have no option but to park on Tilehurst Road itself, which would inevitably cause congestion to the busy thorough fare and bus route that Tilehurst Road is. None of the eight terraced houses, which start from the corner of Park Grove leading towards Reading town centre, have any parking (off/on road) other than the neighbouring roads. If it is deemed necessary to restrict parking in the neighbourhood, it would be almost inconceivable to not extend the privileged parking being proposed, to the eight terraced houses numbered 372-386 Tilehurst Road.
19) Support, petition with 29 signatures	<p>This letter is made up of 2 parts to cover the Road Permit Scheme & Prospect Hospital.</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of the residents of the 25 private apartments (Even Nos.2-50) in Shilling Close(Highlighted in Green on the Plan).</p> <p>The original of this letter has been posted to you with as many resident signatures as possible.</p> <p>PART 1 RESIDENTS PARKING</p> <p>In principle the residents are in agreement with the implementation of the of the proposals for Resident Permits on the public roads, plus additional Yellow lines. The following points need to be raised :-</p> <p>A. From the plan, we would like to see the areas highlighted in pink, be subject to double yellow lines. This would give clear exit and entrance to the Close. Currently we often have vehicles parked on the exit corners which prohibit clear vision for vehicles entering and exiting the close. In addition parking on the pavements takes place.</p> <p>B. Presumably the area will need to be regularly checked by wardens, which will be an additional cost to council tax payers.</p> <p>Perhaps a better suggestion would be to have automatic cameras, record parking infringements and issue fines.</p> <p>C. From the plan, will vehicles be able to park without permits down Shilling Close from the pink highlighted area, to the dead end at property nos. 49?.</p> <p>D. Should (C) above be correct. Then we could see a large amount of vehicles trying to park in the area.</p> <p>PART 2 PROSPECT HOSPITAL</p> <p>You are aware of the numerous complaints and e mails you have received covering the numbers of staff and patients in the public area, outside the walls of the hospital. These are now being raised again, in case local councillors are not aware of the problems and hopefully a more positive and solution based approach can be achieved:-</p> <p>A. Smoking, drinking and eating in the public area outside the hospital. These activities result in littering of cigarette butts, cans, paper and empty sandwich packets. Staff and patients sitting on kerbsides, which is highly dangerous on a public highway. In addition, littering is an offence prosecuted by a large number of local councils. This does not seem to be implemented outside of the hospital. The use of cameras would again be an advantage. Residents within our close also take time to clear up the mess which is created.</p> <p>B. Currently smokers are outside of the hospital grounds. So staff and patients can stand one side of the outside wall and smoke and inside the wall cannot. The distance is probably no more than 1 metre. It seems quite ridiculous that this rule applies.</p> <p>C. We would like to see a radical review of the hospital grounds facilities. The provision of adequate parking for staff and visitors. I am unsure how staff are going to make use of 2 hour time slots in the road. In addition suitable ventilated areas for smoking and prevent the littering outside of hospital grounds.</p> <p>Finally, currently a number of smokers from the hospital are congregating underneath the windows of resident's apartments.in the entrance area to the Close. The smoke permeating into the residents apartments. This is an intolerable situation and those with</p>

	<p>health issues, dangerous and needs to be stopped immediately.</p> <p>A. Additional Points added by residents at the time of signing the petition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parking on double yellow lines has been observed.2. Verbal abuse from staff and others when challenged by our residents concerning parking.3. Residents are now reluctant to go near the hospital walking and when they wish to post letters. They feel vulnerable and at risk from the behaviour of patients on the street. This is a safety issue and patients should have adequate areas outside the hospital within the grounds to occupy not the public highway.4. Residents in the even number properties are now advising their children not to go past the hospital on their way home from school.5. Our residents in Shilling Close (Even Nos. apartments) have sent photos to the 3 Norcot Councillors .6. Parking on the pavement causes serious problems for people with wheel chairs, pushchairs, and Mobility Scooters. They are trying to pass these vehicles and the problems are growing more and more on a daily basis. <p>Hopefully this letter will be placed before decision makers who are able to resolve all the issues raised in this letter.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Residents of Shilling Close (25 Private Apartments Nos, 2 to 50)</p>
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