

HOSPITAL AND UNIVERSITY AREA: PAY & DISPLAY CHARGING AND MINOR CHANGES - OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

APPENDIX 1 - Summary of letters of support and objections received to Traffic Regulation Order

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Street/Summary	Objections/support/comments received.
	Summary of responses: Objections - 1, Support - 4, Comment - 9, Mixed Response - 0.
1) Resident, Support	I live at [REDACTED] Erleigh Road and under the current arrangements we have no residents parking. I support the proposals to amend the parking to include residents parking. However I think that pay and display parking should remain as Mon-Friday 8-5.30. Free parking at weekends does give people the opportunity to attend St Luke's Church in Erleigh Road or visit family and friends in the RBH without having to pay.
2) Resident, Support	Approve.
3) Resident, Comment	I do not think that it is necessary to extend the parking restrictions on Erleigh Road west of Alexandra Road so that payment is required at weekends. This area never becomes full of parked cars at weekends so it appears to be introducing a parking charge to address a problem that does not exist. The negative impact would be on parking here used by visitors to the hospital and visitors to local residents at the weekends who would have to pay to park here if these new restrictions were implemented. I would remind the council that the purpose of parking restrictions is for traffic management purposes not as a fund raising form of taxation. This point has been tested in court. Unless the Council is able to provide evidence that there is a traffic management issue that is being addressed by these proposed restrictions, it can be assumed that the purpose of them are to raise additional funds and is therefore an illegal use of statutory powers.
4) Resident, Comment	The reasons given for the amendments is "in the interests of safety or in response to demand" 1) The introduction of parking restrictions will not improve the safety of many roads. Indeed, since the introduction of parking restrictions on Kendrick road more cars speed. Thus the safety reasons is not legitimate. 2) I am not aware of any demand to increase the hours of the parking restrictions. Indeed I understand many people to be vehemently opposed to them. Weekends are when residents are more likely to have visitors and the current arrangements with freely available parking at weekends enables them to have visitors at that time. Extending the parking restrictions to the weekends may limit visitors to some of the more vulnerable members of society - which would be a very undesirable consequence. Given that there does not appear to be

	any safety or demand reasons to increase the hours of the parking restrictions it seems to be driven by the need to increase council revenue. The council may need to increase revenue, but if so it should be done equally across the entire town rather than simply selecting one part which is effectively taxed again! Use of the bowling club on Kendrick road would be restricted were these weekend parking restrictions to be introduced. It seems wrong to restrict use of a (much loved) social and sports facility for no benefit. I am very frustrated that this is the second consultation on a very similar proposal in as many years. Do we have to keep registering the same concerns?!
5) Resident, Comment	I live on Addington Road east of Alexandra Road which appears to be unaffected by these proposed changes. It is, therefore, probably more appropriate for residents of Addington Road who live on the affected section to comment on these changes. However, as an observation, it would seem sensible to increase the amount of pay and display in that section of Addington Road as there aren't a large number of residents in that section. If the is to happen, then maybe the section of Addington Road to the east of Alexandra could become wholly residents only rather than mixed use.
6) Resident, Support	I welcome the proposal to amend the parking restrictions in Addington Road to enable people to park there without payment or permit between 5.30pm and 8am.
7) Resident, Comment	<p>1. My only comment on the changes outlined is that permitting parking on both sides of Kendrick Road opposite each other will lead to traffic congestion and delays.</p> <p>2. My concern is that the restrictions in parts of Alexandra Road (particularly directly outside my property) are not being changed in line with most of the other roads. Specifically permits will still be required for residents overnight. The particular sections of Alexandra Road which concern me are</p> <p>(a) all of the northernmost section, between London Road and Erleigh Road;</p> <p>(b) most (the northerly part) of the section between Erleigh Road and Addington Road.</p> <p>This particularly affects me because you refuse to give me a Resident's Permit despite the fact that I live on the [REDACTED] with, as I said, restricted sections immediately in front of my living room window.</p> <p>Also, I believe that the property next door ([REDACTED], Alexandra Road) does have Resident's Permit(s), even though it has space for 2 or 3 cars in its driveway, which my property does not have.</p>
8) Resident, Comment	I live at [REDACTED] Allcroft Road along with my family and struggle daily approaching my drive with parked cars on the north end of Allcroft Road. It is a total nightmare. The same problem happens in the mornings and during the day. As vehicles are all different sizes my view reversing out of my drive is increasingly restricted. I am a [REDACTED] and therefore it is extremely challenging for me. Drivers cut the corner approaching Allcroft Road from Redlands Road even though it is a 20 mph zone. Drivers end up stopping behind the parked cars and blocking my driveway . I end up with road rage and abuse. Drivers have to reverse back if possible to do so safely or I have to drive to Lower Mount and turn my car around. It would make sense to reduce the allocated parking space to stop this major problem. Extending the display and parking permit over the

	weekend will cause myself and my family additional stress and abuse from the general public. I would like a member of the committee to view this problem with me.
9) Resident, Comment	We, Marlborough Avenue do not seem to be included in this and seem to be the only road around here with no place where our weekend friends can park without two permits being issued if a Sunday lunch at one pm is the order of the day. We have asked counsellors on several occasions to address this but nothing has happened.
10) Resident, Support	I fully support the introduction of a resident parking scheme in Kendrick Road. The current proposals would assist the residents of Kendrick Court. The court is made up of 20 flats all of which are at least 2-bedroom apartments, however the 1930's nature of the building space means there are only a dozen or so parking spaces for cars on site and off-road. As a result, residents need a place to park and although the grounds are extensive they can't be updated or changed from the current layout as it's a understandably a conservation area.
11) Resident, Comment	I am a property owner at Kendrick Court, on Kendrick Road, and as with other residents in the Court I formally request that the Council considers introducing a residents parking scheme for Kendrick Road. Please do not introduce a solely Pay & Display status WITHOUT thinking of local residents who pay their council tax. Requiring residents to Pay & Display for parking outside their own homes is both financially and logistically challenging; paying £10 or more a day to park near our homes is extremely difficult. Furthermore, it does not reflect the fact that as Reading Council Tax payers, we are being subjected to the same conditions as non-Reading visitors. We do not have sufficient parking in our Court to allow all residents to park here - and the conservation area status of the area prevents us from increasing the amount of off-road parking. Nearby roads (eg Morgan Road, Upper Redlands Road) have successful residents parking schemes. Overall allowing us to participate in a residents parking scheme, for a court of 23 apartments, would not have a material effect on the spaces available. I would be willing to pay an annual (or monthly) fee for a residents parking permit if such a scheme were to be introduced.
12) Resident, Comment/Objection	Proposed parking restrictions amendments to Kendrick road are both dangerous and unnecessary. The proposed parking to be added to the corner of Allcroft road presents a major hazard it is located on the immediate exit of the junction from Allcroft to Kendrick and sits within non permissible distances from a turning corner. In addition this proposed parking causes road width restrictions to public and vehicles it will not be wide enough for busses to pass safely and will cause severe congestion adding additional hazard to cyclist pedestrian and vehicles clearly the proposal has not been viewed measured or considered by any person whom is qualified to so do. This should be rejected on the grounds of health and safety. In addition living at [REDACTED] Kendrick Road we have marked and paced out the proposed position in and this will cause major hazard for entering and reversing to our private property with severe risk of injury and harm. All other restriction increases to Kendrick road are unnecessary and an affront to the local amenity preventing

	use of vital amenity such as Reading bowls club and to Christchurch particularly on sundays when shoppers and others are at a low ebb and do not use the road for parking. The council members should be ashamed of this proposal reducing community amenity which it is their responsibility to uphold and maintain and improve for wits local residents. How many times do residents have to reject these proposals and be heard.
13) Resident, Comment	As a resident of Marlborough Ave, I would like to ask, why despite repeated requests representations to our local councillors, NO changes are being made to the restrictions in our road. There are no provisions for visitors to park at all over the weekend, which is far more restrictive than other roads in our area. Despite being told that we could change the parking conditions if we didn't like them, the council seems to be totally unwilling to listen to repeated requests to do so.
14) Resident, Comment	Why not extend the pay an display time to the evenings and over night to allow people visiting the hositipal , Local schools, like abbey / kendrick Reading etc and ST lukes church and hall some where to legally park. The majority of park and display places are empty in the evening and Weekends so it would not affect residents needing parking spaces. I see no need to make the North side of Allcroft road no parking on Sundays, as few is any one parks there and it they do it slows down the cars racing at up to 70 mph along the roads so that good is it not?