

QUALITATIVE COMMENTS FROM RESPONSES

Area One

Comment	Note
Try permits required for 10a.m. to 11a.m. only.	
Dangerous parking e.g. on corners	Many instances.
Dangerous parking e.g. blocking dropped kerbs	
Access problems for large vehicles inc. fire, ambulance, refuse, street sweeping.	Several instances.
Adopt same solution as for Winston Close.	More than two instances.
Concerned about displacement if restrictions elsewhere.	More than two instances.
(Prevent) pavement parking.	
Knock on effect of restrictions in Winston Close.	
Try parking restrictions for a short period in the morning and afternoon.	
Issue is not resident or non-resident. It's bad, inconsiderate, sometimes dangerous parking.	
Blocking of driveways	Many instances.
Yellow lines ignored.	Several instances
Enforce existing restrictions	
Sightlines difficult due to vans and industrial vehicles.	
Dangerous to cross road due to parking.	
Lowering of property values.	
Yellow lines needed at the top of Westfield Close and the junction of Westfield Lane and Grays Lane.	
Yellow lines needed at junction of Walsh Close and Grays Lane.	
Deliveries difficult.	
Estate agents advising buyers of houses in other streets that it's OK to park in West Hill and Grays Lane.	
Make West Mill a permit area allowing Old Park Road residents to park there. Might encourage town centre workers to use public transport reducing their carbon footprints.	
More parking pressure and additional traffic, some commercial, caused by Cheshire Homes,	
Developments on Brookers site and Old Park Road will add to problems during and after construction.	Two (2) instances.
Car parking in Grays Lane has greatly increased since the closure of the car park in Charlton Road.	
Why can't those working at the Priory park at the Priory?	
Introduce a 20mph speed restriction in Grays Lane.	
Town centre parking for workers needs to be rethought.	
Being an expensive and desirable area I do not expect to be living in a car park.	
P.S. The storm drains in West Hill are blocked on both sides.	
Pedestrian access to path between Grays Lane and Weston Close (Braunds Alley) is blocked causing particular problems for wheelchair users from the Leonard Cheshire home and for push chairs.	
NHDC should offer free parking in their car parks for up to two hours.	
Large builders' truck frequently parked across West Hill pavement.	
What can't Waitrose staff use Waitrose car park?	
Would not be happy paying for resident parking. Any resident permits must be free.	
As many as 80 vehicles an hour going up and down West Hill since the Cheshire Home was built. Many exceed 30mph.	

Speeding.	More than two instances
Due to the parking of 50 to 60 cars each side of West Hill all the wear is in the middle. Road sweeper cannot reach the edges and several drains have been blocked for years.	
So many extensions have been approved that West Hill is cluttered with builders' vans and lorries at all times.	
Some residents don't use their drives leaving West Hill even more congested.	
People parking in the private allocated parking spaces allocated to the flats in Walsh Close.	
Damage caused to residents' cars.	

Area Two

Comment	Note
Mon-Fri: Parking for railway station. Sat: Town centre shoppers. Sun: Church goers.	
Problems caused by York Road nursery.	Many instances.
Relocate York Road nursery.	
(Stop) Pavement parking.	Several instances.
Allow pavement parking as they do in Cambridge.	
Wheelchair pathway blocked. Cars blocking corners where wheelchairs and buggies need to go.	
Lots of households have several cars.	Several instances.
Parking permits should be limited to one permit per residence.	
People being blocked in. Drives blocked.	More than two instances.
Need CCTV as a matter of urgency in Bunyan Road.	
Double yellow line restrictions are rather frustrating.	
Following recent resurfacing the parking bay was shortened to just three spaces.	
Driver behaviour is more of an issue than whether they are resident or not.	Several instances.
Historic parking restrictions should be lifted and the space utilised as permit parking for residents (Ickleford Road).	
Absolutely no problem with non-residents parking in our area.	
Many of the problems are caused by residents. Question should have highlighted "non-resident."	
Ask the warden not to use this road as his parking space.	
There is no reason why parking should not be allowed on both sides of Ickleford Road.	
Enormous trucks thundering down the road causing our houses to shake.	
We think the roads need a one way system.	
Don't make any part of Bearton Road one way. Since the installation of a sign banning lorries over 7.5 tonnes the road is much quieter.	
Frequent use of Bearton Road by vehicles in excess of the weight limit.	
Some households have three cars. Price for permits for second and third cars (per household) should be much higher.	
Parking on double yellow lines.	
Current restrictions need to be enforced.	Several instances.
NOT prepared to pay for permit parking.	Many instances.
Corner parking.	Several instances.
Terrible parking skills of those with 4 x 4s.	
Dreadful parking around school pick ups and drop offs.	
Corner parking - Difficult getting out of St. Marks Close onto Lancaster Avenue.	

Corner parking – Bearton Avenue / Lancaster Avenue / Lancaster Road.	
Commuters pushed onto our road by permits elsewhere.	
Parking can be an issue when there is a football match.	
Parking can be an issue during times of religious festivals or funfairs.	
A couple of residents are buying and selling cars. This takes up parking space which could be used by others.	
Speeding.	Many instances.
Too many cars.	Several instances.
Parking on both sides of Ickleford Road would calm traffic speeds.	Two (2) instances.
Parking on both sides of Ickleford Road in the evenings makes visibility difficult for drivers.	
New sports facilities at Hitchin Boys School have added to pressures.	
People using the swimming pool and sports centre occasionally park on my drive.	
In our view if a car is taxed it is legally entitled to park on a public road. Some residents are obsessed with wanting to park outside their houses. That's selfish.	Two (2) instances.
Parking outside people's flats or houses is almost a basic human right.	
Increased parking costs at the station have pushed cars into Baliol Road.	
We have a young family and often have a lot to carry.	
Increased parking costs in the town centre may have pushed cars into my road.	
Convert green space near police station into resident only parking for about 20 cars.	Two (2) instances.
Selling off spare spaces on a first come first served basis would be completely immoral.	
What parking space there is in Fishponds Road is not safe overnight.	
Not being able to park outside our house is a side-effect in living in the town centre. We knew that when we moved here.	
Doesn't the Highway Code apply to people with disabled stickers?	
Pot holes and other road defects are being left or at best cheaply resurfaced.	Two (2) instances.
New properties being built in Water Lane will add to pressure on parking (resident parking).	
I propose a parking permit scheme which is road specific.	
Other residents are not completing this survey as they don't want NHDC to charge for residents' only parking.	
Bad parking by builders' vans in Grove Road. Volume, grass areas, verges, litter.	
Charging for town centre parking in the evenings and on Sundays is a very poor idea.	
Difficult to get out of garage due to parking both sides of driveway and on the opposite side of the road. Suggest parking on one side only and mark the driveways.	
At night the streets are parked solidly.	
Get ride of parking wardens in town centre. Save money and better they weren't there.	

Area 3 (Zone F)

Comment	Note
Never been a parking problem in our street.	Many instances.
Restrictions would inconvenience those with visitors and cost more.	Many instances
No need to extend parking permit.	Two (2) instances.

Extension would be a waste of Council Tax.	
Enforce what already exists before considering any extensions.	Several instances
Enforce at weekends e.g. corner of St. Anne's Road	
Stop people parking on yellow lines in the evenings at Florence / Nightingale junction.	
Permit system is over priced.	
Unfair that residents living in these areas should have to pay for a permit.	
Seems to be a money making scheme for the Council.	Several instances
Kings Road residents mostly own more than one car per household.	
A lot of properties have been converted to flats – hence use of more spaces.	
Survey Kings Road from about 9p.m. Totally jammed pack thus not commuters or shoppers.	
Wrong to charge a 80 year old to park outside a home he has lived in for over 46 years.	
Helpful if there was no two hour parking.	
Council has put parking spaces too close to Kings / Nightingale junction.	
It seems you can now park on double yellow lines in Nightingale Road to go to launderette and pick up your dinner. How about some enforcement?	
Survey area is too big. Problems may only exist in parts of an area.	
Need better enforcement of double yellows at "Papa Johns" end of Florence Street.	
Would be interested to know how many requests for an extension have been received and what proportion that is of the total number of permits issued.	
I look forward to seeing the results of the survey.	
Cars going the wrong way down Dacre Road.	
People park on Fridays and go away for the weekend.	
Visitor permits are being used by commuters. Some are selling on permits.	Two (2) instances.
Wants permits extended to Sundays as well as Saturdays.	
Wants permits extended to 24 hours every day due to drivers parking all night when visiting pubs, etc.	Two (2) instances.
People constantly park over my drive. Blocked drives.	Several instances.
Why wasn't I sent a survey asking about selling resident spaces to commuters.	
Concerned about displacement.	
Corner parking – difficult for emergency vehicles to access Alexandra Road.	
Corner parking – Dacre Road / Walsworth Road. Also advert boards blocking visibility.	
Is NHDC prepared to issue free books of weekend permits for family and friends?	
Parking is not a problem in Convent Close. No enforcement has been carried out since 5 th September.	
Survey should only take account of the views of the residents who pay for permits.	
Yes but only on the basis that it will not cost me any more.	
Could the heavy evening parking be a side effect of the huge developments of apartments and houses in the Triangle? This is a planning issue.	
Would be helpful if the permit was valid in the one hour zone.	

Area 4 (Zone E)

Comment	Note
No issues with Saturday parking as it is.	Fifteen (15) instances.
Weekend visitor parking will cost more (and be inconvenient).	Twelve (12) instances.
This on top of the recent large increases for permit parking to have to pay for visitor permits at the weekends is exorbitant.	
Money making exercise for the Council.	Two (2) instances.
NHDC would have to issue free books of weekend permits for family and friends.	
The increase in town centre parking charges may have exacerbated the issue.	
Any Saturday parking controls should cover all of the zone area to avoid shunting the problem between streets.	
Ibberson Way does not seem to be monitored by traffic wardens.	
I do not understand the problem. Most people here have driveways / garages / off road parking.	
What about all the expense of changing signs, etc?	
Permits should not be sold to non-residents. That would return us to the unacceptable situation before the zone.	Three (3) instances.
The 10-11 and 4-5 restrictions can be a real nuisance.	
Please reply (to my comments)	
Resident and visitor charges have risen above the rate of inflation.	
Additional weekend charges should not be made in the Hitchin car parks.	
The most significant issue is congestion for residents at school drop off / pick up time.	
Circular is very short on analysis of the possible case or the implications.	
How will the extra costs be covered?	
The Avenue should have speed bumps.	
Constant overspill parking from Radcliffe pub – we want 24/7 parking restrictions.	
If the Council gave us a free yearly visitors parking permit then we would love to have extended parking controls.	
Zone is too big. We are near the station and people from the other end of the zone are using permits to park outside our house. Make Benslow Rise a separate zone.	