

Titchmarsh Close – Royston – Parking Consultation

Consultation leaflets were hand delivered on 23rd July 2013 with a return date of 9th August 2013 to the 10 properties together with the 12 flats recently built at the end of the road which has its own private car park with allocated parking for each flat and several visitor spaces.

The main development of houses were built some 10 years ago after the restriction in adjacent roads was implemented. The restriction in surrounding roads is that of a permit scheme 10.00 to 11.00am and 4.00pm to 5.00pm and has capacity during the day down the length of Gower Road. The options given were to extend this permit scheme to include Titchmarsh Close or do nothing.

Site visits were carried out during the day, but difficult to ascertain if it is residents or a non-residents parking issue. Site visits showed that no more than 2 or 3 cars were observed parking on street or in the one lay-by.

Of the four houses that front Titchmarsh Close, each property has a garage and driveway for 2 cars together with a small lay-by which could accommodate 4/5 cars. The remaining houses in Titchmarsh Close are in a cul-de-sac type close which does not form part of the highway and is designated as private. Within this private road are 3 lay-bys in addition to the garages and off street parking available to each property. The car park for the flats had 5 cars parked in allocated spaces, all the visitors spaces were empty.

Only 4 responses were received. Options were:

Parking Issue – Yes = 3
No = 1

Residents = 0
Non-residents = 2 1 – no option ticked
Both = 1

Do Nothing = 1
Permit parking = 3

With such a limited response (18%) and few comments received, together with on site observations it is difficult to recommend that any parking issue exists during the day, but there maybe a residents parking issue in the evening.

All the houses appear to have adequate parking for each property and the lay-bys provide adequate parking for visitors. The issue maybe that the flats have inadequate parking as only one space allocated per flat and 6 visitors spaces. If each flat has two cars then this overflow of parking would migrate into the lay-bys in Titchmarsh Close. However, as the issue of evening parking did not form part of this consultation or the current permit restriction and that no responses were received to highlight this issue.

Comments

Only 2 comments were received

- Road regularly used as car park for people using the train or locals from Gower Road, Serly Ave as they don't have to buy parking permits.
- Numbers 3 to 8 are located in private parking area and is sufficient parking for us. If you extend the controlled parking zone at the entrance of our private parking area it will obstruct visibility of in-out coming traffic. Also will be difficult for large vehicles.

Conclusion and Recommendation

With such a limited response and officer observations from site visits, it is recommended **not to proceed** with the inclusion of Titchmarsh Close to the existing permit scheme at this time. The parking review for Royston is due during the 2014/15 financial year and should any further issues be highlighted to the Council by residents prior to the review for Royston, then this could be investigated as part of the review.

It should be noted that had the responses from residents shown a different conclusion, then funding and resources would need to be found to progress the extension of the scheme as not currently within the work programme for 2013/14.