

Appendix 1(iii) - Detailed Responses - Mildmay Road (Restriction of Waiting).

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1		<p>I would like to formally complain about the proposed parking restrictions that are in consultation on Mildmay road ref: TPE/03/22-2F.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions do not take into account on how the parking that is required will be substituted. The parking proposed will also place unnecessary limitation on residents in the area.</p> <p>As a resident I cannot understand firstly why this is being proposed as the first reason was access to the bus route, this is a route that only has 1 stop per direction on this road and as most of the traffic issues are caused by the bus company themselves by both arriving at the same time on this area of road. Buses are no wider than an HGV truck's and only slightly wider than any van and both seem to manage navigating Mildmay road without issue.</p> <p>The proposed plan also places undue stress on residents that park on this road that do not fall into the 9 till 5 working pattern or those that work nights or work from home. All of the mentioned could be financially penalised if they were to park in their normal parking areas. A good example is actually the residents that delivery to the NHS that live opposite in numbers xxx-xxx, these do not have the space in their crescent to park their vans, so they have to utilise the spaces on Mildmay road for quick access and an area that is relatively open and secure. Other options to aid congestion in this area have not been proposed and as Stevenage was built without thought to the number of vehicles that would be on the road, parking spaces are currently becoming more sought after and reducing the number of areas to park again will bring unnecessary suffering to the local area. As with all areas, the amount of parking required will increase as children living at home grow up and add additional cars to the households.</p> <p>Other options to aid traffic are listed below and I feel that the consideration of these would be a better option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise unused space in the school to provide parking for the parents. • Introduce additional side on parking by converting the grass land along the proposed routes, this would mean felling some trees, but they could be replaced by replanting elsewhere or introducing new planted areas in the area. • Ask the bus company to consider the timings of the bus routes to prevent congestion in the area. A simple 10-15 minutes after school has closed and when the parents have vacated, likewise arrive prior to school starting. • The school could also re-introduce the walking bus from the oval where parking is a plenty and there is a safe route that does not need to crossroads with children.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out notices to the parents regarding considerate parking if required. • Patrol the area more frequently with traffic wardens to ensure that the parking is in line with the requirements. • Also, the other option if none of the above could be introduced would be to reconsider where the lines will be placed, as the school already has yellow zig zag lines adjacent to it than any lines would be better placed on the same side as not only would be better from a vantage point of the drivers but it would also keep a continuous side of the road free from parking, thus keeping the opposite side where residents park free from restrictions. <p>As seen, there are better options that could be considered prior to making life harder for the residents of this community. Please consider the other options that have been proposed.</p>
2		<p>We Formally object to your proposals 26th January 2023 for the following reasons,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposal has not addressed the most dangerous part of the road on the bend over the subway at the western end of the road. This proposal will displace parking from the restricted area and encourage parking at peak times on the bend, as barriers and shrubs border this area it will lead to children entering the vehicles from the road causing danger and impeding the flow of traffic in both directions. I suggest you contact the bus company to have a better understanding of the dangers of parking in that area. 2. Please confirm that the original proposal for double yellow lines has been negated as these still appear on the plan marked as “previously proposed” and is unclear if this is to proceed.
3		<p>I note that the latest proposal (26th January) has removed the proposed double yellow lines in the region where the road passes over the subway. I consider this to be potentially unsafe as there is a bend in the road at that point and clear visibility is required when driving up the road from the Vardon Road junction to safely pass vehicles parked on the left of the road. With the new double yellow lines further up the road it is clear that motorists will take any opportunity to park where they can, such that the area above the underpass is likely to become a temporary chicane, making progress difficult for other vehicles, particularly buses, to get through, and obscuring the necessary sightlines to ensure safety.</p>

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		Could these lines be reinstated at least on one side of the road, although preferably on both?
4		<p>I would like you to consider a couple of things please.</p> <p>The school keep clear area isn't as large as you say it currently is (on the map given) and if it is it isn't enforced as parents park all along on the school side between my turning and the school drive entrance. People park on the other side meaning it's single file traffic and a nightmare for buses, cars and trying to get out of the side roads. Can the single line be on both sides of the road by the school to ensure it is kept free?</p> <p>Can you please put double yellow lines on all turning entrances to ensure that the drop kerb of the path is kept free for wheelchairs and prams? This would be great not just for Mildmay but all side roads. It isn't easy or safe to get around in a wheelchair.</p> <p>Also, when you enter Mildmay Rd from Verity Way after the first turning on either side there is an underpass. Please can you put double yellows on the right side, so you are able to see to overtake parked cars parked on the left. Where the road bends naturally if people park on the right it isn't as easy to see around and pass safely.</p> <p>I don't want too many double yellows as it will make parking more difficult. I just want the road to be safer for all users, pedestrian and vehicle.</p>
5		<p>Further to your amended proposal I feel that it is a clear issue during the times 08:30-09:30 and 14:45-15:45</p> <p>I have been a resident since xxxx and have seen traffic calming measures introduced and double yellow lines as well as an increase in the number of vehicles coming through.</p> <p>Although I am in favour of the new proposals, I feel that it still will not deter parents of children from parking on single yellow lines.</p> <p>There is generally no care where parents park, and they do not observe No parking signs which are on many residents' garages/ gates. Furthermore, residents have had to resort to placing their dustbins in front of their drives/garages in order for parents not to park. This is time consuming for residents, but I understand their frustration.</p>

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		<p>I believe this has become another way of penalising residents in terms of parking rather than solving a long-standing problem of parents parking illegally without due care of residents and pedestrians. Please see attached photo of a car which has parked in front of my drive. You can clearly see that it is a dropped curb! However, the driver of this vehicle has no care and responsibility where he parks. He is clearly causing an obstruction in front of my drive and the other residents who have parked in front of their garages. If they needed to get out, it would be almost impossible and dangerous as they would need several attempts. Some of our residents are elderly who still drive.</p> <p>I feel once again the residents are being let down and not listened to by the Highways agency and also SBC.</p>
6		<p>I would like to know if a decision has been made regarding the above parking consultation and if not do you know when it will happen.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>