

Dear Mel,

Thank you for your attachment regarding the parking consultation currently underway on a number of roads across our District. The purpose of a consultation is to seek views, both for or against, to parking restrictions that have been proposed and we therefore welcome the thoughts of Thatcham TC to these proposed measures.

If the proposals are approved then permits could not be issued for free (if residents opted into the scheme). This is in line with our policy across the district and is the same process for the restrictions already in place on Stoney Lane. We only issue a maximum of two permits per household (to those who meet our criteria). Residents with off-street parking available are not eligible for a permit. The 'Permit Holder Only' restriction has been proposed because the majority of residents of Kennet Close and 2-16 Hartmead Road and the layby on Stoney Lane have no off-street parking space. During school term time they report that they have considerable problems parking near their homes. That is why the proposals would only apply Mon-Fri during the day. Unrestricted space would remain on Hartmead Road and Stoney Lane for those residents who do not want to have a permit, if the final scheme is approved.

This public consultation period ends on 29 August and at that point we will consider and investigate all comments received to determine whether the proposals should be amended or omitted from the final scheme, or whether they justify introduction without amendment. The objections will be included in a formal Individual Decision report for consideration by the Executive Member responsible for Highways and once a final decision has been made I will contact all respondents to let them know the outcome. I would not anticipate being in this position until November at the very earliest.

In the meantime thank you for responding to this consultation.

Regards

Alex Drysdale
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Traffic and Road Safety

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WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING, PARKING PLACES AND RESIDENTS PARKING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.30) ORDER 201[]

Ref: **006685MS**

Closing date for objections: **29 August 2019**

If you wish to object to the proposals, please do so in the space below stating your grounds for objection. This form can also be used to indicate your support or for providing comments in relation to the parking proposals

Please also provide your name and address / email, so that we can respond to your objection and inform you of the final decision.

NAME: Thatcham Town Council
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COMMENT:

In response to proposals for AW73 Stoney Lane area & Chapel Street, and AV74 Nideggan Close & Church Gate:

Thatcham Town Council requests that West Berkshire Council resists charging residents for parking permits and limits the number of permits per household.

Thatcham Town Council requests that the proposals for the Stoney Lane area be assessed in conjunction with the proposals to introduce parking charges at Kennet Leisure Centre, to ensure the impact of both proposals can be properly assessed in unison.

Thatcham Town Council requests clarification on the rationale of proposals to introduce permit holders only parking in Stoney Lane and Hartmead Road.

Mel Alexander
Town Clerk
on behalf of Thatcham Town Council

Please either email this form back to the department managing this scheme trafficandroadsafety@westberks.gov.uk or post the form to:

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