

Appendix

Summary of Comments and Objections **Bersted Elbridge Avenue Parking Restrictions**

Objections to Proposed Restrictions:

Comments
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: The first roundabout heading into the new estate does not need restrictions on it, only the second roundabout and junctions need double yellow lines. Restricting parking on the first roundabout will significantly affect the availability of parking for residents as cars and delivery drivers will move from there to outside other homes, leading to new complaints. Complaints about parking have never been in relation to the first roundabout. Cars parking at this location cause no issues for access as traffic can easily pass.</p> <p>Removing the parking will cause a nightmare as garages are too small for many residents' cars leaving them with nowhere else to park.</p> <p>The paved area surrounding the roundabout is wide enough to accommodate parked cars while still leaving plenty of room for pedestrians including wheelchair users and pushchairs to pass by safely.</p>
<p>Resident of Crossfields: Unless more parking is planned there is no reason to remove parking from the roundabouts. This will move problems elsewhere. There is not enough parking allocated to new build housing and this causes the problems in the first place, removing what parking there is will worsen the problem somewhere else.</p>
<p>Resident of Crossfields: There is not enough parking for each house as it is. Reducing parking on the roundabouts will move problems to other areas. People with young children will be forced to park too far from their homes causing danger to their children. The area needs more parking, not less.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Presently parks on the first roundabout which is a perfect space as there is plenty of room for pedestrians to pass and does not intrude on anyone else's house. Emergency vehicles and lorries can easily get past. Has never had any complaints about parking in this location as neighbours do it too and the arrangement suits everyone. There is no need to install lines at this location.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Restrictions will increase problems caused by lack of available parking in the area.</p> <p>At planning stage the council agreed that parking availability was acceptable but houses all have more than one car and parking provision is not sufficient.</p> <p>The biggest issue on the roundabouts was that people drove round them the wrong way but signage has now been installed to help, to limited effect. Traffic speeds generally are also too high and having pavements at the same level as roads is also dangerous to pedestrians as vehicles drive over the pavement due to the lack of kerbs.</p> <p>It would be better to spend money on speed management and installing kerbs, rather than restrictions that will have no benefit to residents.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Estate does not have enough parking for its residents and restrictions are proposed where there has not been a problem.</p> <p>Each house has one parking space whereas most houses have at least 2 cars. Neighbours have 4 cars.</p> <p>Proposed restrictions will cause utter chaos, causing unnecessary grief to residents who simply want to park their cars.</p>

<p>A study should be carried out to determine how many cars would be displaced by this and compare the needs of all residents versus the few who are unhappy about current arrangements.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: No thought has been given to where restricted vehicles will go. Proposal does not consider the broader issue of a lack of parking on the estate. Respondent lives in a 4 bedroom house which only has one parking space and bought the house on the understanding that there were plenty of places to park.</p> <p>Parking on the roundabout does not cause problems but poor driving does, the roads would be better with a 20mph speed limit and developers should be asked to provide further parking and restrict commercial vehicles.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Parking in the area is very limited and restrictions could move parking to less suitable locations. Residents should have the right to park near their homes as long as it is sensibly done. Moving cars further from homes could increase car crime and things like shopping will become more of a task. Enforcing restrictions will be a financial burden on the council and may affect house prices.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: The first roundabout has never had issues where parking affects access, even for larger vehicles. Nearby properties have nowhere else to park. This needs a more in depth solution to prevent the problem moving to smaller side roads, causing more disputes.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: The area around the roundabout has dropped kerbs and has plenty of room for vehicles to park safely, leaving plenty of room for pedestrians.</p> <p>If restrictions are put in, residents will have to park in other roads, causing congestion and taking up spaces needed by other households.</p> <p>This will also affect visitors, eg. elderly people visiting local families will have to park further away causing potential stress and injury.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Area around the roundabout has a dropped kerb throughout and lends itself to parking safely and easily without obstructing bin lorries etc.</p> <p>There is a lack of parking on the estate. Garages are small so when a car is parked inside you can't open the doors.</p> <p>Restrictions would affect vulnerable residents by moving congestion to other roads and making deliveries there more difficult. Some people will not be able to access their homes if they have to park further away.</p> <p>On a number of occasions respondent has been unable to park within 10 metres of their house and this will be worse if restrictions are installed. 20 cars will need alternative parking causing congestion elsewhere.</p> <p>The houses round the roundabout are 4 bedroom homes which, when sold are likely to appeal to families with teenagers who are likely to want to learn to drive. Restricting parking will make these houses less saleable and affect their value.</p> <p>Moving parking to narrower roads will prevent larger vehicles gaining access, causing safety problems for the emergency services.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Vehicles have regularly parked on the off road area surrounding the roundabout for the last 7 years without causing obstruction or affecting sight lines.</p> <p>Respondent has 2 elderly parents with limited mobility who can presently gain easy access to their home from a car parked on this area. If using the allocated space at the rear of the property they would have to walk 25m to the rear door and negotiate steps.</p> <p>Houses on the roundabout have 4 bedrooms but only have one parking space. As there are increasing numbers of driving age children living at home because they cannot afford to move out these houses could each easily have 2/4 cars. The restriction will likely result in dangerous/obstructive parking on other narrow estate roads.</p> <p>Parked cars on Elbridge Avenue slow speeding traffic so removing parking will result in higher speeds.</p>

<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Has parked at the affected location for 5 years without an issue and is concerned restrictions will make problems worse unless alternative parking areas are provided.</p> <p>Respondent has a toddler and a baby to transfer from house to car several times each day and this is not easy or safe if having to park several streets away, especially at night.</p> <p>Restrictions will also affect the value of properties.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Council should have a responsibility to provide areas to park. The first roundabout is clearly designated for parking as the area is partitioned from the footway by bollards. There is no reason to change this.</p> <p>Residents will park on other grass areas and obstructing narrow estate roads.</p> <p>Negatives of the scheme should be considered before a knee jerk reaction is made.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Have 2 cars in their household and only one parking space. There is nowhere else to park near respondent's house. People should not park directly on the roundabouts themselves but restricting the spaces behind is unnecessary. Developers and planners should provide adequate parking and it is unfair to expect residents to now face fines for parking sensibly in their estate.</p> <p>Proposed restriction is overkill, preventing parking directly on the roundabout is a good idea but preventing residents who have paid good money for their properties and work for a living from parking near their homes is not acceptable.</p>
<p>Resident of Pennicott Road: Restrictions would make sense but due to the layout of the estate objects to the proposal.</p> <p>Currently 30-40 cars park on the restricted area and will need to move to other parts of the estate where parking is already at a premium.</p> <p>Cars will move to side roads, these have no footpaths so parked cars will increase the chance of accidents with children playing or pedestrians. Residents will leave their houses directly into a road with a large number of parked cars and increased traffic.</p> <p>Parking on verges is already a problem and fences have been erected making roads very narrow. Additional parking will make it difficult for cars to pass and emergency vehicles may not gain access at all.</p> <p>A number of surrounding roads are not being adopted, with maintenance being residents' responsibility. Parking may move to these roads, incurring additional maintenance costs.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: When returning from shift work finding a parking space is difficult so respondent often parks on the roundabout outside the houses. Everyone parking there is considerate, ensuring vehicles and pedestrians can pass.</p> <p>Houses here have 4 bedrooms but only a single parking space. A neighbour has 4 adults living in the house with 4 cars to find spaces for and parking provision is completely inadequate.</p> <p>The parked cars do not cause congestion and most parking occurs in the evenings when no large vehicles need access anyway. Complaints originate from neighbours who only have one vehicle. Council should address the parking situation and provide parking.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: Most affected houses have 4-5 bedrooms and only one parking space. When the houses were sold, buyers were told the spaces on the first roundabout were bay parking, with a footway behind. This is the impression given by the paving too. Parking in this area causes no problems to traffic. Restrictions proposed on other junctions nearby are too long.</p> <p>Restrictions should be scaled back to the approach of the roundabout, not the parking area. Parking should be removed from the second roundabout as this is narrow.</p> <p>Installing the TRO will reduce saleability and push parked vehicles further into the estate, causing problems elsewhere.</p>
<p>Resident of Elbridge Avenue: On the first roundabout there is space to park off the road without blocking traffic or pedestrians. Yellow lines should not be installed there as it is a</p>

sensible place to park.

Respondent has 4 adults living in the house each has a car and there is very little parking available. Restrictions will move parking to side roads where parking will cause access difficulties. Second roundabout may need restrictions but the first one should be left as it is.

Resident of Elbridge Avenue: There is not enough available parking on the estate and restricting the roundabout will make this worse.

Respondent has no driveway and 2 young children. Restrictions would force them to park a considerable distance away and may need them to cross a busy road to get to their home. This is a massive safety issue.

In 5 years has never seen obstruction to refuse lorries or deliveries.

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Parking on the estate is already difficult and restrictions will make this worse.

If restrictions are needed, alternative parking must be provided.

By reducing parking there will be an abandonment of the area and reduction in house prices.

With high council tax people will no longer be willing to move to the area. The estate should be made as accessible as possible.