

Petition : Resident Only Parking - Albert Street and Southend Close

We, the undersigned tenants of Albert Street, Southend Close Sheltered Housing Scheme and Inns Close are very concerned that we will be denied parking rights when the new Parking restrictions in High Street are introduced. Other roads are already covered by restrictions such as Pound Avenue, Letchmore Road and soon Sish Lane. There is no logic in the steps outlined because although we are O.A.P.'s some of us have cars and many of us require visits from family, carers and very often doctors and/or ambulances, therefore we do need restrictions to ensure that we have, at all times, room for emergency callers, etc.

We therefore request that some form of 'resident Only Parking' be introduced to both Albert Street and Southend Close.

The number of signatures : 55

The date it was received : 6th July 2010

The date we will respond by : 20th July 2010

Response to Petition (19 July 2010)

This petition was considered by Peter Bandy, Strategic Director (Environment) who consulted with John Gardner, Executive Member with responsibility for Environment and Regeneration.

In considering this petition the Strategic Director and Executive Member were also mindful that concerns regarding the impact on neighbouring streets since the introduction of the parking scheme had also been raised at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting and subsequently at the Old Town, Symonds Green and Woodfield Action Team meeting on 8th July 2010 and as a result the Action Team were submitting a reference to the Executive Meeting on 28th July 2010.

They were also aware that new schemes of this nature have an average 3 to 6 month settling in period during which parking trends were likely to change, that the Council was constantly monitoring the scheme and that the Council had been looking at ways of reducing the impact on vulnerable residents. The Council would continue to monitor the impact of the new parking restrictions in the Old Town and investigate the provision of some form of residents parking scheme in Albert Street and Southend Close.

Update following the Executive on 28th July 2010

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Environment informed the Executive that he had recently received a Petition from residents of Albert Street and Southend Close regarding problems they had experienced as a result of the Scheme.

Councillor Margaret Notley, the Chair of the Old Town, Symonds Green & Woodfield Action Team was in attendance and informed the Executive that particular aspects of the Scheme had been very successful but there were also some concerns that needed to be addressed in advance of the formal review after a year.

The Executive RESOLVED:

1. That concerning the Old Town Parking Scheme, where problems have been identified, they be addressed in advance of the formal review of the scheme planned for next year.
2. That the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration write to the County Council to recommend a pilot scheme using its discretionary powers to issue blue badges to Carer organisations.
3. That it be noted that the parking situation in the Old Town has considerably improved since the introduction of the Scheme and there has been a great deal of positive feedback.