

Appendix 1 (i)

Formal consultation responses - proposed parking controls in Boswell Gardens and Foster Close

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1	<p>We have just read the notice on the lamp post concerning the proposed yellow lines in our road.</p> <p>We wish to reiterate our previous objections as a single yellow line will prohibit our visitors from parking from 9 am to 5pm as our drive area is small.</p> <p>The proposed yellow line going across in front of our property would even prohibit an overflow from our own drive. This is an imposition.</p> <p>It will also create a problem when trades people need time to do work at our property.</p> <p>We have lived here for 30 years and have never had any trouble from people parking and have never felt it to be a hazard.</p> <p>We hope you can take our concerns into account when making your final decision.</p>
2	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 10.2.2022. I would like to make a formal objection to your parking proposals.</p> <p>The proposed extension of single and double yellow lines in Foster Close and Boswell Gardens does not make sufficient allowance for the occasional street parking needs of residents, the lack of alternative street or public parking nearby, or the very specific nature of the parking problems in these two streets.</p> <p>At present there is available street parking for around a dozen cars in these two streets. As you have clearly recognised, most houses have sufficient parking on their own driveways for everyday needs. On occasion slipover space is needed. Because of heavy use by non-residents, the street spaces available under your new plan would not be sufficient, and there is no nearby alternative.</p> <p>The current congestion, and obstructions, are caused entirely by people parking to work at Lister Hospital. In Foster Close and Boswell Gardens they can park free of charge, whereas if using spaces provided by the Lister they have to pay. I have some sympathy with them, but the fact remains that local residents are not causing parking problems, nor are they likely to.</p> <p>May I suggest a modest revision to your plans?</p> <p>Most of the two roads can indeed be single and double yellow lined as you suggest. But a number of bays can be designated paid-for parking permit spaces for residents. This would give residents the flexibility we occasionally need, while moving the troublesome commuter traffic back to its official car parking. The sale of scratchcard permits would give the council some revenue.</p> <p>This system created huge improvement in Grove Road in the Old Town, which had similar, but rather more severe, problems.</p> <p>The siting of these bays could be decided after consultation with your refuse collection teams, who suffer under the current arrangement.</p> <p>Many thanks for your consideration.</p>

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3	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 10th February 2022, re the above.</p> <p>We have since spoken via telephone about the single yellow line to be painted</p> <p>Please could the single yellow line stop at the point indicated in RED on the kerb in the below photograph. This would allow us to park our vehicle on the road across the entrance to our driveway without impeding on our neighbours entrance/exit to their driveway.</p> <p>Many thanks for listening to our concerns and for your suggestions.</p>
4	<p>I would like to register my objection to the proposals that have been suggested. The principal objection is that there is no apparent need for them. The roads in question are not accident black spots and the only repeat issues that there have been in the last years have been during one period and we're a consequence of building contractors parking on double yellow lines on both corners of the Foster Close/Boswell Gardens junction and generally inconsiderately over the course of a few weeks. This would have been easily resolved had traffic wardens periodically visited the estate and the proposals in themselves would have been unlikely to resolve this. The proposed lines will restrict the ability for residents to be able to relocate cars to on days when (for example) repairs need to be carried out to their premises or they have visitors. Having parking restrictions as described would therefore have an adverse effect on the amenity of the area for residents.</p> <p>If there is an issue in terms of parking blocking the road and/or making it unsafe (which as per my comments above I am not convinced about), then the proposals will in any case only resolve this in the proposed operation hours. On that basis, should the decision be made in favour of the changes then any restrictions should apply 24 hours a day to be effective.</p> <p>It is not clear from the proposal what the level of the support from the residents was from the informal consultation (ie number for/number against) and how many non-responses there were. This is likely to give an indication of how urgent the issue is - if there is really an issue, one would expect a high number of positive responses in favour of it.</p>
5	<p>We are writing to formally object to some or part of the proposals for Boswell Gardens and Foster Close, Stevenage.</p> <p>The proposed double yellow lines on the curve in the drawings is a good idea to not to obscure drivers' sightlines.</p> <p>These single yellow line restrictions that are present in both the streets above have been in place for a number of years.</p> <p>Our main concern is that we need some unrestricted parking spaces on Foster Close for visitors and/or tradespeople.</p> <p>The unrestricted parking spaces that are on the corner of Boswell Gardens leading to Foster Close is always taken up by 2 White cars that belong to 30 Boswell Gardens that cause the main obstruction for emergency refuse collection vehicles.</p> <p>Number 30 Boswell Gardens have 1 parking space on their driveway but, they always keep that empty for their visitors. This causes the major obstruction for vehicles leaving and entering Foster Close.</p> <p>There must be double yellow lines on both sides at the end of Boswell Gardens leading to Foster Close to have unrestricted access to our road without having to always manoeuvre away from the parked cars on the corner as mentioned above.</p>

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	<p>We are all fully aware that staff working at Lister hospital regularly park on these roads. Both these roads are virtually empty over the weekends, but for the 2 white cars belonging to 30 Boswell Gardens.</p> <p>The council has to come up with a different solution to the one currently proposing.</p> <p>Once again, we formally reject the Stevenage Borough Council's proposal of limiting parking spaces for residents' visitors. In addition, the corner of Boswell Gardens leading to Foster Close must be officially vacated for obstructions of all vehicles.</p> <p>We would like to have an official meeting with yourself and/or Zayd Al Jawad to raise our concerns.</p>

Survey responses - suggested parking controls in Boswell Gardens and Foster Close

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1	For safety reasons, the proposed single yellow line outside the driveway of Number 31 Boswell Gardens should be swapped to the opposite side of the road i.e. outside Number 30 Boswell Gardens down to Foster Close. This would allow all vehicles to safely exit the Foster Close junction and enter Boswell Gardens on the correct side of the road. Placing the yellow lines outside number 30 Boswell Gardens down to Foster Close would also allow residents to safely access/exit their driveways.
2	I agree with the suggested parking controls
3	I agree with the suggested parking controls
4	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls. I live alone at No and certainly would not want double yellow lines put further along by my driveway. The restricted parking is fine as my friends and family call knowingly that 10-11 and 2-3pm are times to avoid.</p> <p>I particularly agree with area I've highlighted in blue as traffic goes down Boswell Gardens quite quickly and at present is faced with parked vehicles close to the bend!</p>
5	I agree with the suggested parking controls
6	I agree with the suggested parking controls
7	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
8	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
9	I agree with the suggested parking controls. I think the possible single yellow lines bordering 31 Boswell Gardens and 9 Foster Close should be made double yellow lines as vehicles parking there make it dangerous for pedestrians using the public footpath between Chancellors Road and Rectory Lane.
10	I agree with the suggested parking controls.

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11	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls. Removal of yellow lines where possible on the wider estate (& beyond) would help alleviate any issues (though currently there do not appear to be any)
12	I agree with the suggested parking controls. We live at Boswell Gardens and have 1 parking space. We have 2 cars in our family. Hospital employees park on our estate understandably to avoid huge parking charges. Residents need parking spaces for themselves + visitors + it would be great if this could be implemented. There have been several works being carried out on properties which has caused huge problems with parking but may now reduce as works are complete.
13	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls. We do not want any parking restrictions (yellow lines) outside our house –
14	<p>Following on our conversation of 11.10.21, please find attached my response to your Informal Parking Consultation. In addition to my response, I have attached photographs showing parking conditions this week. As previously mentioned, I do not believe that we have a parking problem in Boswell Gardens/Foster Close.</p> <p>I hope that there will be no need to take this informal consultation survey further, but if after evaluating the responses it is deemed necessary to move this process to the next level, I hope that SBC will offer the residents various options, including Resident Permit Parking, removal of all parking restrictions and not just additional restricted parking as per this consultation.</p> <p>If you would like to discuss my responses further please feel free to visit me at Boswell Gardens</p>
15	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.
16	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
17	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
18	I agree with the suggested parking controls. I would prefer the single yellow line proposed just before the junction of Boswell Gardens and Foster Close to be on the opposite side to that proposed – it would be easier to get around the corner from my property. I have indicated my preference on the map you provided. All other proposals look good – I have often worried about the difficulty of an emergency vehicle needed to access the road as people don't always park considerately.
19	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>We feel the single yellow which finishes outside No 16 should be extended as shown on the plan to the driveway of No 14. This would allow safe access along Boswell Gardens and allow residents to have access to their driveways. The yellow line should have the same restrictions of no parking between 10-11am & 2-3pm Mon-Fri.</p> <p>For safety reasons the proposed single yellow line outside No 31 should be swapped to the opposite side of the road ie outside No 30 Boswell Gardens. This would allow all vehicles to safely exit the Foster Close junction and enter Boswell Gardens on the correct side of the road and allow residents to safely access/exit their driveways.</p>

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20	I do not agree with the suggested parking controls. Leave as is.
21	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>1. For safety reasons the proposed single yellow line outside No 31 should be swapped to the opposite side of the road i.e., outside No 30 Boswell Gardens. This would allow all vehicles to safely exit the Foster Close junction and enter Boswell Gardens on the correct side of the road and allow residents to safely access/exit their driveways.</p> <p>2. To have a single yellow opposite 26 Boswell Gardens to allow access to driveway for No 26.</p>
22	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>No changes to the current parking restrictions are needed. Visitors need places to park. If this is made a formal process options should be given. Remove all restrictions. Parking permits.</p>
23	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Changes are not needed to the current parking restrictions. If more restrictions are added, for safety reasons the proposed yellow line from 31 Boswell Gardens down to the Foster Close junction should be swapped to the other side of the road ie outside number 30 Boswell Gardens down to the Foster Close junction, but no changes are needed to the current parking restrictions.</p>
24	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>We have discussed with neighbours, and we personally think an extension of the restrictions with single yellow lines with the 2 hours restriction slots 10-11am and 2-3pm is all is required (they are marked on the attached sheet. This is to stop all day parking from hospital administration staff whom sometimes are very aggressive and abusive to residents when asked not to park blocking access and driveways. We had cars blocking access for refuse collection making them drive across footpaths and lawns also.</p>
25	Other changes. Please see below plan.
26	I agree with the suggested parking controls.
27	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Thank you for undertaking this parking consultation. We (at number Boswell Gardens) feel that there needs to be additional yellow ines at some of the areas highlighted but some on road parking is needed for residents who have a single drive. This is what we feel would be appropriate:</p> <p>Area A. This urgently needs to be single yellow line. Hospital staff park here and obstruct the drive of no 26. They also park very close to our drive. The drive is very tight and we have trouble reversing on/off when cars are parked here. We have also experienced cars parking in front of our drive which blocks our cars in.</p> <p>Area B. A single yellow line would be preferred.</p> <p>Area C. Same as above.</p>

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	<p>Area D. Agree with this single yellow line.</p> <p>We would also like to see the possibility of resident parking permits which would generate an income for the council.</p>
28	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Double yellow lines required across the junction of Chancellors Road with Boswell Gardens.</p> <p>At present parking is allowed along Chancellors Road opposite the junction with Boswell Gardens. Traffic coming along Chancellors Road from the main North Road is forced onto the wrong side of the road as it passes or turns into Boswell Gardens. Both Granby Road and Thurlow Close junctions with Chancellors Road have double yellow lines opposite them. Why not the Boswell Gardens junction?</p>
29	<p>We are the residents of Boswell Gardens and do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>We have attached numerous pictures which show the issues that we have when there are cars parked behind our driveway, which is always the case. This is both dangerous and frustrating when attempting to exit our driveway. By viewing the pictures, you can see that we always have to reverse on to our driveway to stand any chance of exiting our driveway at all. If we had to reverse off of our driveway, then it would result in next to no chance of getting off.</p> <p>On the attachment labelled 'yellow lines requested,' I have marked a number 1 on the drawing to indicate our first request for a yellow line. Firstly, there is currently an issue with cars being parked behind our driveway, if you only implement the proposed yellow lines elsewhere in the street, then the current issue is only going to get significantly worse! The current difficulty is highlighted in the attached photos. It is very difficult and more importantly very dangerous for us to manoeuvre off of the driveway when there are cars parked behind. Another other issue is that if/when an emergency vehicle or the garbage truck need access to the street it is a real struggle thus causing problems with service provision. On numerous occasions the garbage truck has to mount the kerb and often partially drive over our front grass! Mounting the kerb is an obvious danger and driving over the front grass is not on! The garbage men often knock on the door and ask if any of the parked cars are ours and can they be moved to allow access.</p> <p>If you only put the yellow lines in the suggested areas on your initial letter, it will only emphasise the continual issue that we have with parked cars behind our driveway.</p> <p>My final and most pressing issue with no yellow line behind our driveway is that we like our children to play out in the street in front of our house. We live in a cul-de-sac and always supervise the children whilst outside. Whilst the cars are parked on the narrowest part of the cul-de-sac, our children are put in unnecessary danger when playing outside the front of the house due to an increased number of blind spots thus limiting the amount of time that we allow the children to play outside the front in the fresh air!</p> <p>For safety reasons, I also believe as per the attached image labelled 'yellow lines requested, I have marked a number 2 on the drawing to indicate a further request of ours, that the single yellow line outside the driveway of number 31 Boswell Gardens down to Foster Close (marked in pink on the attachment 'yellow lines requested') should be swapped to the opposite side of the road e.g. outside number 30 Boswell Gardens down to Foster Close</p>

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	<p>(marked in yellow 2 on attachment 'yellow lines requested'). The reason for this being that it would allow all vehicles to safely exit the Foster Close junction and enter Boswell Gardens on the correct side of the road. Placing the yellow line outside number 30 Boswell Gardens down to Foster Close would also allow residents to safely access/exit their driveways.</p> <p>Please can you consider a yellow line behind the driveway of 26 Boswell Gardens and swapping the yellow line to outside 30 Boswell Gardens to eradicate the parking issues that we have fully.</p> <p>Thank you for taking our considerations in to account.</p>
30	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Parking permit for residents please!</p>
31	<p>I agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>For safety reasons the proposed single yellow line outside No 31 should be swapped to the opposite side of the road ie outside No 30 Boswell Gardens. This would allow all vehicles to safely exit the Foster Close junction and enter Boswell Gardens on the correct side of the road and allow residents to safely access/exit their driveways.</p>
32	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>Regarding the parking on the entrance to Foster Close from Boswell Gardens proposals for a single yellow line outside No 31 only will only transfer the problem to the other side of the road. You need single yellow line on both sides of the road.</p> <p>Regarding Foster Close I would prefer parking Mon-Friday 10-11am, 2-3pm to enable friends and family to visit and park during the day. These restrictions have worked perfectly well in Boswell Gardens.</p>
33	<p>I live at Foster Close; I have been asking for a long time to get a yellow line Infront of my house as it is a T junction and people park there all the time.</p> <p>I just saw somebody out the front doing measurements, and he told me a letter was sent out two weeks ago asking if residence if they want a yellow line, I did not receive this and now I am worried it will not be actioned.</p> <p>I do not have a printer at the moment but yes, I agree, can you please mark me down as agreeing?</p>
34	<p>I do not agree with the suggested parking controls.</p> <p>No changes are required to current parking restrictions.</p> <p>If you are planning changes to current restrictions multiple options should be available/offered.</p>