

Paper Petition Details

Ragstone Road Parking

We the residents of Ragstone Road, Slough are outlining our objections below to the proposed double lines and permit holder parking.

With regards to the double yellow lines we object to this as it is already hard enough to find appropriate parking and if the double yellow lines are put in we will have no parking. This is not a major main road and we don't feel it's appropriate.

With regards to permit holder parking the average household has more than two cars and we are against this and do not wish this to happen.

With reference to the one way system now in place it is very inconvenient, higher fuel costs has been incurred by each resident, so please could we as residents be informed of any future changes to our road that are likely to inconvenience us further.

This petition was received on 21st March 2012.

This petition was passed to the Network Management Team Leader on 21st March 2012

This petition was responded to on 30th March 2012 by the Network Management Team Leader.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	33
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Council Response

I am writing to respond formally to the petition submitted on 21st March 2012, in relation to the council's experimental measures in Ragstone Road, and in particular the parking arrangements.

Before Christmas the council received a petition from a number of residents of Ragstone Road requesting to be considered for residents' parking, suggesting that it could be trialled as part of the wider experiment. In response to this we consulted all the residents of Ragstone Road, to see whether this suggestion was supported by the majority of residents. The majority of residents who responded were not in favour of residents' parking, and therefore the council has no intention of promoting residents' parking in Ragstone Road at the present time, regardless of the outcome of the wider experiment.

As for the double yellow lines, these have been installed as part of the experimental layout of Ragstone Road, primarily to protect the contra-flow cycle lane, but also to solve the longstanding problem of drivers parking on the footway, or parking so as to obstruct driveways. If we moved the cycle lane onto the footway, or removed it altogether, we could only fit in an additional 5 parking spaces. Also since the double yellow lines and the cycleway were installed, we have received a petition in support of the double yellow

lines, and also a letter of support for the cycleway from a governor at Slough and Eton College. Therefore we have decided to keep the cycle lane and double yellow line in their current arrangement as part of the ongoing experiment.

Please note that Ragstone Road is not wide enough for two-way traffic and parking on both sides. Therefore if the experimental one-way system is not made permanent, and the road is returned to two-way traffic, we would have to keep the double yellow line on the school side to ensure there is enough space for two-way operation. We would also have to remove the new parking between the school and the railway bridge, and we would have to remove some of the parking on the opposite side to the school, introducing further double yellow lines in places where the road is too narrow for two-way traffic and a parked vehicle. Now that we have solved the problems of drivers parking on the footway, and parking so as to obstruct driveways, we need to make sure these problems do not come back.

The main consultation has now begun to find out whether the Chalvey Community supports the experimental one-way systems or not. I have posted questionnaires to your household, and to approximately 6,000 residents across Chalvey. We have set up an online survey, and installed signs in Chalvey to announce the start of the consultation.

We are also arranging meetings with key groups in the community – including the residents of Ragstone Road. I am arranging a public meeting for residents of Ragstone Road to discuss the experimental measures, ask questions and raise concerns. This meeting will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday 11th April at the Quaker Hall in Ragstone Road. Invitations to this meeting will be delivered to all residents of Ragstone Road by Monday next week at the latest.

I will present any feedback received to the council's Cabinet, who are ultimately responsible for deciding which elements of the experimental measures will be made permanent, and which roads will return to two-way operation.