

# Paper Petition Details

## Planned Development Work at Moreton Way 1-11A Bases

We, the residents of Moreton Way hereby serve this joint petition regarding our concerns on the parking project Slough Council is going to start on Moreton Way bases.

The main points are as follows:

- No notice has been served so far as to the start and completion dates of the project in order for us to be prepared for the inconvenience it will cause to daily routine and the families.
- No consultation has been done with the relevant households as to the exact nature of work to be carried out. The proposed development is bound to have a lasting effect on the environment, lifestyle as well as health & safety of the residents along with the market value of their properties.
- Conflicting and misleading information has been fed to the residents regarding the proposed development. On the Council's letter it clearly says that parking will be free for local residents and they will put a fence only on back of the parking site. They never mentioned about the fences in front of our houses also putting the height restrictions at the entrance. This new piece of information really got us concerned since we won't have direct access to our property from the parking site. Having erecting a fence in front of the properties will have major impact on the market value of the properties at number 17-25 Moreton Way, for which the owners reserve the right to take separate legal action for compensation as advised by property surveyors and solicitors.

We therefore, strongly oppose the Council's current plans and call for not putting any fence in front of our houses and not to put any height restrictions at the entrance.

They can either leave the existing bollards as is or remove them completely and leave the way clear.

The Council has a duty to take all matters into account and act in the best interests of the locals. We therefore kindly request the Council to consider these issues seriously before the project starts to avoid any unnecessary litigation initiated by the local residents starting with getting the court injunction order on the project. We also endeavour to raise formal complaints and take any other action deemed fit regarding the conduct of some of the Council's officials in terms of providing false and misleading information and acting non-professionally.

**This petition was received on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019.**

**This petition was passed to the Project Officer, Planned Investment on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019**

**This petition was responded to by the Project Officer, Planned Investment on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>14</b>
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### Council Response

First of all, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to the second petition of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 regarding the planned development works at Moreton Way 1-11A Bases.

As you would be aware now, the works on the 1-11A Moreton Way site did not commence on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Since this date, the Council received communication from Slough Barristers Chambers representing you. It is my understanding that our Solicitors have responded to your Barrister. I trust you have received a copy of the letter from our Solicitors.

I would also like to acknowledge that further to the letter to you dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, it was an inadvertent error on the part of the Council that no further letter was sent to confirm the start date for the works on the site. We will write to the affected residents to advise you of the new start date and the duration of the works as soon as they are confirmed.

With regard to the exact nature of the works on that site, following the first petition, 18-20 - Information Requests - Planned Development Works on 1-11A Moreton Way 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 which was signed by yourself and your neighbours who use this site, various discussions took place with the Leader of the Council and your representative Ward Members to determine what would be the best way to develop that site. Following those consultations a number of communications have taken place including:

- 1) A response to the petition e-mailed on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from myself
- 2) A telephone call between Slough Barristers Chambers representing you and myself on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- 3) An e-mail from the Leader of the Council dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to you
- 4) An e-mail from the Council's Solicitors to Slough Barristers Chambers dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

I believe that the nature of the planned works have sufficiently been communicated in detail to you and the residents who live alongside this site. The conversations, e-mail correspondence and letters have facilitated a thorough examination of the proposed development and explored options available for that site. Extensive consideration was given to the needs and activities of the residents affected by the works. I trust that any conflicting information has now been clarified and all confusion eliminated.

As has been conveyed in previous communication, parking will be free to residents. Those who prefer to have a dedicated parking space will need to request to have a bollard installed on a space. It will have to be paid for by the resident who will thereafter need to sign a licence agreement for that space. Residents who wish to have the bollard installed must notify us well before the completion of the works. This matter was also discussed with yourself and Slough Barristers Chambers on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Further it was also finalised during the telephone conversation with Slough Barristers Chambers that a gap in the low level fence at the front of the site will be Equality Act compliant. The gap in the fence is to enable pedestrians with disabilities to access the site safely on foot or in a wheelchair/mobility scooter and it will also ensure that residents have a shorter walking distance from the parking area on this site to their front doors. The low level fence is to ensure that there is no vehicular access from the parking area across the footpath because as stated by the Leader of the Council in his letter to you the Highways Authority confirm that, "There is no historic/current right of way for people to drive across the pathway".

It has not been found that any member of staff has acted unprofessionally or deliberately provided false or misleading information. The Council has fully considered all the concerns and complaints raised by residents, from the two petitions, various discussions with representative Ward Members and communication from Slough Barristers Chambers in order to reach this conclusion.

I trust that once the works are completed, residents will appreciate the aesthetic improvement of the area which is likely to be reflected in the market value of the properties.