

Paper Petition Details

Double Yellow Lines on Ragstone Road

We, the undersigned, petition against the double yellow lines along Ragstone Road.

This petition was received on 16th April 2012.

This petition was passed to the Network Management Team Leader on 16th April 2012.

This petition was responded to on 27th April 2012 by the Network Management Team Leader.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	363
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Council Response

I am writing to respond formally to the petition submitted on 16th April 2012, in relation to the double yellow lines that were installed in Ragstone Road as part of the council's experimental project.

Before the experimental project began drivers in Ragstone Road routinely parked on the footway on both sides of the road. Parking on the footway can be unlawful, an act of obstruction under the Highways Act 1980. It can also be dangerous. The council has observed examples of vehicles parked so as to block the footway completely, forcing pedestrians to walk into the road. It has also been reported to the council that before the experimental project, driveways on the evens side of the road were frequently obstructed by parked vehicles.

As part of the council's experimental project, formal parking bays have been marked on the carriageway in Ragstone Road, mainly on the odds side. It is now perceived that there is less parking in Ragstone Road than there had been previously, but that is only because the unlawful and obstructive parking has been removed as part of the experiment. The current layout provides virtually as much parking as possible in a one-way context.

Following requests from residents the council has reviewed whether additional parking could be provided on the evens side. There are only 5 locations on the evens side where a parking bay could be installed – the constraints being the width of the road and driveways. None of these 5 locations are particularly close to the doctor's surgery.

Given the limited number of spaces that could be introduced on the odds side, and now that the council has received messages of support for the double yellow lines, and the cycle lane that it protects, it was decided to keep the double yellow line and the cycle lane in their current form for the duration of the experiment.

The council is now consulting the Chalvey community in respect of the wider experiment. If following consultation it is decided to make the one-way system permanent, then the level of parking in Ragstone Road would remain broadly as it is today, and the council would work with the local community in the detailed design of a permanent one-way layout to maximise availability of parking.

If following consultation it is decided to return Ragstone Road to two-way, then the level of parking in Ragstone Road would be less than it is today, as we would have to remove parking to provide safe passage for two-way traffic.

Either way, the council would not allow the problems of footway parking to come back.

I will present your petition to the council's Cabinet, who are ultimately responsible for deciding

the outcome of the experimental project. It would be helpful to the council to know your views on the overall experiment – a number of correspondents to the council have identified the doctor's surgery as a key stakeholder in the local community. If you would like to provide feedback, there are a number of different ways to do this:

- You should by now have received a questionnaire – this can be completed on behalf of the surgery and returned to me in the freepost envelope provided. My apologies if you have already done this – we are busy processing over 700 responses (and counting) and so we may not have got to yours yet.
- There is an online survey at www.slough.gov.uk/chalveyroads that you would be very welcome to complete on behalf of the surgery.
- If there are any patients forums or associations attached to the surgery then I would be delighted to attend a meeting of such a group to explain the project, answer questions and obtain feedback.

We will be consulting with the community during spring 2012 and expect cabinet to make decisions on which measures to make permanent at one of its scheduled meetings in the summer.