

Paper Petition Details

Norway Drive Parking Problems

We, the undersigned are writing to apprise you of the parking problem in and around Norway Drive. Since Wexham Park Hospital changed the on-site staff parking facilities, the problem has gradually worsened.

Firstly - Hospital staff had been parking on the verges of Wexham Road but earthen banks were constructed on the western edge to stop this happening. Next - the field opposite the hospital, which was being used as a car park, was closed, as far as we are aware, by South Buckinghamshire council. The hospital staff members then began parking in Norway Drive, often blocking access to the stairs, so now, if a local resident uses their vehicle any time between the hours of 7.45am and 5.00pm they have little chance of returning to Norway Drive until the evening and have to find other areas of the estate to leave their vehicles.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, this creates major problems for the residents, especially the young mothers and the elderly. This predicament primarily affects the families living at the western (Wexham Road) end of Norway Drive who are unable to have any kind of off-road parking due to the gradient of the grass banking.

We would suggest that the area of Norway Drive between the second and third flights of steps from Wexham Road (Indicated in yellow on the attached diagram) be designated as resident only parking 8.00am until 5.00pm from Monday to Friday and passes be allocated to the householders of numbers 12 to 26 Norway Drive who are the most affected by the parking. This possible solution would alleviate the residents parking problems, enable delivery and emergency vehicle access and still leave a significant amount of room for hospital staff. We will be very much obliged if you can consider our suggestion or perhaps, propose another solution to our predicament as we are now beginning to feel like prisoners in our own homes.

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Council Response

Thank you for your email and petition regarding the parking problems on Norway Drive. I am aware of the problems caused by the commuter parking in the area, and have been in discussions with the local councillors and parish council about possible solutions.

Residents parking is a solution that we could look into, however your suggestion of location would not be all that successful. A residents parking scheme is only successful if it encompasses an entire area, in this case the whole of the southern side of the carriageway whilst maintaining the double yellow lines on the north side. The reason for this is to ensure displacement parking does not occur further up the road, potentially causing more problems in the direct vicinity of this location. So, for this reason if a permit scheme was considered, it would need to be extended to include the whole road.

Furthermore, there would be a charge for the permits, being £25 per year for a single vehicle, and £75 for 2 vehicles. Visitors' vouchers are also available. The cost of the permits sometimes prevents such a scheme from being implemented, and it is important for the residents to understand the financial implications before a scheme is put in place. Residents are not required to purchase permits if they do not need them however, we can also put a time restrictions on the bays (e.g. Mon - Fri 9am-5pm) as to not penalise the residents at times where the restrictions are not required.

The other options available are to simply double yellow line the area directly outside the stair case to enable clear and unobstructed access here, or even a single yellow line at specific times of the day to prevent all day parking (e.g. Mon - Fri 10am-11am and/or 2pm-3pm). This gives residents the flexibility to park outside of these hours, but prevents a commuter from parking all day.

