

Paper Petition Details

Emergency Vehicle Access – Goodman Park

We, the residents of Goodman Park, Slough, petition the council to provide us with access for emergency vehicles on a road opposite the park, in front of the houses facing the park because of health and safety reasons.

We only have vehicular access to the properties near garages which are built away from the houses facing the park. There is insufficient parking for residents so there are many cars parked near the garages, sometimes blocking access to garages and cars. Therefore emergency vehicles find it very difficult to park anywhere near the houses.

Recently there was a house fire at one of the houses and due to lack of access for the fire engine the house virtually burnt to the ground. The fire engine was not able to park near the property and did not have a hose long enough to reach the property from where it was parked. We are also worried that an ambulance would also struggle to reach any of the properties and therefore lives will be at risk potentially. There are many elderly and disabled residents living in these properties and we feel denying them easy access to emergency vehicles cannot continue.

This petition was received on 10th February, 2014.

This petition was passed to the Engineer - Parking Development on 10th February, 2014.

This petition was responded to by the Engineer - Parking Development on 7th March, 2014.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	55
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Council Response

Thank you for submitting a petition on behalf of the residents of Goodman Park regarding access problems around the service roads for the garages of Goodman Park.

We have implemented the parking scheme on Goodman Park on an experimental basis, which enables us to monitor the successes and failures of the scheme. We then have the opportunity to make any changes before the scheme is implemented permanently. Your comments regarding the displacement of vehicles onto the service roads are much appreciated, and we have also noticed this from other correspondence we have received. There are a few options available to us, which include using double yellow lines, marking out parking bays or even extending a prohibition of parking on the pavement down the service roads to try and ensure both the pavements and carriageway is kept clear to the minimum requirements for its users. However, we will only know the best solution once a number of site visits are made and designs drawn up.

All changes will be considered once the experimental scheme is coming to expiration, and the comments received about the scheme will be considered and any changes proposed to the residents. The amendment period runs from June 2014 to June 2015, however we anticipate that the responses will be collated and considered over the summer and we will be able to make any necessary amendments soon after.

In the meantime, I would suggest speaking to the police who are able to issue fixed penalty notices to vehicles parked in obstruction of the highway. If the parked vehicles are obstructing the emergency services, this would be classed as obstruction to the highway.

I hope this response helps and we hope to be in touch with the residents soon outlining any amendments to the scheme as per the responses that we have received since the schemes implementation.