

# Paper Petition Details

## Herschel Village Parking Conditions

The residents of Herschel Village / Central Ward reject the Parking Departments plan to experiment with blanket changes to our parking conditions. Instead we petition the Council to take the following specific steps to address the real issues we face as a Victorian residential area close to the High Street:

- No introduction of double yellow lines, except as detailed below to address specific trouble spots:
  - Chapel Street -as parking / waiting obstructs residents from accessing their parking spaces. A barrier at each end only activated by residents is alternative option
  - Alpha Street North corners with Herschel Street & towards St Lawrence roundabout (corners only)
  - Middle section Park Street (between Osborne & Herschel Streets). In addition, move the parking bay in this section to the other side of the road to increase the number of parking spaces
- Continued acceptance of 'two wheels on' pavement parking down one side of each road overnight
- The Council should reintroduce the '1 hour free & free on Sundays' scheme for its carparks, encourage the shopping centre owners to do the same & refresh its carparks to encourage people to use them
- All pay & display bays in Zone B to be available free to residents with parking permits
- Car park at the corner of Alpha / Herschel Street available free to residents with parking permits
- New flats built in the area to have sufficient parking (including visitors) & no rights to residents parking permits
- Better enforcement of existing regulations on Herschel Street & Park Street North

**This petition was received on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016.**

**This petition was passed to the Team Leader, Parking Services on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

**This petition was responded to on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 by the Team Leader, Parking Services.**

### Final Results

Number of Signatures	230
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### Council Response

I will start with some background about the Pavement Parking Scheme. Complaints are received throughout the Borough about vehicles parked on pavements, causing an obstruction and forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. This is even more of a concern for vulnerable road users such as the disabled, children and the elderly, as this type of

parking is dangerous and can cause serious accidents. This Scheme is being rolled out across the borough to ensure that pavements are protected for their primary purpose, the safe passage of pedestrians. As part of the scheme, bays will be marked on streets where pavements are wide enough for vehicles to be parked half on the pavement and half on the road. Unless otherwise stated, these bays will be unrestricted. Where there are no restrictions and no parking bays, parking will be permitted fully on the carriageway only, and not be permitted on the pavement.

Junctions and bends were also identified for the implementation of double yellow line restrictions. This is to ensure that visibility and access is maintained at all junctions and bends where parking would cause an obstruction, especially for large vehicles. Yellow lines have also been proposed at locations where the available space on the carriage and footway is not wide enough to allow parking on both sides of the road.

We have considered and responded to each point raised below:

**No introduction of double yellow lines, except as detailed below to address specific trouble spots:**

The purpose of the introduction of double yellow lines has been explained above, however we have decided to retain some of the single yellow lines on some streets, final plans will be available for residents to view before the scheme is implemented.

**Chapel Street - as parking/waiting obstructs residents from accessing their parking spaces. A barrier at each end only activated by residents is alternative option**

Double yellow lines have already been proposed along this road and these were included in the plans circulated in September. We cannot install barriers as Chapel Street is public highway.

**Alpha Street North corners with Herschel Street & towards St Lawrence roundabout (corners only)**

Double yellow lines have already been approved and are in the process of being implemented under a permanent Order, which we consulted on between December 2015 and January 2016.

**Middle section Park Street (between Osborne & Herschel Streets). In addition, move the parking bay in this section to the other side of the road to increase the number of parking spaces**

The relocation of the bays to the other side of the road will only increase the parking spaces by not more than 2 spaces since we have to provide access into Bisham Court and turning space for refuse vehicles near Bembridge Court .

**Continued acceptance of 'two wheels on' pavement parking down one side of each road overnight**

The purpose of this has been explained above

**The Council should reintroduce the '1 hour free & free on Sundays' scheme for its car parks, encourage the shopping centre owners to do the same & refresh its car parks to encourage people to use them**

Charges in Slough Borough Council car parks were reduced last year. Major refurbishments were also undertaken in the multi storey car parks, for which we now have gained Park Mark accreditation. Unfortunately we cannot influence the

maintenance of or charges in private car parks.

**All pay & display bays in Zone B to be available free to residents with parking permits**

Additional residents permit parking bays have been created in some of the existing pay & display bays on Hatfield Road and St Laurence Way. We cannot create any further spaces as the available space must be fairly distributed for all users of the town centre.

**Car park at the corner of Alpha/Herschel St. available free to residents with parking permits**

This is a temporary car park which is subject to redevelopment; therefore we cannot change the use of this car park. The car park is currently free of charge after 6pm.

**New flats built in the area to have sufficient parking (including visitors) & no rights to residents parking permits**

Under the Slough Local Plan Parking standards (as set out in Slough Developers Guide Part 3 - <http://www.slough.gov.uk/business/planning-and-building-control/developers-guide-and-the-community-infrastructure-levy.aspx>) new residential developments in the town centre or in shopping areas require a minimum of nil spaces. However, Slough Borough Council actively encourages all developers to provide parking to meet the needs of the development. Where developers do not provide parking or only a limited amount of parking, then either through legal agreements signed between the developer and the Council or as part of a planning condition related to the development it is stated that residents of the new development will not be eligible to receive on-street parking permits in any existing or future residents parking scheme.

**Better enforcement of existing regulations on Herschel Street & Park Street North**

The town centre is patrolled regularly by Civil Enforcement Officers. Unfortunately we cannot have officers in all areas at all times, however any vehicles parked in contravention of a restriction can be reported to our Control Room on 01753 875631.