

Paper Petition Details

Darvills Lane Parking Issues

The main Darvills Lane is residents only parking, but the residents of no. 12 to 42 Darvills Lane are not allowed to acquire residents permit, but the rest of the residents and their visitors are free to park in a limited 'parking available in front of their flats'.

In front of these flats there are council garages, which are hired by any residents of Slough. Currently they are hired by residents of Chalvey Road West, King Edward Street and others. The owners of the garages do not park cars in the garages, but just in front of the garages, making it very difficult to move a vehicle through front of the flats, particularly when some large vans are parked. Additionally residents of King Edward Street and PWA visitors also attempt to park there when they can.

There is a bit of a grass on side of Darvills Lane, between these flats and King Edward Street. This is often used by Roma community for congregating and when they leave they leave a lot of litter and mess behind. The Council had been called number of times to come and clear this. There have been occasions when broken bottles have also been found, remember this area is also used by Slough and Eton school children. While the Roma congregates there, they often use bushes opposite flat no. 12 for urinating both (male and females). There is a garage no. 10, which has broken front shutter, some drug users/dealers have entered this garage and through this they have broken into the garage no. 9. This garage is often used by the drug dealers/users to consume/trade drug.

All this (together with litter and mess left behind) constitutes to a severe anti-social behaviour and Councillor Rasib have been called number of times to witness this. Councillor Rasib has called the Council a few times to clear the litter and mess.

Proposal to resolve

Option 1:

Demolish the garages; make the bit of grassed area, currently used for congregating, parking area and make all area around the flats (Darvills Lane no. 12 to 42) residents only parking.

Option 2:

Sell the garages to the owners of the flats (Darvills Lane no. 12 to 42), make the bit of grassed area, currently used for congregating, parking area and make all area around the flats (Darvills Lane no. 12 to 42) residents' only parking.

Option 3:

Repair all the garages and hire them on the conditions that the owners only park inside the garages not outside them. Make the bit of grassed area, currently used for congregating, parking area and make all area around the flats (Darvills Lane no. 12 to 42) residents' only parking.

This petition was received on 20th April, 2016.

This petition was passed to the Team Leader, Parking Services on 26th April, 2016.

This petition was responded to by the Neighbourhood Manager – South on 19th May, 2016

Final Results

Number of Signatures

18

Council Response

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the range of problems in the Darvills Lane garage area with local residents and forwarding their concerns and suggestions for consideration. This is an area of Chalvey that we are aware has a range of issues and the Housing Officer for the area has been working with colleagues in the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team to try to resolve some of the issues raised, specifically the litter and rubbish being dumped and ASB caused by people congregating in the area.

However, the work done so far has only addressed issues in the short term and I and my team would like to take this opportunity to work with the residents who have signed the petition to agree on a longer term solution. We would like to consider the 3 options presented by residents, but there may be other options we can consider too.

I am proposing that Officers from the South Neighbourhood contact you to agree a way of us working with residents over the next few months to agree a long-term solution to these issues. Initially this will include a site visit where we can all discuss the problems around this location but will then require a number of community meetings with a range of other council teams and probably other organisations like Thames Valley Police.

I look forward to working with you and local residents over the coming months to find a long term solution to the problems being experienced.