

# Paper Petition Details

## Object to SBC Proposed Plans to Cut Grass Verge for Parking Spaces Opposite 172-206 London Road

The households at 172-206 London Road, face a daily struggle caused by non-resident parking and through traffic impacting our daily lives. Our main concerns are as follows:

- Many customers to the shops near the fire station 116-122 London Road, at times park their cars carelessly by incorrect parking, double parking and often tend to park along the stretch of the slip road
- During holiday times it is not uncommon to see holiday goers parking their cars for weeks on end as they take advantage of 'free' parking in front of our houses on their way to the airport
- Daily commuters into London and Slough town centre often park their cars all day once again taking advantage of 'free' parking
- During peak times, the slip road is used as a short cut to avoid traffic on the main London Road
- At any time, night or day, it is not uncommon to see 'boy racers' racing their cars down the slip road with speeds in excess of 50 mph
- Residents of Stile Road & Fox Road parking their cars overnight on the slip road with congestion in their immediate residential area

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to stop the proposed plans to cut the grass for verge to introduce parking space opposite houses 172-206 London Road, SL3 7HS. We further propose the slip road is used for its intended purpose to provide access to residents of 172-206 London Road.

In addition, the follow measures are proposed to address our concerns outlined above:

- Restructure the existing parking and pavements directly in front of the shops to create additional parking
  - There appears to be enough space to create in & out access and parking for in access of 20 cars
- Paint double yellow lines along the proposed parking bay area opposite the existing homes
- Block the road following 172 London Road or fire station affectively making the slip road a no through road
  - If blocking from 172 London Road, SBC have the option to install collapsible bollards the fire station/emergency services can lower as required
  - This measure will help contain retail traffic within their designated area and help alleviate pressure on residents and access for emergency services

Note: We do not want speed bumps/breakers to be installed

**This petition was received on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**

**This petition was passed to the Head of Transport and Highways on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**

**This petition was responded to by the Senior Engineer, Planning & Transport on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**

Final Results	
Number of Signatures	22

## Council Response

Thank you for your paper petition received on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Slough Borough Council (SBC) as a Highway Authority in conjunction with elected members of the area (Councillors) were investigating and considering introducing parking spaces as outlined in the drawing you provided. The scheme was brought about by a request from members to consider new parking places due to inconsiderate drivers parking on the grass verge. The investigation was still being considered when we received your petition. The members of the area requested SBC to consider "at any time waiting restrictions" instead of parking spaces. SBC is considering this request as it involves the process of undertaking Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's).

- In regard to your comments about the petition and the issues you raised in chronological order: SBC follow due process when investigating any scheme whether it will be implemented or not, (this may involve a feasibility study or detail design (or both) depending on the complexity of the scheme. I would like to bring to your attention that the plan you provided was obtained from the members of the area who were consulting with some of the residents to promote the scheme/seek their views.
- The public highway can consist of a carriageway, footpath, pavement and grassed verge and in law nobody has any right to do anything on the highway except to pass and re-pass (i.e. to travel along the road or footway). SBC as the Highway Authority manages the roads and may make any changes or place controls on where vehicles can wait/park aligned to the parking guidance provided in the Highway Code, for reasons of improving general road safety and enhancing free flowing movement of traffic within the borough.
- You raised issues relating to enforcement and resources, some of which are managed by the Council and others by the police, SBC is monitoring different areas at any given time and when necessary the enforcement will be taken through the issuing of penalty charge notices (PCN's).
- SBC will endeavour to contact the Bus operator to seek clarification on this issue.
- Air quality is an issue around the borough and something we take seriously however the widening works forming part of the SMaRT scheme have been checked and there were no impacts in terms of air, if there is an increase in noise please can you clarify where this has come from?
- The scheme originated from the elected members; there are no further investigations or promoted schemes besides those stated above.
- The Council has a policy of consulting residents and businesses when undertaking works on the highway which could impact on them. In the case of the cycleway this was raised by residents as a safety issue and was addressed as part of the SMaRT works.
- I believe the planning approval was granted for the above site on its own merit following planning policies and criteria.
- The Council cannot make comment on house prices.
- The slip road is a "public highway" and if there is a lighting issue this should be raised with your local Councillor.
- Requests for amendments/improvements on the highway are considered by SBC on their own merits and these should be forwarded to members for consideration in the first instance.
- The request can be forwarded to your local members who can submit the proposals to SBC for consideration.

- The request for the proposed "at any time waiting restrictions" have been received from the members, this will be investigated and if possible the process of TRO's will be undertaken.

Please do not hesitate to contact Slough Borough Council for any further information.

