

Paper Petition Details

Object to Residents Parking Scheme - Turton Way, Alexandra Road & Primary Road

We object to Slough Borough Councils resident parking scheme for Alexandra Road, Turton Way and Primary Road. We have multiple vehicles within a single household given the large family sizes. The timing of the permit scheme is also unthoughtful, there is sufficient parking for residents during the hours of 8am - 6pm. During the evenings, there is great difficulty for residents to park their vehicles as there is no space, introducing this scheme will only make things worse as residents are already having to avoid parking outside their own house to avoid a parking ticket.

We would like this scheme removed as soon as possible, ideally before you begin to lay out bays for the permits as this scheme is not needed or wanted in the affected roads.

There is a constant need for us as residents to be able to park our vehicles without any restrictions.

This petition was received on 13th January, 2021.

This petition was passed to the Team Leader, Parking Services on 13th January, 2021.

This petition was responded to by the Team Leader, Parking Services on 10th February, 2021.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	69
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Council Response

Thank you for submitting the attached petition and please see below Parkings response.

You have raised a number of points in your petition which I will be addressing below.

You state the residents object to a residents permit scheme for Alexandra Road, Turton Way and Primary Road as you have multiple vehicles in each household.

A residents permit scheme has been designed and implemented in response to the Grove Academy School development, to mitigate any obstructive parking experienced by residents during school pick up and drop off times. Prior to the introduction of this scheme we did conduct an informal consultation, the results were reviewed and a decision was made to proceed with a scheme to implementation stage. This scheme has been introduced under an 18 month experimental order, with the first 6 months being the consultation period. During this period we welcome feedback from the public and after the 6 month period has elapsed, we will analyse the comments received and make a decision on the next steps.

You state the timing of the scheme is unthoughtful as there is sufficient parking for residents during the hours of 8am-6pm but residents struggle to find parking in the evening.

The timings of the implemented scheme are Monday-Friday 8am-6pm. This was

proposed as this scheme was designed in response to the Grove Academy School development. During the informal consultation we did receive alternative suggestions for timings, however the proposed timing was the preferred option. If residents would still like us to consider an alternative timing, they would need to submit their comments during the 6 month consultation period. After this period has elapsed, all feedback will be reviewed and a decision will be made on the next steps. A letter will be sent to resident shortly informing them when the scheme will become operational and when the consultation starts.

You have asked for the scheme to be removed.

A decision was made to proceed with this scheme based on the outcome of the informal consultation. For residents that are not in favour of this scheme, they would need to submit their comments during the 6 month consultation period. After this period has elapsed, all feedback will be reviewed and a decision will be made on the next steps. As stated previously, a letter will be sent to resident shortly informing them when the scheme will become operational and when the consultation period starts.

You also sent a subsequent email dated 20th January 2021 and raised a number of other points which I have addressed individually below.

Why has no one from the Parking department or a ward councillor made an ANNOUNCED site visit to view the exact problems residents have with parking?

I understand you have received a response to this query from your ward Councillors. However I would also like to reiterate that the purpose of the informal consultation was to gather the views of the residents on the proposed scheme. This was the residents opportunity to write in and provide us with this information. However a site visit has been conducted to review the scheme that has been implemented. We have not arranged a site visit with residents as we have obtained sufficient information from the emails and phone calls we have received to date. However the 6 month consultation period will provide the residents with another opportunity to write in with their comments.

Why was a double yellow line placed outside 55 Alexandra Road roughly two weeks ago and removed today by SBC? Is this not a misuse of public funds like I initially queried?

During the site visit to review the scheme, 2 locations were identified where the double yellow lines could be reduced and the restrictions outside 55 Alexandra Road were one of these locations. The existing double yellow lines outside 55 Alexandra Road measured 9.5m which is in line with the requirements of the Highway Code. However we made a decision to review this restriction due to a request of a resident and it was decided that we would remove 5m of double yellow line as this would allow an additional vehicle to park at this location without compromising road safety.

Why are residents being treated differently by SBC and local ward councillors?

I am sorry to hear you feel this way but I would like to reassure you that this is not the case. An informal consultation took place prior to introducing this scheme under an experimental order, although there is no legal requirement to consult with the public prior to implementing a scheme under this type of order and we made a decision to proceed with this scheme based on the outcome of the informal consultation. As you are aware, Spackmans Way also formed part of the informal consultation but as we received significant feedback from these residents asking us to remove this location from the proposed residents permit scheme, we were able to do this. We did not receive the same level of correspondence from residents of Turton Way or Alexandra Road residents.

Why have residents been getting parking fines for parking on the side of Turton Way, when you have not informed anyone that these lines would be placed in the location they are currently in?

We have not sent an instruction to enforce the new restrictions, however if a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) has been issued then I would advise residents to write in and challenge this. Details of how to do this can be found on the reverse of the PCN.

Finally I would like to make you aware that as we have received a number of emails from residents of Alexandra Road and Turton Way residents, a generic letter will be sent to all these residents with a response to all the points raised to date. Furthermore shortly after this another letter will be sent to all residents directly impacted by this scheme with details of when the scheme will become operational and the 6 month period will commence, as well as how the residents can submit their comments.

I hope this information helps.