

To Councillor Jon Orrell

## **PETITION FOR A RESIDENTS' PERMIT POLICY REVIEW**

The residents of the Park Area who hold parking permits believe that the existing residents' permit policy is out of date and not fit for purpose in 2018.

There is an imbalance between the availability of spaces and the numbers of eligible permit applicants.

The Park Centre organised a questionnaire on this issue and called at every house in the area, collecting signed returns from 162 residents and 5 returns online.

Between the months of June, July, August and September many residents do not go out after 5pm and on weekends as there is additional pressure on available spaces from holidaymakers and family visitors. Parking after this time is often only available in non-permitted areas away from homes and necessitates a long walk back home, often with bags, buggies etc. Older residents, disabled residents, young families and people employed during non-social hours including many hospital workers are particularly affected by this problem. They are unable to park in the permitted area they pay for.

This obviously impacts on social life and many reported that they feel trapped throughout the summer and many weekends. People who have lived here for many years talk of wanting to move after years of loving the area.

### **Issues frequently discussed on the doorstep.**

- \* More cars parking in the area originating from sea front hotels and guest houses
- \* Insufficient numbers of Parking Enforcement Officers.
- \* Multi occupancy flats taking the place of B and B's and increasing the number of cars requiring parking spaces.
- \* MiPermit. Unavailable by phone on weekends. Difficulty obtaining refunds for pre-booked visitor permits and no parking places on arrival.
- \* Use of car parks for permit holders free of charge if no roadside spaces available.
- \* One hour wait. Discussed but a majority of residents felt it was a necessity.
- \* Permits restricted to two per household.

**We therefore request a Policy Review to look at:**

- \* Seafront hotels to incorporate use of the Park and Ride scheme. Permits only allocated to visitors unable to access this scheme.
- \* B and B's to incorporate use of the Park and Ride scheme. Permits only allocated to visitors unable to access this scheme.
- \* Parking Enforcement Officers. To enable better coverage, could residential parking officers and car park officers in the same area, work together and deploy numbers more effectively.
- \* MiPermit is working to the outdated 2012 policy. A review needed to include better telephone services.
- \* Permits restricted to two per household.
- \* Visitor parking to be restricted
- \* The one hour waiting rule to be abolished
- \* Better use made of overnight parking in main car parks.

We appreciate the new Unitary authority is most likely to take over this matter but a policy review on car parking in our area is an issue of real concern to the residents.

**The Park Community Centre and the Residents of:**

Lennox Street	Melcombe Place
Charles Street	Victoria Street
Penny Street	Walpole Street
Avenue Road	Cassiobury Road
Brownlow Street	Ranelagh Road
Chelmsford Street	Hardwick Street
Queen Street	Derby Street
William Street	Stanley Street

RAYMOND EDWARDS  
24 CASSIOBURTI ROAD  
WEYMOUTH  
DT4 7JN.

The feedback from the County Parking Officer

- The parking policy as it is for our district and others is out of date and needs reviewing. This can only happen if we let the County know what we feel.
- Parking Officers have to cover over 2,500 streets and usually about 8-10 are on duty at any time. Evening patrols have a health and safety issue as the Officers would need to patrol in pairs.
- The County will review the number of permits issued to the number of households, guest houses, hotels
- The MiPermit is often unavailable by telephone on weekends and getting a refund for unused time when no spaces are available is difficult
- Can use be made of empty car parks for permit holders?
- Should there be visitor parking permits?
- Should the one hour parking be reviewed?

A more detailed report is available at the Park Centre on Chelmsford Rd if you want more information and will shortly be available online-  
[www.theparkarea.co.uk](http://www.theparkarea.co.uk)

We need your help and contribution

Please fill in the slip below and return it to the Centre or to the collectors coming round.

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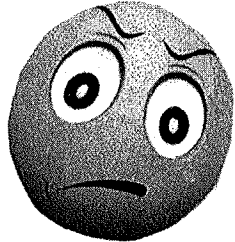
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**Name:** LYNN TOMAN

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There should also be a limit on the size of car that have resident's permits. e.g. there are two camper vans one evidencing a hotel visitors permit, each taking up more than one average car space in a road with limited parking. They have been there for weeks, not moving.

**Dear Walpole Street resident if you are unhappy with the present parking system PLEASE complete this slip and return it to PARK CENTRE in CHELMSFORD STREET or MACES STORE at the corner of WALPOLE AND LENNOX STREETS by FRIDAY the 6th JULY. Thankyou.**



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**NAME:** STEVE MORRIS

**ADDRESS:** 1a WALPOLE ST, DT4 7HH

**parking system PLEASE complete this slip and return it to PARK CENTRE in CHELMSFORD STREET or MACES STORE at the corner of WALPOLE AND LENNOX STREETS or DERBY STORES at the corner of Derby Street by FRIDAY the 13th JULY. Thankyou.**

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**NAME:** FELTON

**ADDRESS:**

12 HARDWICK ST. Weymouth

