

Dear Neighbours,

'The Avenues Parking Consultation' – Response required by 4th March 2016

Please forgive this letter if you are already aware that St Albans District Council are in the midst of a Parking Consultation concerning 'our area'. It is referred to as 'The Avenues Parking Consultation'

Details of this can be found at:

<http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/trafficregulationorders/consultations/The%20Avenues%20Parking%20Consultation.aspx>

The Council has only written to *some* residents seeking their feedback. Our understanding is that residents at the upper end of Townsend Lane, Maple Road, Orchard Avenue, Moreton Avenue, Newmans Drive and Moreton End Lane have not had their views sought. The Council's position is that somehow we are not directly affected and therefore shouldn't be consulted..

The proposed scheme will create **731** business and residents **parking bays** in streets adjacent to where we live.

It is stated that the proposed scheme is intended to stop all day commuter parking. The concern is that the 'problem' will be being shifted from one road to another. Potentially the whole of Harpenden could be absorbed in an ever greater CPZ (Community Parking Zone) since, as soon as one road is blocked to commuters, they will move elsewhere – and let's face it, the whole of Harpenden is within walkable distance of the station. This of course is going to be a source of revenue for the District Council.

A special information web page on this issue can be found at: <http://bit.ly/harppark>

A number of residents in the roads affected, Businesses like Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Boots and M&S and many shop workers too, have submitted or will be submitting petitions against the scheme but if you would like your voice heard, whether for or against, you are asked to complete and return the very simple three question form by 4th March, see:

http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/New_Zone_Survey_Form_tcm15-52698.pdf. **It should be returned to John Charlton either by post or by email.**

Mr John Charlton is the Environmental Compliance Officer – Parking. His email address is: parkingrestrictions@stalbans.gov.uk . Mr Charlton's telephone number is 01727 819510 for any questions.

A scheme map can be found at: http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/Images/Maps_for_scheme_tcm15-52697.pdf

Residents within the Permit Parking Area will **initially** be able to buy Resident **Parking Permits** for up to 3 cars (current cost **£30.60 to £137.70**). But be warned one London Borough originally started a scheme costing £30 but now charges £180 for the first car!

- Visitor permits can only be purchased by Residents living in the Permit Parking Area.
- Residents Parking Permits cannot be used in Business Permit Bays
- Within the parking scheme residents can only park across their own driveway if they have a permit.
- No consideration has been given to the need for additional spaces as children become car owners

I hope you do not mind me sending you this information but I thought it somewhat surprising that not all residents in our area have received the Consultation letter and many will wish to respond.

Road	Resident Parking Spaces (including driveways)	Business Parking Spaces	Limited Waiting	Disabled Parking Spaces
Douglas Road	113	0	5	2
Old Rectory Close	21	0	0	0
Townsend Lane	41	9	6	0
Longcroft Avenue	75	19	0	0
St Andrews Avenue	9	17	0	0
Roseberry Avenue	75	20	0	0
Kirkwick Avenue	55	15	0	0
Salisbury Avenue	65	33	0	0
Rothamsted Avenue	35	8	25	0
Avenue St Nicholas	37	31	0	0
Amenbury Lane	9	6	0	0
Total	535	158	36	2

Kind regards,



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