



Important Parking Consultation

The Resident/Occupier

Dear Resident

Permit Parking Consultation – The Avenues

Further to our previous letters I am writing to set out the detailed proposal for the permit parking scheme for the Avenues area.

The proposed scheme will result in sections of the Avenues being restricted to permit holders only during certain times of the day. These areas will be in the form of marked out parking bays. All bays in the area apart from Douglas Road will operate Monday to Friday 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm. Douglas Road will operate 11am to Noon and 2pm to 3pm. During these hours a permit will need to be displayed to enable a vehicle to park.

In Douglas Road, Townsend Lane and Rothampsted Avenue limited waiting bays are being provided close to local businesses. These bays will operate will operate 8.00am to 6pm and are free to use.

The attached maps show where the bays are to be located and shows what each bay will be allocated to ie resident permit, business permits or limited waiting.

The scheme is intended to stop all day commuter parking which then allows space for residents and their visitors to park near their homes and improve residents access to their properties and workers from Harpenden town centre businesses to park. The scheme will also improve road safety through amended and new yellow lines.


Further details about the scheme are contained in the attached information sheet. A comments sheet is attached for you to provide feedback to us on the proposed scheme. The comments sheet can be returned by using the prepaid envelop or by E mail using the above E mail address. I shall be grateful if you could return this comments sheet by **4 March 2016**.



All responses received will be considered carefully. The results of this consultation will be considered by local Ward Councillors and the Councils Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement and Localism who will decide on the next stage for this scheme.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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Consultation on Parking – The Avenues

1. Q) Why are we introducing the scheme?

The Council has received complaints regarding inappropriate parking. Parking controls manage the road space so that parking is controlled. A permit parking scheme allows certain users to park on the road when the restrictions are in force. Following consultation with residents and businesses the marked out parking bays will be split into residents parking or business parking bays.

2. Q) How will the bays be marked?

Parking bay will be marked with white paint. Upright signs will identify the restriction for the marked bays.

3. Q) How much will a residents permit cost?

Resident permits prices are listed below:

(Please note permit costs are reviewed annually and may change)

	Cost (annual)		
	1st Car	2nd Car	3rd Car
Resident permit costs	£30.60	£61.20	£137.70

Permits are restricted to a maximum of 3 per household. If a property has off street parking permits are then restricted to 2 per property. The Council is committed to reducing CO2 emissions and as a result permits are restricted and increase in cost depending on the number of permits you purchase.

To obtain a permit you will need to provide proof of residency and the vehicle must be registered at the address. For company car users a letter detailing the user and address to which the vehicle is being used and located must be provided. This will need to be on company headed paper and should be submitted with the permit application form. Full details of how to apply for permits will be issued once the scheme is implemented.

Note: Residents parking permits cannot be used in business permit bays.

4. Q) How much will a business permit cost?

Business permits will cost £120. Business permits cannot be used in residents parking bays.

Only businesses situated within the Avenues scheme or within the town centre will be eligible for permits. Permits are restricted to 150. To ensure that the permits are given out equally applications will need to be submitted by a specified date. Permits will then be issued equally amongst those that have applied. Any applications received after this specified date may not be issued with a permit. However if Business Permit remain available after the first allocation permits will be issued on a first come first served basis after the specified date. Full details of how to apply for permits will be issued once the scheme is implemented.

5. Q) Why is there a cost for permits?

The permit cost covers the initial setup of the scheme, on-going maintenance, administration of the scheme and a contribution to enforcement. This cost of the scheme cannot be borne by all Council tax payers and has to be paid for by the area which the restrictions affect. The Council does not make any surplus from on street parking.

6. Q) Where can my visitors park?

Visitors can use the limited waiting bays or they can use the residents parking bays provided they have displayed a visitor parking permit. Visitors permits are available in books of 10 permits and cost £3.60 (36p per permit). Only 1 visitor permit needs to be displayed on a vehicle to cover the restriction Residents can apply for up to 12 books of visitor permits i.e. 120 visitor permits per household.

Please note there are no visitor parking permits for businesses.

7. Q) What happens to Teachers/schools?

As part of the scheme educational permits will be allocation to two schools St Nicholas Church of England Primary School and St Hilda's School. St Nicholas School is eligible for 15 permits and St Hilda's is eligible for 30 permits. These permits are valid in residents parking bays.

8. Q) Can I park across my driveway?

In most cases parking bays will be marked across a driveway and an access protection line will be installed. This means residents can still park across their own driveways but must display the appropriate permit during the restricted times. An access protection lines is an informal road marking that indicates an active driveway. This looks like an elongated 'H' on the road.

9. Q) Why can't a driveway access be left as they are now without any restriction or just access protection lines?

When implementing a parking scheme (controlled area/zone) there cannot be any unrestricted areas. An area either needs to be allocated for use as parking or restricted with yellow lines. This means that we either mark parking bays so that residents still have the option to park across their own driveways or install double yellow lines which would stop all parking.

10. Q) I voted against any restrictions, why are they proposed to go ahead?

Following consultation with local Ward Councillors it was agreed to carryout consultation on the detailed proposal before any final decision is made on the scheme. Your views are important and the response will be considered by your local Ward Councillors and the Council Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement and Localism.

11. Q) I didn't complete the original questionnaire and I now want to give my opinion, how can I do this?

A comment sheet is included with our proposal letter and we would ask all residents to use this to give us their comments on the proposals and scheme design.

12. Q) What happens if I do not respond?

There is no requirement for a specific percentage of responders. If you do not respond, an outcome could be that a scheme will go ahead or not go ahead without your opinion being taking into account.

13. Q) Will I get a response if I return a questionnaire or E mail response?

Due to the number of response we are likely to receive we are unable to respond individually. All responses received whether through the questionnaire or by E mail will be considered carefully. A summary of the consultation (with personal data removed) and the proposed next steps will appear on the Council's website.

14. Q) How many parking spaces will there be?

It is estimated that there will 731 parking spaces available. This is split as follows:

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
Rothampsted Avenue	35	8	25	0
Avenue St Nicholas	37	31	0	0
Amenbury Lane	9	6	0	0
Total	535	158	36	2

15. Q) I am disabled and a blue badge holder where can I park?

Disabled Badge Holders can park in any parking bay provided the blue badge and clock is on display in the vehicle. Residents who have blue badges do not need to purchase a permit but as mentioned above the blue badge will need to be displayed. Blue badge holder residents can purchase permits for other vehicle in their household as normal.

16. Q) I do not own a vehicle but I have visitors who may come during the week, how do I cater for them?

Residents within a permit parking area may apply for Visitor permits which whether or not they own a vehicle of their own.

17. Q) I have professional carers who come to attend my property on a regular basis. How will this affect me?

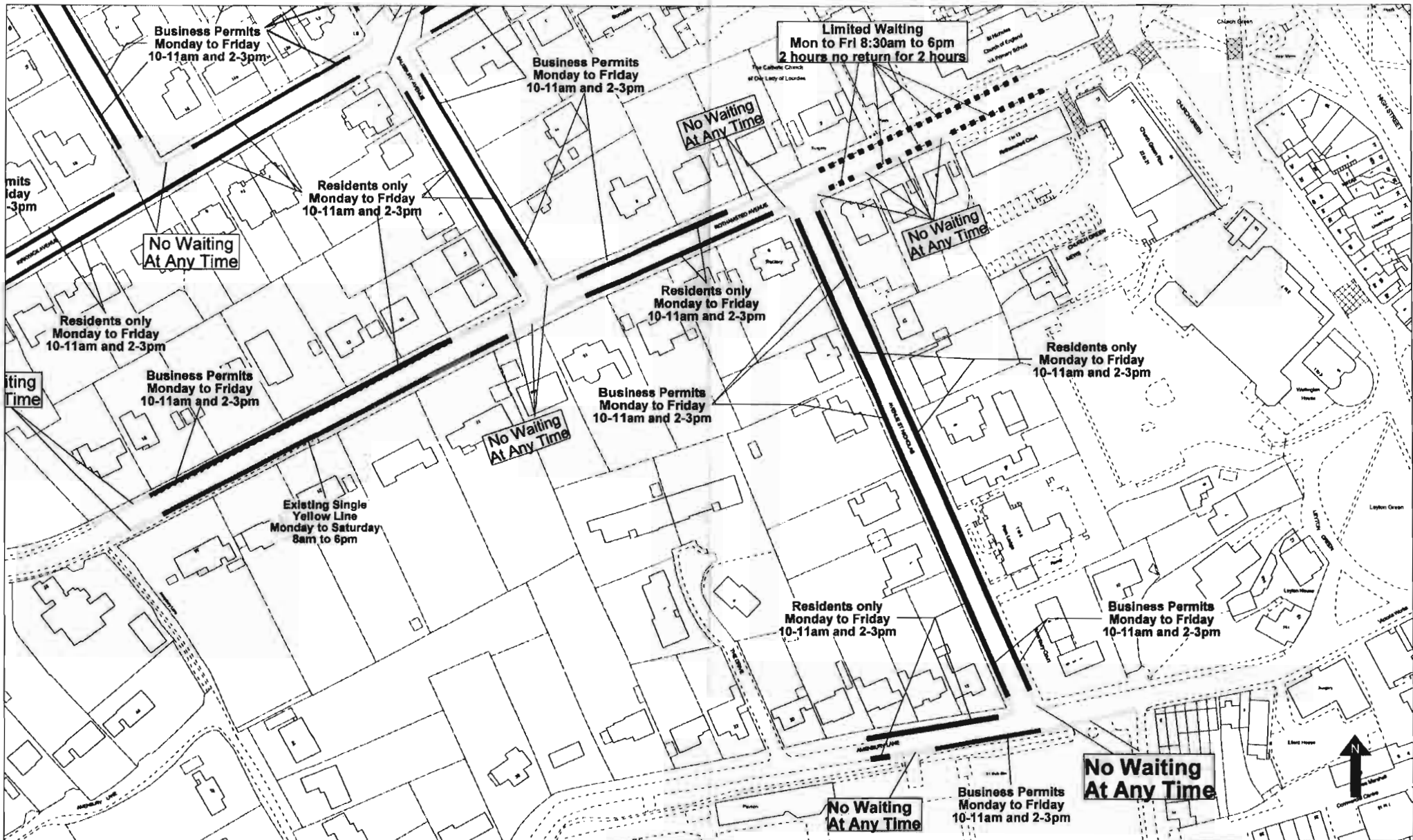
Doctors, health visitors and other professional carers may apply for a permit. This is purchased by the practice. Other carers such as family members or private health carers can apply for a carers permit and is issued at the Council's discretion.

18. Q) Will this affect the viability of the town centre?

No. This scheme allows for local business parking and free up road space for residents for their visitor and deliveries. The town's car parks also have capacity for additional parking. Outside of the operational hours the parking bays can be used by visitors to the town. This will benefit the town as parking space will be free from all day commuter allowing visitors to park free of charge.

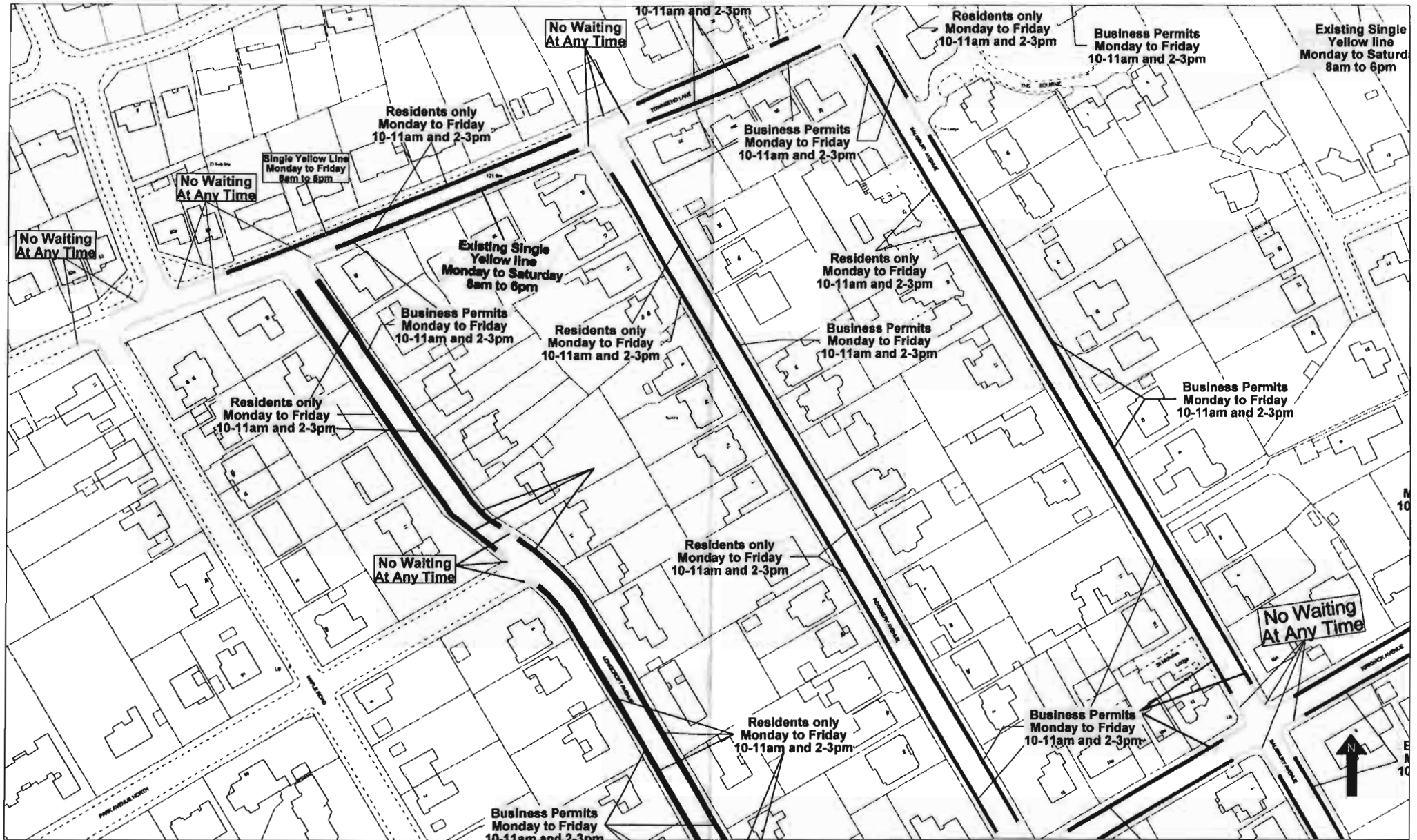
19. Q) What are the next steps for this scheme?

Local Ward Councillors and the Council's Portfolio holder will decide whether to proceed with the scheme to formal consultation on the legal documents, carryout further consultation or abandon the scheme. All responses will be carefully considered and a report will be prepared for consideration by local Ward councillors and the Council's portfolio holder for Community Engagement and Localism. Residents will be informed on any decisions made.

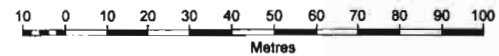


The Avenues Permits Parking Scheme - Map 1



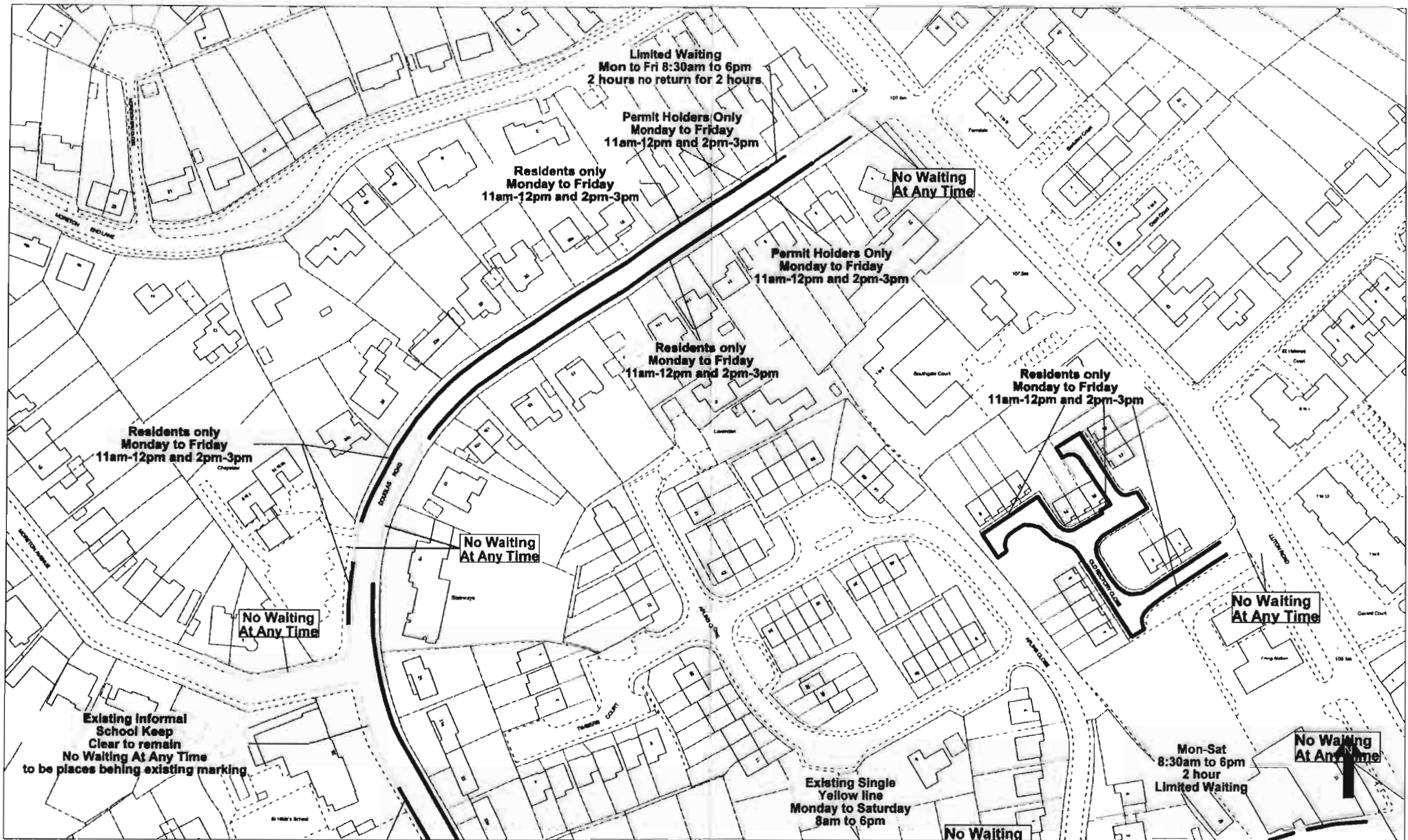


The Avenues Permit Parking Scheme - Map 3

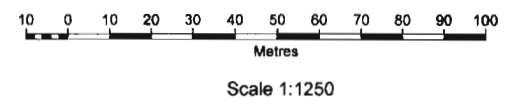


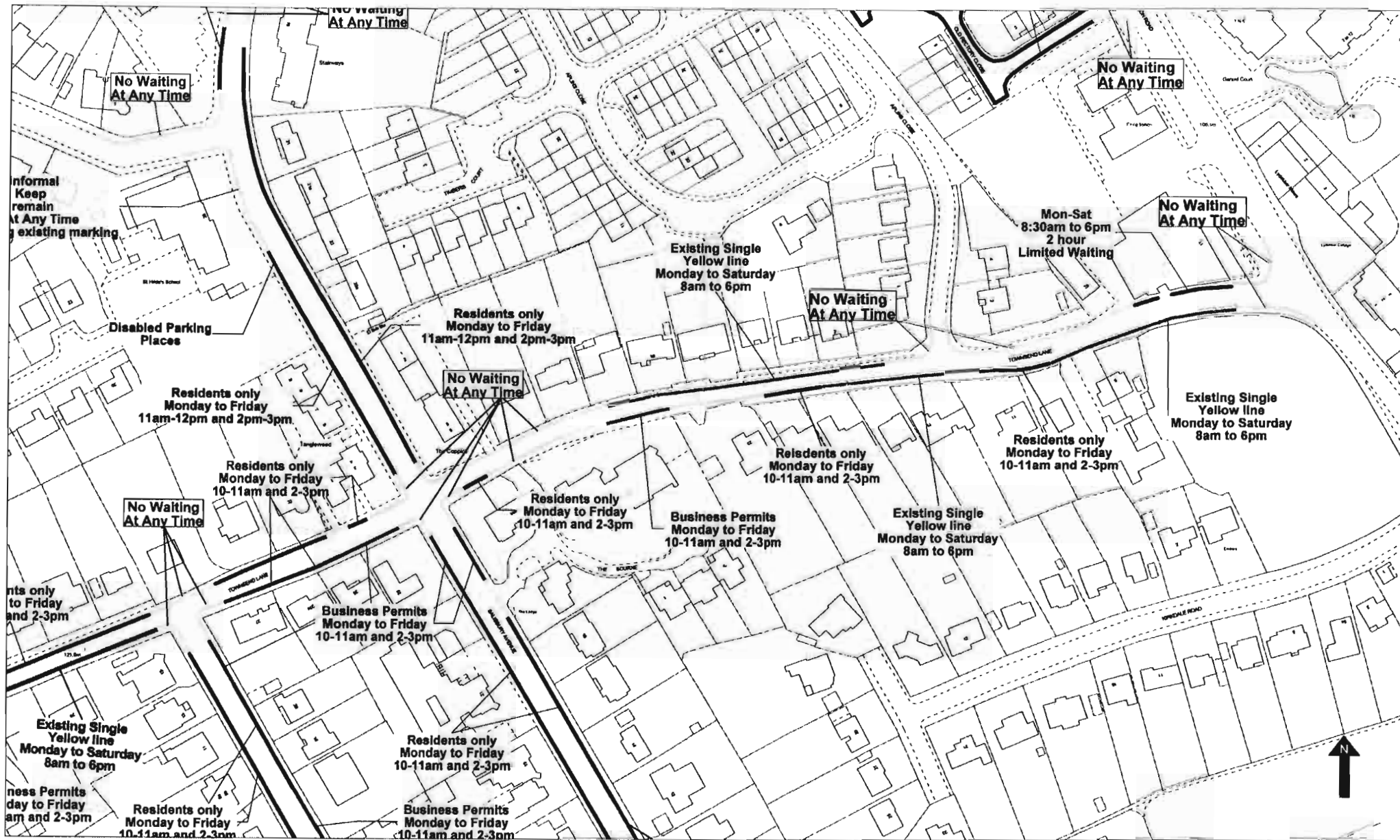
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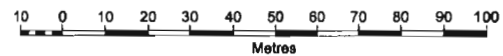


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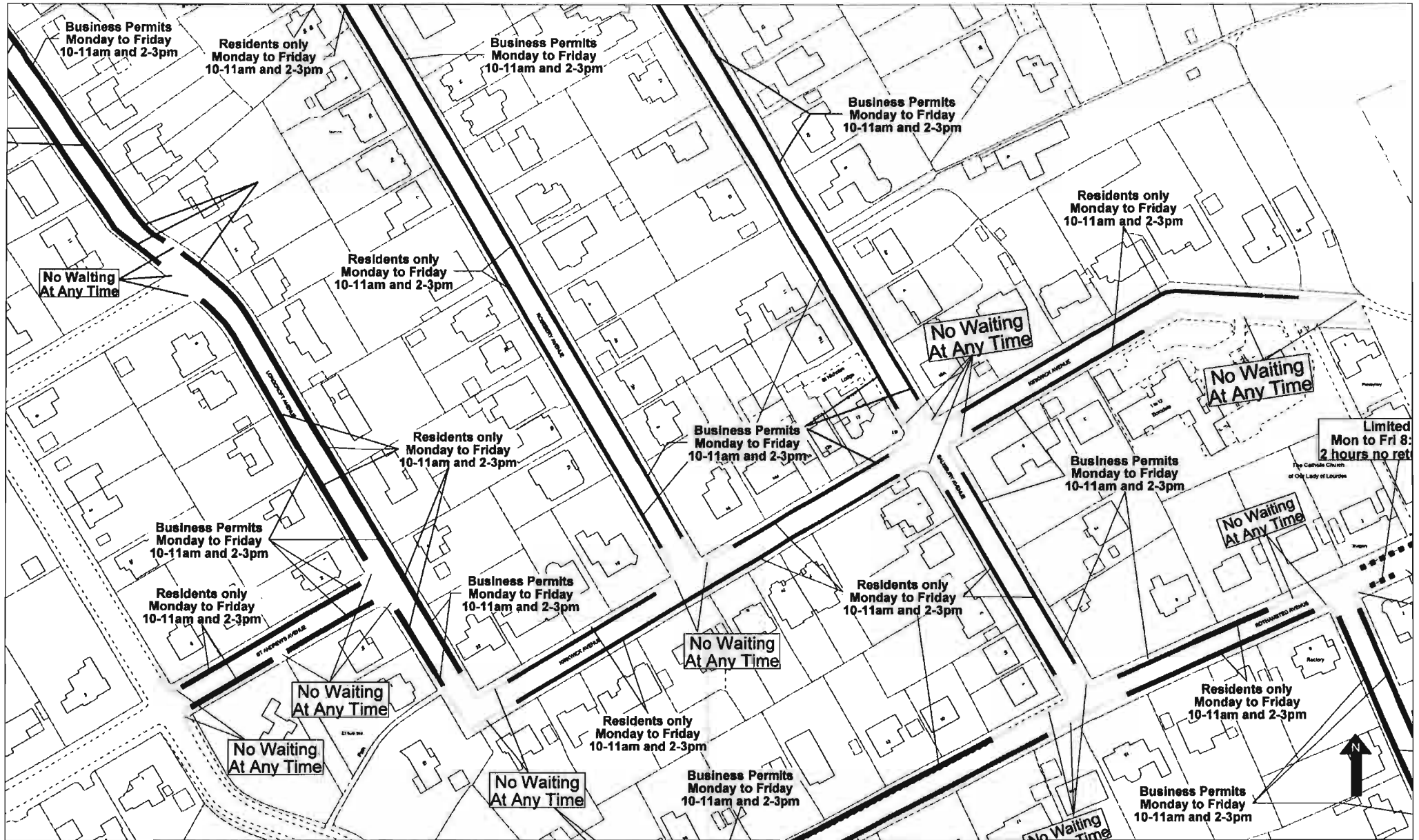


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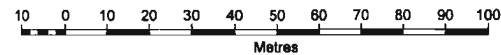


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The Avenues Permit Parking Scheme - Map 2



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1. To allow us to attribute your comments to the right road can you tell us what road you live on:

2. Do you agree with the scheme design?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Any further comments on the design of the scheme?

This consultation will be used to inform us regarding any changes to the proposed scheme. To enable us to answer any questions you have posed or to receive feedback please fill in the below.

Name	
Address	

Please return by **4 March 2016** in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

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