

Planning and Regulation

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The Occupier

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Dear Occupier(s),

Proposed parking controls in Ingleside Drive area, Stevenage

Following various parking complaints received by the Council from residents of Ingleside Drive area, in August 2024 we contacted in writing all households of Ansell Court, Baron Court, Cavalier Court, Chapman Road, Cranbourne Court, Herne Road, Ingleside Drive and Knowle Court asking if and what type of parking controls they wanted us to formally propose.

From those who replied to our parking survey, 83 households wanted the Council to formally prohibit parking on verge and footways, 28 were against it and 7 did not answer this question. A clear majority want the Council's parking team to take enforcement action against motor vehicles damaging the green areas or other parts of the public land not designed for parking and against cars parking on footways putting pedestrians at risk especially those who use a wheelchair or those with visual impairment. Therefore, the Council is formally proposing the implementation of the verge and footway parking prohibition as shown on the enclosed plan TPE/03/24-4/01.

The Council's parking team carried out site investigations in Ingleside Drive area on different days of the week and different times of the day including night and weekend inspections. Our findings clearly showed that parking is congested in most of these areas during daytime standard working hours and many of the vehicles parked during this time were not parked here at night or Sundays. These findings validate what most residents who replied to the survey mentioned, that non-resident parking is the main contributory factor to the parking congestion.

In the parking survey we asked residents if and what type of resident parking permit scheme the Council should implement to prevent non-resident parking. Their answers to the main questions are highlighted below.

Number of responses	For permits	Against permits	Not stated	Proportion in favour	Number of permits allowed per household				
					Number of responses	1	2	3 or more	Not specified
118	78	39	1	66%	118	23	66	17	12

Preferred days of operations					Preferred times of operations				
Number of responses	Mon-Fri	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sun	Not specified	Number of responses	8.30am-5.30pm	24hrs	Other	Not specified
118	50	8	45	15	118	55	12	11	40

We are now formally proposing permit parking for on street and off-street parking areas in Ansell Court, Baron Court, Cavalier Court, Chapman Road, Cranbourne Court, Herne Road, Ingleside Drive and Knowle Court, from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday, in order that residents can park near their homes. Only residents will be able to have permits, and they will also be able to get visitor vouchers for their guests. The areas affected are shown on the enclosed plan TPE/03/24-4/01. Permit prices can be found in Table 1 of this letter. Caring Visitor parking permits are issued free of charge to those eligible and are valid for two years. Residents that are blue badge holders are entitled to a free resident parking permit for their own vehicle. These restrictions will not apply to privately owned land.

Following suggestions received from residents or site observations, some double yellow lines are also proposed to prevent obstructions. These are shown on the enclosed plan TPE/03/24-4/02.

More details of the proposed restrictions, together with full information on how the proposed permit scheme would work, can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/parking/traffic-regulation-orders/proposed-traffic-orders>. Details can also be inspected in person at the Council offices.

Formal objections to the proposals, stating the grounds upon which they are made and the names and full address of the person making the objection must be made in writing to Stevenage Borough Council, at the address above or via email to tro@stevenage.gov.uk before 7 February 2025. Comments in support of the proposals will also be received during this time.

Table 1: permit costs		
Permit	Cost – Paper Permit	Cost – Virtual Permit
First Resident Parking Permit in household	£68 (equivalent to 22p per day)	£62 per year (equivalent to 20p per day)
Second Resident Parking Permit in household	£94 (equivalent to 31p per day)	£88 per year (equivalent to 29p per day)
Third Resident Parking Permit in household	£120 (equivalent to 40p per day)	£114 per year (equivalent to 38p per day)
No household is allowed more than three Resident Parking Permits.		
20 Paper Resident's Visitor Parking Vouchers	£20	
20 Virtual Resident's Visitor Parking Vouchers	£15	
Caring Visitor Parking Permit for social or medical care	£0 per 24 months	
Administration fee for transfer of Resident Parking Permit to a new vehicle or to a new address within the PPA	£10	
Administration fee for refund of remaining full months in which parking permit is valid	£10	

Yours sincerely,

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