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Proposed Parking Controls in Sefton Road

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1	-	Thank you for continuing to try and resolve this.
2	-	<p>Writing to you about proposed parking double yellow lines in Sefton Road. While I don't disagree with some of the lines where there going go. It's a joke for the busses that Road maybe bin lorry's etc as well. My concern is loss of parking spaces making it even more difficult to park in a place near to my flat. It's a joke trying to park down there, houses have multiple cars some don't even use their driveways for their cars. No consideration I think is given to people in the flats down bottom of cul de sacs. Could you consider banning people with big work fans often Parked in way of the junction making it difficult for buses to get around. I broadly support what you are doing will go ahead despite maybe objections you may reserve. This council I believe doesn't care about its residents overall nice to see something been done about Sefton Road at last.</p>
3	-	<p>I write with reference to the above quoted parking consultation reference. The excess of vehicles in the streets should logically go to show that there isn't sufficient parking within the street, therefore how is the logical response to this issue to reduce the local parking by half? You did this at the top of Mildmay Road and Ascot Crescent and all it did was push the problem further down the road. All this will do is push the problem elsewhere as it WILL NOT CHANGE THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES OWNED BY THE LOCAL RESIDENTS. Surely the answer should be to implement new parking areas rather than to reduce current ones. There are green spaces at the top of Sefton Road that were used previously by the contractors for parking/containers. Surely, they could be changed to off road parking areas, that you could probably charge permits for. Anything except reducing already pitifully low parking.</p>
4	-	<p>Can you please reconsider the parking restrictions in Sefton Road Stevenage at the junction of 91 and 116 Sefton Road as there is a parking space between the tram and pedestrians crossing to the first garage both sides of the road. The restrictions could quite easily end just a bit past the pedestrian crossing and leave a parking space for me and my wife that will not block any vision at the road junction. We have been using that space since xxxx when we first moved in, we are now in our xxxxx and both of us are suffering from arthritis my wife has a disability blue badge and can't walk too far. Also, over the years we have had our vehicles stolen and attempted to be stolen so I installed CCTV cameras and in that parking space we can keep a close watch on our vehicles we agree with you to stop vehicles parking on the corners as this is dangerous but as I have said the space we use and perhaps the other streets this might help other people. The Martins Wood Estate is very difficult for parking as it was built a long time ago. We do hope you will reconsider this for us and others and thank you for your time.</p>
5	-	<p>I have just read about your proposed parking restrictions in our road which I'm very unhappy about. I've lived here for xx years. Up until about a year ago we had a resident who parked numerous vans, old cars, low loaders etc along the road & we all found them a nuisance. He has now moved elsewhere, so the problem has ceased. All the residents have friends & family who visit, so to put these restrictions in place would be a very negative idea, making people need to walk some distance to get to our houses. I propose you introduce some sort of free parking permits available to all residents that would restrict us all to one parking space for visitors, therefore not allowing nuisance vans etc to block the road.</p> <p>Further to my email from yesterday. Where do you expect people to park if you</p>

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		<p>paint yellow lines in the areas you are proposing? Some households have multiple cars. I think it's the larger vans that are causing the issues. I agree restrictions should be on the corners of the roads, but you must leave some space for cars to park, residents can't leave their cars at local shops & walk, that's just not feasible.</p>
6	-	<p>I live at x Sefton Rd and do agree that there are at times serious issues with people parking on the corners and coupled with excess speeds of some individuals as well as a lack of visibility I have always thought there will be a serious accident at some point. living where I do I get to see what's going on and one big issue is that there are so many large vans parked here that most residents can't park their cars, This coupled with some untaxed cars which never move exacerbate the situation and also there is one individual who owns a lot of people carriers and I wonder whether some sort of resident parking could be an option as all that seems to be happening is people from down near the factory estate park here during the day on top of what I've mentioned previously and all that's happening is the parking issues are being moved further up the road. So, in essence I do think the parking proposals are a very good idea but perhaps some thought could be given to the residents of Sefton Rd and where they can park.</p>
7	-	<p>Thank you for your communication regarding the sensible decision to instigate parking restrictions on Sefton Road. Absolutely no objection here, as the situation has become increasingly dangerous. My only slight concern is that alternative parking isn't being offered and people are unlikely to change their behaviour to the extent of getting rid of a vehicle, leading to the question of where will the cars go? (For the record, our household only has two cars - one on the drive and one in the garage, so we are not contributing to the parking problem and nor will it affect us directly. This is increasingly becoming a problem, both because people are becoming more inconsiderate, and cars/vehicles are getting larger. As you can see from the attached, this marking was very clear back in 2012 when we bought our house but has now faded to virtually nothing..</p>
8	-	<p>Could you please look at the attachments about our concerns about parking restrictions on Sefton Rd. The double yellow lines are needed but we think by doing that the problem will then be move to the junction of Verity way and Sefton Rd. I did ring and was told I would be contacted, but as this is going ahead shortly, I thought I would email.</p>
9	-	<p>In response to your letter advising of the above road being yellow lined, I just want to say we are in full agreement with this, and it is about time. The parking at the top of our cul de sac is appalling where drivers park obstructing the view of us drivers exiting, it is a complete wonder that there have not been major accidents. Bus drivers must find it very difficult too. I trust this will be fully regulated with traffic wardens policing the area, I know there have been many parking fines issued to drivers. They still do not learn. The sooner you can implement this the better.</p>

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10	-	<p>I am a resident of Sefton Road and am very pleased to see that you are proposing to put double yellow lines on the corners of each turning along the road. This has been an issue for a very long time and there have been many near accidents from residents not being able to see either way down the road when pulling out, due to the cars parked on these corners. We are obviously also very concerned that in the event of a fire, an emergency vehicle will have their access blocked. We welcome these changes as soon as possible. Can I also ask if anything can be done to stop the vehicles in the attached photo parking along the road. There are often three of these vans parked up. I do not believe they belong to residents of Sefton Road. Perhaps a sign could be used to advise the drivers that this type of vehicle must not be parked along the road. I know there are parts of Stevenage where permits are required. Is this something that could be considered for Sefton Road to stop people from other areas parking here? It has become obvious that residents from the flats on Wedgewood Way use Sefton Road to park their cars. I am not sure how much can be done to stop this, but I know it would be greatly appreciated by all residents if the road was not used as an overflow carpark to the flats over the road.</p>
11	-	<p>As a resident I whole heartedly agree with yellow lines being placed around the corners of Sefton Road, it's hazardous and very obstructive.</p>
12	-	<p>I have received a letter re the plans for yellow lines and whilst I agree the lines should be put on the corners, as some people are parking dangerously, I don't agree with elsewhere. Parking is a nightmare as it is round here. Most households having 2-3 cars and a lot of commercial vehicles are parked here also. I have one car and cannot use my drive. So, I must park my car on the road. I have x children and not happy about not being able to park alongside the road near my house.</p>
13	-	<p>I would like to oppose to the intended yellow line in Sefton Road. Although I completely understand the reasoning behind this, as a resident it's very dangerous with people parking their work vans at the top of the turnings making it very dangerous to see oncoming cars but all this will do is make the situation worse. This all started with the new flats were built on the old Dunlop site, giving each flat one parking space, this led to the residents in parking their cars in Ascot Crescent and one end of Sefton Road. The council then made these yellow lines resulting in all the vehicles moving up to the other end of Sefton Road. If you put yellow lines here, you'll just be moving the problem somewhere else maybe over to Norwich Close! There is no alternative solution given by SBC to relieve the problem. In our street alone we have two lots of flats and 20 houses, one family alone here has x cars another x. We have teenagers still at home with parents or grandparents that are learning to drive so that will be more cars in the street. People must park somewhere so what's your plan to help the residents, they pay their taxes so should be able to park on the road. Have you thought of parking permits in the street or the possibility of using the green opposite the petrol station to use as a car park for the commercial vans or residents. It's not ideal especially as I'm all for nature and trees but you can't just keep moving the problem and not offering a solution. Thank you for taking time to read this email.</p>