

General Consultation Comments

Southfield Road and Eastfeild Parking Review.

	Comment	Response
1	Resident permit parking is required.	The request is noted but the introduction of residents permit parking is beyond the scope of these proposals.
2	Parents of Redmaid's pupils are the main cause of parking congestion. They should be restricted	It is noted that parking congestion is at its worse at the start and end of the school day. Unfortunately there is no practical way of prohibiting parents from parking in the area.
3	The restrictions will only be useful if they are enforced. Other restrictions in the area are not enforced.	Westbury on Trym receives regular enforcement patrols from the City Council's Civil Enforcement Officers who issue penalty charge notices when the witness a contravention of parking restrictions.
4	Camera enforcement	The City Council is currently looking at technology for mobile camera enforcement of parking restrictions, although there are no definite plans for its use at the present time.
5	I will be less safe when I park at night as I will further from my house	The fear of crime is understandable and we do appreciate these concerns. It is, however, necessary address the road safety and access issues that result from parking on junctions and other pinch points.
6	Having double yellow lines outside residents property will make life difficult for those who have small children and babies.	This concern is understandable but junction protection will improve pedestrian access and double yellow lines do not prohibit the loading or unloading of a vehicle.
7	Double yellow lines are not needed as enforcement of the pedestrian dropped kerbs is enough to keep junctions clear.	The City Council does have powers to issue penalty charge notices to vehicles that obstruct pedestrian dropped kerbs. As well as sending a clear message to motorists that it is not appropriate to park across the dropped kerbs the lengths of double yellow lines improve that have been proposed will improve access and visibility for vehicles at the junctions.
8	Shoppers, commuters and businesses take all the parking	See 1 and 2 above
9	Double yellow lines will negatively effect the value of my house.	The effect double yellow lines would have on houses prices is not known. On one hand the loss of parking may have a negative impact but on the other they could have a positive impact as double yellow lines will improve access and safety.
10	There are other areas nearby that need the double yellow lines.	The scope of the proposals is limited to the area shown in the plan. Further measures could be considered should funding for such measures be identified in a future work programme.
11	Make Southfield Road one way	Making Southfield Road one way is beyond the scope of these proposals but it could be considered for inclusion in a future programme of work. However, one way streets can cause traffic speed to increase and tend to be very inconvenient for residents who live at either end of the street. For these reasons we generally do not favour their introduction.

Note: This is a summary of the more general comments received in response to the consultation on proposed parking restrictions in the Southfield Road and Eastfield Road area of Westbury on Trym that took place in January 2011. A total of 28 responses were received.

