

Banner Cross Ecclesall Road Parking Proposals

Further to the proposed parking meter scheme, we have reviewed all the available information over the past 2 years, and have carried out a very brief local consultation exercise, involving email and leaflets in the immediate area over a period of 4 days in April 2014.

We have documented these as follows:

1. Petition against implementing proposed parking measures without further consultation
2. Comments received from local businesses, organisations and residents.
3. Potential consequences of introducing proposed pay and display scheme
4. Possible Alternative Solutions
5. Summary of timeline of notices, meetings and consultations
6. Copies of relevant documents listed in previous items

In conclusion

We request that Sheffield City Council defer the proposed experimental scheme until a proper consultation has been carried out, to include all the local businesses, organisations and residents, not just the Traders Association.

There are other possible solutions that should be considered which could help all parties, not just the Traders to the detriment of everyone else.

The local economy and residents' quality of life is too precious to experiment with!

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On behalf of local residents and businesses listed

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Comments received from leaflets / emails to residents / businesses, 2-4 April 2014	
1	<p>Parking issues that will affect us (915 Ecclesall Rd):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents parking - We don't have parking to the rear of this part of Ecclesall Road like the houses further down below the Co-op, so the on-street parking is all there is, unless we park on a side street (very congested most of the time). We bought this house knowing the bus lane would cause certain amount of restrictions but they are manageable. Changing this would significantly affect our quality of life, work productivity and future desirability of our house. 2. Business parking - We run our business from home, which involves coming and going during the day and evening, usually with survey equipment and paperwork / drawings - the survey equipment is heavy and can't be carried far so we need to load up and unload outside the house. Paperwork gets damaged and wet if we're walking far with it in rainy / windy weather, which we have to do in bus lane times. We try to organise our meetings and site visits during bus lane times to minimise wasted time and effort walking between house and cars. 3. Employment - If we lose the ability to easily and freely park outside, we will have to seriously consider relocating (we have already been looking into this since the letter in February), which will not only cost us money, but will adversely affect our business and ultimately if we cannot find a suitable affordable alternative place in the near locality, we would lose our 3 staff as they all live locally but do not drive. 4. Ongoing Health issues - I have breast cancer and cannot use my right arm for carrying heavy things, so again the issue of having to park up elsewhere and carry shopping bags back is a big health risk (lymphodema). I will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy shortly and these treatments cause fatigue so it would be much better to be able to park close to the house most of the time. 5. Blighted houses - This part of Ecclesall Road does suffer from neglect - it is blighted due to the petrol station and casino etc opposite and Finnegans yard behind us, and many of the houses are rented out and look shabby and ill-maintained. However, there are several owner-occupied houses, and over recent years some of the worst houses have changed hands and been refurbished, so it is improving. We do feel that because it looks a bit run down in places, it is overlooked and treated as if we don't matter, especially with lack of consultation at times on highways and planning issues. We are very fortunate to have the Banner Cross Neighbourhood Group to keep us in the loop. <p>If the parking meter restrictions are implemented, it will further downgrade the houses here, as they will be come totally unsuitable for anything other than HMOs, and they will eventually fall into disrepair due to neglect by landlords and blight the rest of Ecclesall Road. On the planning policy this part of the road is designated as office/commercial use but in reality most of it is residential and has been so for the past 110 years. In order to keep a good mix of residents, free parking outside the houses is essential.</p>
3	<p>The fall out may also extend to the Coop and or Sainsbury's putting meters up in their parks to dissuade casual non-customer parking. All in all, I can see it being a hassle. I'm most fearful that permits will arise when the problem parking in neighbouring streets develops. What I've seen in Hunters Bar has been a real pain to people from what I can understand.</p>

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6	there was no consultation with us - and parking on blair athol is already very pressured during the day when I suspect people park here to catch buses to town, and in the evening when people go out on ecclesall road (it frees up after 11 ish at night)
8	I'm appalled about their proposals & what it means to us as local residents. We already find it a struggle to park on our road at the moment & what the council are proposing will only make that worse especially for those residents who have young families.
13	I totally agree that the proposed changes will create more problems and inevitably lead to residents permits being introduced on side roads. It's a bad idea thought up by someone with too much time on their hands and a budget they have to spend.
14	<p>I am writing to comment on the proposed parking restrictions on Ecclesall Road. I have heard TODAY, that the restrictions at Banner Cross are to extend to the junction with Greystones Road. This will have a serious effect on a number of St. Williams' parishioners. Each day there is a Mass which is attended by a significant number of people, many of whom come in their cars and park close to the church.</p> <p>I personally have to use my car on Mondays, as immediately afterwards I take Holy Communion to some people in Fulwood Lodge, therefore I need my car. It would therefore be a cost to pay for an hour's parking outside Church during the service. This is also applicable for each day for those taking Holy Communion to the housebound.</p> <p>On Wednesday there is a lunch club for the elderly in the church hall. Whilst most of the clients arrive by minibus, there are some who come by car, they would need to park from 10.30am until 1.00 pm, would this length of time be possible? and at what cost? also the volunteers who help run the lunch club arrive at 10.00am and leave at 1.30pm</p> <p>As you can see from just the two examples I have mentioned new parking restrictions would have a serious effect on people who use St. Williams' church. Yet there has been NO consultation with the parish whatsoever.</p> <p>The social consequences of these restrictions could be severe and damaging, as some elderly people will no longer attend the lunch club, thus become more isolated. It could be more difficult to recruit volunteers to run the club.</p> <p>Some people would find it more difficult to attend Church to practise their Faith.</p> <p>Looking at the map, there are even more restrictions than I had thought!! Also it extends to Saturday until 6.30pm - Saturday evening Mass begins at 6.30pm so parishioners would need to park beforehand would have still to get the free 15min ticket - AND be careful not to park before 6.15pm!</p> <p>There are also other activities which occur on Saturdays too.</p>

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16	<p>We support your view that a more creative scheme, sensitive to the various needs of residents, businesses and traders in the area is needed rather than the extensive pay and display scheme proposed (which is bound to have a negative impact on residents in nearby streets, and may also back-fire in terms of reducing trade to small and medium businesses in the immediate local area). It will also make the residential houses on Ecclesall Road (a significant number) less attractive to residents and businesses considering basing themselves there.</p> <p>I looked on the Sheffield City Council website to see if I could find out more about this scheme, and could not find anything about it. I had heard vague rumours through a friend of a friend about parking restrictions but that is all.</p> <p>We are regular visitors to Banner Cross shops and Ecclesall library (on foot), but have not noticed any information on lamp-posts, notice-boards etc.</p> <p>It seems crazy for the council to prepare to implement a scheme which will be expensive, will frustrate residents and shoppers, and may actually harm trade and business without consulting more widely in the neighbourhood, and more carefully considering different options. Tidal bus lanes are used in other parts of the SW of the city, so why not on Ecclesall Road?</p> <p>Banner Cross is a mixture of all sorts of businesses and residences, and the needs of all local people should be taken into account.</p> <p>If there are particular issues with parking immediately in the vicinity of some small shops then a short stay restriction should be put in place just near the shops, leaving the rest of the street for residents and those who need to visit for longer (hair appointments, visits to estate agents, solicitors etc.).</p> <p>Sainsbury's is doing very well with its own dedicated lay-by (few people regard it as a loading bay only) so maybe there should be a couple of 'loading bays' installed near the other shops to balance things up!</p> <p>Sorry for ranting, but please add our names to your list. It is essential that the council do a proper public consultation before making costly changes.</p>
19	These proposals will make a nightmare to residents.
25	your note through the letterbox is the first I've heard of it!
26	Cynical revenue raising exercise that benefits no one locally and will pave the way for having to pay to park outside my own house.
27	<p>I am a resident of Murray Road and am disgusted that we have not been consulted regarding this needless change. I already have to fight for parking on my street and seldom get a space near my house, partly due to shoppers at Banner Cross and partly because there is a Murray road resident selling vehicles (up to 15 counted) from their home that the council have said they can do nothing about. If this proposal goes through it will mean a further influx of vehicles on my road and others in the vicinity. I am flabbergasted that the council have the temerity to suggest that parking restrictions, where there doesn't seem to be a problem, will improve trade for local businesses. This is absolutely ridiculous. I agree with both of your proposals as both are clearly more thought out than the existing plan.</p>

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28	<p>I would like to largely support your opposition to the proposed scheme. Parking on an the road at this time of day, is not an issue, as it was in the hunters bar area, and the scheme as described would negatively affect local businesses and residents.</p> <p>however I would have to disagree with the tidal flow road suggestion, as with the signage and road marking changes needed it would become very expensive to do. I would prefer a "do nothing" solution, as there is really no problem as it stands.</p> <p>I lived on Sharrow vale road when their parking scheme came live, and it was certainly very disruptive for the residents. largely due to the number of permits the council would permit per residence, in an area filled with multiple occupancies. In the long run however for businesses in the area the increased car turnover rate appears to be better for business, but this is with an area where parking was an issue.</p>
29	<p>I have lived on Tullibardine Road for 19 years. I live on the bottom section of the road with Greystones School on the opposite side.</p> <p>The school causes some traffic problems but these are usually only for about half an hour in the morning and then again another half an hour from 3pm. I am tolerant of the school traffic as both my children attended the school and I have sympathy for parents trying to deliver their children safely to school and then going to work themselves. The most important thing is the safety of the young children on their journey to and from school.</p> <p>We also have a GP surgery situated at the bottom of the road on the junction with Greystones Road which causes extra traffic. All the houses on this part of the road and the next section of Tullibardine Road have on-street parking. In fact all the roads around us have terraced houses and on-street parking.</p> <p>In the last few months, there have been extensive roadworks on the streets around us and these streets have been closed to through traffic. This has forced the residents, and others who use the streets to park in the daytime, onto Tullibardine Road and Huntingtower Road. Sometimes it is impossible to park on my own street or even 2 streets away. This is a small taster of what will happen if meters are introduced at Banner Cross. Businesses and residents on Ecclesall Road will be forced to find parking on the neighbouring streets and this will have an impact on residents.</p> <p>People who live in leafy suburbs or have houses with driveways cannot imagine the stress and anxiety caused by not being able to park your car near your home. I have suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for over 10 years and find it difficult, for instance, to carry heavy shopping bags from my car if it is parked on the next street.</p> <p>Residents of the terraced houses are more likely to have lower incomes than those living further up the hill in semi-detached houses with driveways. On-street parkers also pay more car insurance than those with private driveways. So if the knock-on effect of installing meters at Banner Cross is that the surrounding streets also get metered parking, then residents are hit financially yet again.</p> <p>I think that any "consultation" should be greatly widened to include residents and businesses who will be affected in the long term, otherwise it isn't really a consultation and is not examining the impact realistically and fairly. I would be interested to hear the views of residents in the Sharrowvale area who have had meters installed on their streets but certainly it seems very undemocratic to make this decision without proper evaluation and wider consultation.</p>

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30	<p>There are 5 of us living here (909 Ecclesall Rd) with 2 cars between us. We are 3 adults, 1 minor & a baby.</p> <p>I have today copied relevant info, including your letter, & sent it to the landlord of 907. He was unaware of the councils proposal.</p> <p>I also visited the petrol station today, the manager there didn't seem to know about it either!</p> <p>So much for consulting with the local businesses!!!</p>
31	<p>We believe that it will harm the smaller shops without car parks and will increase the problems on the side roads which already have reached their parking limit.</p>
32	<p>These restrictions will greatly inconvenienced the 20-30 people attending the daily service at St William's Church, where we have timed it so that they can park on the road</p>
33	<p>Given that the range of shops are local in nature and not 'destination' shops per se it is likely that the restrictions will have a negative impact and then lead to an offset effect of additional parking pressure in adjacent roads. The proposed traffic regulation order TRO for these restrictions should contain a statement of reasons as to why the council feel they are required. I can see no justification that is valid and this is just a revenue generating exercise.</p>
34	<p>When I received the consultation document, I commented that we were against the scheme, and felt it was unnecessary – just another scheme for Sheffield City Council to extract more money from the local community, under the guise of "improving the community"</p>
37	<p>I'm sure this idea is the thin end of the wedge, with the council wanting to spread resident's parking into our area, only this week, I received a card from Lewis Dagnal, saying parking permits would solve all our parking problems.</p> <p>We don't have a major parking problem, as you say, on Ecclesall Road and a contra-flow system would appear good for the shops.</p> <p>I have lived in this area for over fifty years, the last forty-four on Huntingtower Road, so have good knowledge of our problems. I now don't shop at lower Ecclesall Road, Brooke Hill and London Road and think that bringing in these heavy-handed restrictions, has always been a step backwards.</p> <p>The only reason they do it, in my opinion, is that we, car users, are convient 'cash cows'. The council tried to bring these restrictions into the Firth Park area of Sheffield, it was successfully resisted there.</p>
39	<p>I had no idea! I certainly haven't been consulted and I live on Murray Road which is likely to be affected.</p>

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42	<p>Local residents have certainly not been consulted and I am totally opposed to any measures that will increase demand for parking on the side streets at Greystones as this is already a huge problem. I can't see that metered parking on the main road at Banner Cross will be helpful to anyone. I live on Tullibardine so have to put up with the parking problems generated by Greystones school – and parking on Murray or Blair Athol is virtually impossible as these roads are largely used for 'park and ride' purposes by commuters so are parked solid every day. There is already as much, if not more demand for parking spaces in this area by non-residents so the proposed restrictions will simply make the situation worse.</p> <p>Although I sometimes wish we did have resident- only parking I believe this would just create another set of parking problems and I would resent having to pay for a permit which would not necessarily guarantee me a space – not to mention the nuisance for visitors, tradesmen etc.</p> <p>Last year (August) I emailed all three Ecclesall councillors about parking difficulties for residents in this area but only got a brief response from Roger Davison.</p>
45	<p>Im not sure if there is a way to record additional issues with the plan? The main one being that when you are pulling out of Huntingtower Road and there are cars (or even worse vans) parked on the section up to the crossing it is virtually impossible to see if any traffic is coming down. I have seen many near misses and a couple of crashes there over the last few years. I believe that this area needs to be double yellow lines with no waiting right up to the crossing zig zags.</p>
47	<p>I support the view that metered parking on Ecclesall Road is likely to have a negative impact on the area.</p>

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