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Subject: RE: Parking restriction proposals: Rochester wards (TRO Amendment No.15)
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Dear Councillor Murray

Thank you for your email below, which Ruth has brought to my attention. To provide some reassurance, myself and Jayne will be reviewing this with Nikki and the Parking Design team at the earliest opportunity. We fully understand the significance of the new school and the need to mitigate as far as possible the impact on residents. City Way has a lot of issues to think about and a lot of things going on as well as being a key gateway into Medway, so it is important to take a holistic approach that is well-planned and coordinated. Please allow me a little time to discuss the situation with the team and for myself and Jayne to give clear direction on the way forward in the context of the commitment from Councillor Filmer.

Kind regards

Michael

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Thanks for the reply Nikki,, [REDACTED]

However I am not at all happy to just wait and see for the City Way scheme, the idea was to mitigate impact for residents who have already been hugely inconvenienced by the build as well as encouraging the school to be good neighbours by making it clear that restrictions are needed and deter inconsiderate parking for the start. I specifically asked Cllr Filmer for this scheme to be added to this year's programme and he agreed.

Please can we see some plans as promised as soon as possible. As for it being too difficult to obtain an estimate for grasscrete, I am struggling to understand why across the council and Norse there is no one who can help, hopefully Ruth Dulieu might be able to advise us.

Teresa

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Dear Cllr Murray,

Many thanks for your reply. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Richard is aware that you require an update and is trying to co-ordinate information for you, but this has not been straightforward and not helped by recent leave and then being unable to access the Medway system. He arranged for parking surveys of City Way, to help determine daytime and evening usage (i.e. parking by residents and parking by others) and where vehicles use part of the verge for parking, which may be through habit rather than necessity. Obtaining a quote for "grasscrete" to allow a section of verge parking is proving difficult, as it falls outside of Parking Services' remit, and if agreed then the ban on verge parking that has been consulted upon would need to be amended to exclude that section.

Richard has suggested that it may be prudent to wait until the workmen have left the school construction site and potentially the Art college has closed, so that any parking proposals are based on current data once the day-to-day workings of the school are understood rather than on earlier circumstances that may have changed. Once underway, it is difficult to change formal proposals and we would want to ensure they are based on accurate data and remain suitable in the future. With regards to permit parking for residents, I was recently advised that no new controlled parking zones are to be considered for the time being, and I am awaiting confirmation of that before putting it forward as an option. We currently prioritise requests in terms of demand, where there is clear evidence that residents are supportive in the form of petitions, emails and/or letters. This is because parking zones are resource-intensive and costly; requiring informal engagement, legal documents (traffic regulation order, public notices etc.) and statutory public consultation, followed by a report, senior decision and physical implementation. After installation schemes require ongoing administration, maintenance and enforcement.

I have 4 requests for permit parking recorded from residents of Howard Avenue (you may have more), but these ask for the parking to be available for Howard Avenue residents only, excluding any residents of adjacent City Way or Onslow Road. I have explained that roads within a wider area are rarely considered in isolation, as flexible use of the parking is more useful for residents than confining them to park in one road; that way residents can use any available parking spaces when they are needed. This also helps to mitigate against displaced parking issues. There could be an issue with introducing formal restrictions in Howard Avenue however, as there is only legitimate parking on one side of the road, and vehicles park fully on the footway opposite. A controlled parking zone would not be able to formalise that arrangement, particularly as inadequate footway remains for pedestrians

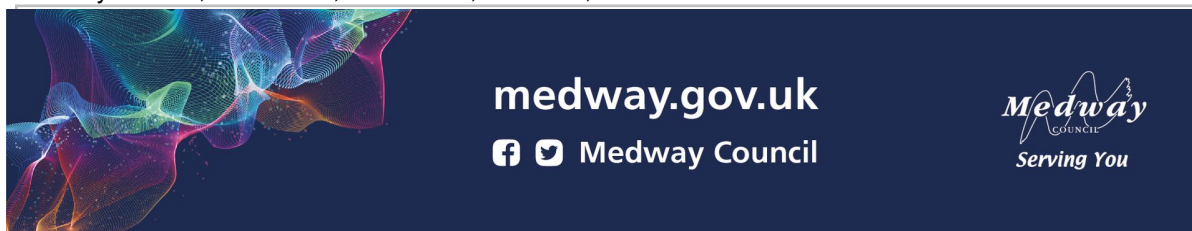
(image below) and therefore residents would be likely to see a reduction in overall parking capacity.



This is all the information I have for the moment, but hopefully Richard will be in a position to confirm details shortly. Once again, I am sorry that it is taking time to agree solutions and a way forward for the issues surrounding the new school.

Yours sincerely,

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Thanks Nicki [REDACTED]

Cllr Edwards and I have been waiting since April to hear about a scheme for mitigating the impact of the new St John Fisher school on City way for our residents living nearby and despite chasing have heard nothing since the April site meeting?

Teresa

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming traffic order consultation for Rochester that includes proposals within your respective wards of Rochester West, Rochester East and River. These are part of the 2022-23 Programme of Works that the Parking Design team is progressing.

Please see attached Notice of Proposals and plans relating to parking restrictions in Cordelia Crescent, Crow Lane, Hawkwood Close, Maidstone Road service road (south of Valley View Road), Maidstone Road (north of Shaw's Way), Trevale Road and Weller Avenue.

Formal CAD drawings are not yet available for some of the proposals, and so those attached plans show new restrictions in blue, parking bays in pink and existing restrictions in black.

The intention was to begin the consultation on Thursday 28th July and to run for 21 days.

However, this means the finalised public notice must be with our Public Notices team by 4pm on Weds 20th July next week, in order to publish in Medway Messenger on the 28th, which may not be enough time for you to consider the proposals within your ward. Therefore it's likely the consultation will commence the following week, on Thursday 4th August.

As part of the consultation the notice will be published in the local newspaper, signs will be attached to lampposts in the affected locations and properties in the immediate vicinity will receive a letter and notice. As per the legal requirement, all relevant documentation will be available in a pack, held on deposit at Medway Council reception during the consultation, and will be made available electronically.

If you have any questions regarding this minor works scheme please do let me know as soon as you can.

Yours faithfully,

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