

Informal CPZ consultation City Way

Comments from residents by email

Against

- I live on Howard Avenue and do not support the Controlled Parking Zone proposal. With reference to the new school, I cannot see how this would be an issue. Parents would drop off and pick up their kids, and the staff have parking facilities in the school grounds. Family members and friends often visit me, and from previous experience I have had visiting in CPZ areas, I am fully aware of how inconvenient this is. My main reason as to why I do not agree with CPZ, is, as we all know, there is no guarantee of parking, and to add insult, there is a charge for it, together with an extra charge for parking vouchers for visitors. At this difficult time, for many of us, this is an unwanted expense.

For:

- I would like to ask if there are any considerations to make any roads one way once the new school on City Way opens next spring? Onslow Road is already at a standstill both morning and afternoon during the school runs, with parked cars being damaged due to lack of space for vehicles to pull into. There are also many abusive drivers!
- Comments wise there is a huge difference in the number of cars on city way on a weekend and evening compared to the week. Commuters are quite literally dumping their cars on the grass verge at times to avoid paying parking costs. It makes it very difficult for residents to park their cars and have visitors during this time. So, I welcome parking restrictions and having a controlled parking zone.
- I don't believe a full 9-5 parking restriction would be required. Just something to keep the commuters away. I have a friend who lives by sole street station in Cobham and they had the same problem and a one hour restriction was put in place from midday to 1 and that dealt with the commuters. Albeit it may not be as simple as that with John fisher opening.
- On viewing the school for our son last year, they had talked about making it so that parents are able to pick up and drop off on site. Although the drivers would only be able to turn left out of the school site so a possible increase in traffic for Onslow Rd. I also asked if there was enough parking for staff and she replied, "Is there ever?". So am not hopeful for this too.
- We are in support for the CPZ and would be happy to add our names to the council. However, this won't help the ever-increasing volume of traffic passing through each day. My car alone has been hit twice in the last 6 months by drivers trying to squeeze past the parked cars. I am not sure what the answer is for this though! I have also been in contact with Phil Simpson the site manager for the build. He confirmed that many of the workers are bussed in or car share. This has not been the case in recent weeks as we have noticed a growth in the amount of workers parking for the site each morning for the new build. Thus, leaving no space for residents in the area.

- I would echo the concerns of trying to exit from the rear of the properties. Cars often park on Onslow Road right up to the edge of the driveway on both sides, making it very difficult to get out .
- Meters would be ok at the bottom end of City Way **but only** if that was in conjunction with us having permits.. I drove along New Road today and there were dozens of unused metered spaces available but City Way was chocker, making it impossible to park anywhere near my home. It's so galling. I
- I echo concerns about 6th formers parking and also the fact that the school's own figures in the original planning documents, admitted that they would have a shortfall of spaces for the staff themselves!
- My neighbour X passed your email address onto me about the parking etc on City Way. I live 132. I agree the situation as got so bad. It used to be bad enough when we has commuters and students parking out there but know with the work men and losing 28 parking spaces it's got ridiculous. So something really needs sorting out A lot of us have sorting out parking at the back of our houses but it's got dangerous trying to come out off the alleyway onto Onslow Road as the white vans keep parking right close to the entrance and you can't see to come out. There's going to an accident one day. Hope things can get sorted out, as we've really put up with a lot since the school work started.

Comments at the public meeting 19 October 2022:

For:

- Majority supported the CPZ but a time-limited one to deter commuters during the week and not deter families from visiting Jackson's Field.
- Concern expressed about sixth formers driving to the new school and parking in nearby roads.
- Concerns about Onslow being used to drop off pupils, with parents driving up from St William's Way. There is already significant congestion at the Onslow/City Way junction, with residents finding it difficult to access the garages that run parallel to City Way.
- Question about whether permit parking both sides of City Way near Jackson's Field would be needed or whether there could be parking meters on the Jackson's Field side.

Against:

- A concern expressed about the cost of a CPZ. Resident had viewed the school map and was confident that parents could drop off at the school instead of at surrounding roads.

Other related issues raised:

- Complaints about lack of parking when the circus visit (Jackson's field being used for free festival parking at other times mitigates impact on residents).
- Arthur Road verges potentially presenting a safety risk – **Cllrs to ask that council footpath officer inspects.**
- Double yellows increasingly ignored. **Cllrs to ask for spot checks by parking enforcement officers.**
- Questions about what road marking/signage would look like for a CPZ.
- Some parking pressures experienced during Rochester festivals and in the evenings for local church and Rochester cathedral events.