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## Howardian Primary area: parking options

## **Consultation Report**

A consultation was held on the above scheme proposals between 30/06/2022 and 29/07/2022.

The purpose of the consultation was to put forward options in response to concerns from residents about the impact of school related parking and traffic in the area around Howardian Primary School.

Local residents were informed by letter, with 544 properties written to regarding the proposals. Responses were primarily collected using online surveys, with paper copies of the information and surveys made available through C2C and the Penylan Library. A small number of emails commenting on the proposals were also received.

Responses received:

- One paper copy of the Hampton Court Road survey
- Five emails with comments on the proposals
- Hammond Way survey 34 responses
- Hampton Court Road survey 18 responses
- Scholars Drive/Howardian Close 17 responses
- Wider area survey 103 responses

## **Specific Issues**

Specific issues raised through the consultation are set out below with the Council's response, where the same issue has been raised by a different responder these have been grouped together.

#### **Hammond Way**

Issue	Response
Parking on Hammond Way reduces the street to one lane and causes congestion, often forcing vehicles to drive and/or park on the pavements.	Proposal to introduce No Waiting and No Loading restrictions on Hammond Way will stop parking and related congestion.
Vehicles waiting to exit onto Colchester Ave, and cars parked on Hammond Way by the lights, prohibit free movement of vehicles turning into Hammond Way from Colchester Ave.	Proposal to introduce No Waiting and No Loading restrictions on Hammond Way will stop parking and related congestion.
Nursery parents also park dangerously and inconsiderately at midday, blocking driveways. Residents feel they are restricted by the school day.	Restrictions should help stop problem parking.

Restrictions on Hammond Way would displace problems into cul- de-sacs. Need to introduce permit parking for cul-de-sacs. Most houses have driveways so residents would not need to purchase permits.	We will monitor the situation and the impact of the planned parking restrictions. If problem parking/driving behaviour persists, parking permits and other options will be revisited.
Emergency vehicles would not be able to access the area in case of emergency.	Proposal to introduce No Waiting and No Loading restrictions on Hammond Way will stop parking and related congestion.
Residents have received, and witnessed, verbal abuse from drivers.	Anti-social behaviour should be reported to police but the proposed restrictions should alleviate friction by reducing inconsiderate parking and congestion.
Contractors for the building works causing a major problem. This will continue when people start living in the flats.	Proposal to introduce No Waiting and No Loading restrictions on Hammond Way will stop problem parking.
Pollution caused by the volume of traffic is a concern for health and well-being.	Restrictions should ease congestion and reduce associated pollution.

# Hampton Court Road

Issue	Response
Permit parking would not help and	The safety concerns are such that some restrictions
create an inconvenience to	are deemed necessary to improve the safety of
residents. The problems only affect	school pupils travelling to school.
a small part of the day.	
Parents and construction workers	Planned parking restrictions should stop pavement
parking on pavements restricts	parking.
walking space and causes issues	
such as broken pavement,	
restricting line of sight and blocking	
driveways.	
Restrictions on Hampton Court	The planned restrictions will protect the area
should not be necessary as the	approaching the entrance to create a safety zone for
entrance has been moved to Clos	pupils who walk, scoot or cycle to school.
Gwrgi.	

# Scholars Drive and Howardian Close

Issue	Response
Inconsiderate, pavement parking causes safety issues by narrowing the road and reducing pavement width. Pedestrians sometimes forced to walk on the road around parked cars.	There are no plans, at this point, to introduce restrictions or permit parking on Scholars Drive. We will monitor the situation once restrictions are introduced on Hammond Way and Hampton Court Road.
Drivers speeding and residents have received verbal abuse from drivers when challenged.	Anti-social behaviour should be reported to police.
Permits would inconvenience residents. Should have restrictions around school times only, no	There are no plans, at this point, to introduce restrictions or permit parking on Scholars Drive. We will monitor the situation once restrictions are

problems on Scholars Drive at	introduced on Hammond Way and Hampton Court
other times.	Road.

#### Wider area

Issue	Response
Concerns that restrictions on Hammond Way and Hampton Court Road will push the problem into cul-de-sacs, Barons Court Road and Earls Court Road.	There may be some displacement of parked vehicles in the surrounding area. However, this is likely to be dispersed and not concentrated in any one location. Our main priority is to make the approach to school safer so that pupils will feel confident enough to travel actively, thus reducing the need for travel by car. We will continue to monitor the situation after restrictions have gone in.
Parking permits penalise the residents. Limit parking during school pick up and drop off times.	The proposed parking restrictions will target school pick up and drop off times.

## **Supportive Comments**

A number of comments were received stating that this scheme will improve pedestrian safety throughout the area.

There were also comments stating that these measures will improve active travel and encourage more walking, scooting and cycling to and from schools in the area.

## Conclusions

- The consultation responses to the proposals for Hammond Way clearly reflect the concerns about school-related traffic and parking on Hammond Way previously expressed by residents. As such, the recommendation is for some formal restrictions on Hammond Way to prevent parked vehicles from blocking the carriageway at peak school drop-off and pick up times.
- 2. Whilst some residents raised concerns about possible displacement of parking into the cul de sacs adjoining Hammond Way, there is no clear consensus on the desirability of having part-time restrictions that would allow only resident permit holders to park in the streets adjoining Hammond Way.
- 3. There is also no clear view presented in the feedback from Scholars Drive and Hammond Close residents which may be a reflection of them being less affected by current issues.
- 4. The responses to the consultation on the proposed restrictions on Hampton Court Road, and the option for residents permit holder restrictions on streets adjoining Hampton Court Road, is also very mixed. This may reflect the fact that some residents, particularly those living nearer the school entrance, are more heavily impacted by the current situation than those living further away.
- 5. A number of responses expressed concerns about the impact of restrictions on Hampton Court Road on adjoining streets.

# **Recommendations**

In view of the above, the following measures are recommended:

#### 1. Hammond Way and adjoining streets: (see Appendix 1)

Implement TROs to restrict parking on Hammond Way from its junction with Colchester Ave to its junction with Woosnam Close on the north side, and to the start of the park/play area on the south side, and to protect the junctions of Sinclair Drive and Foster Drive with parking restrictions. The parking restrictions proposed in these locations will be No Waiting and No Loading Monday to Friday between the hours of 08:00 and 16:30.

The Junctions of Woosnam Close and Clos Cwrgi have existing restrictions which will remain in place

At the junction of Colchester Ave it is proposed to have No Waiting at Any Time restrictions to prevent vehicles from park and obstructing vehicles entering and leaving Hammond Way.

#### 2. Scholars Drive and Howardian Close: (see Appendix 1)

The junctions of these streets with Colchester Avenue will be protected with 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions. These streets will be monitored when the above Hammond Way restrictions have been implemented to assess if further action is required.

## 3. Hampton Court Road and adjoining streets:

A TRO plan is currently being consulted on for the new Clos Cwrgi development (see Appendix 2). We propose reinstating the Existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction opposite the entrance to Clos Cwrgi on the north side of Hampton Court Road, from the right of way path to the junction past the entrance to Clos Cwrgi (see Appendix 3).

## 4. Barons Court Road: (see Appendix 1)

It is proposed to protect the junctions with Hampton Court Road and Earls Court Place with proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time 'restrictions.

In light of the responses highlighting the impact of parking by non-residents on Hammond Way near the junction with Colchester Avenue, which results in significant congestion, and on Hampton Court Road generally, it is proposed to implement restrictions without residents' only parking permits to begin with. We will monitor the situation and the impact of the additional restrictions. If problem parking/driving behaviour persists, parking permits and other options will be revisited.

Restrictions will be enforced through a combination of attended camera, camera cars and civil enforcement officer patrols.

The Council recognises that the original consultation did not include an option for restricting parking from 08:00 to 16:30. The recommendation is based on a number of responses

expressing concern of residents, from the nearby residential development on Colchester Avenue, parking on Hammond Way in a similar way that building contractors currently do.