

**LETTER RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF HERBERT STREET
AND SPRINGFIELD ROAD, CAMBRIDGE**

April 12, 2024

Re: Concern for proposed parking changes on Herbert St. and Springfield Rd (PR0998)

Dear Cambridgeshire County Council:

We are a group of more than 50 concerned residents on Herbert Street and Springfield Road who oppose the proposed residents parking scheme (PR0998) which impacts our streets. The proposal calls for the removal of parking from one side of the road on Herbert St. and a reduction of several spaces on Springfield Rd. Any proposal which reduces the number of parking spaces is not suitable.

We would potentially support a scheme only if the number of parking spaces stays as is.

Several residents of Herbert St. and Springfield Rd. have written to the council expressing their disapproval of this proposal. We eagerly await a response and welcome a dialogue as to how we can collectively work towards a solution that accounts for the council's objectives and for residents' concerns.

Signed by a total of 54 people

36 from Herbert Street

16 from Springfield Road

2 from Springfield Terrace

A total of 22 of the above also submitted a response via another method.

Residents' comments overleaf ...

Brief comments you want added to the letter

The council must listen to the lived reality of residents. We do NOT support halving our parking spaces. Please do not create a problem where it does not exist.

Taking away half the parking in the street will cause all kind of problems for the residents. Having to walk 10 minutes away for me [redacted] is very worrying.

taken to many car spaces way

Taking away parking spaces from our neighborhood is going to be a disaster

taken to many space away so where are the rest going to park

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By creating so few spaces, it is unacceptable that as a [redacted] I may have to park my car very far from my home late at night and I'm sure there are others on this road with the same concern.

Resident's parking on Springfield Road/Herbert Street will not work - there aren't enough spaces for the residents, let alone anyone else.

the proposed plan doesn't serve the local residents needs at all.

Absolutely does not make sense to halve our parking spaces for no good reason.

I don't agree it is necessary to remove half of the street's parking, I think this will make things worse for residents not better.

This doesn't seem in tune with what residents want and will make parking worse for those that live on the road and need it.

I strongly oppose this proposal for residents parking in Herbert Street, until you read the small print and examine the map carefully you do not realise what is at stake here, so few car parking spaces for residents to park. I have lived in Herbert Street [redacted] and never had any trouble parking close to home, surprising I know, but true. I am a [redacted].

[redacted] I and others need to feel safe walking from our cars to our homes and this wouldn't be the case if I needed to walk alone in the middle of the night from much further afield.

I am very unhappy about the proposal. It would result in less than half the parking spaces currently available and mean that people may need to walk from other streets late at night which would be potentially unsafe. When residents' parking was first mentioned I assumed that everyone would have a space if they wanted one, this proposal will make the problem of parking on Herbert Street even worse than it is now.

The proposed scheme will make parking much worse on Herbert Street

Trying to find parking with further limited spaces will be a great frustration for life on Herbert St.

Hi, please can you put our names on the petition in opposition to the new proposed parking plans for Herbert street. We are not happy with the proposed plans and the knock on effect these will have. Thanks

Thanks for the note we received today re the parking permit changes in our area. We had obviously seen the info about parking permits which seemed OK, but had not looked at the small print, so we really appreciate your efforts in alerting us and helping out!

Sent detailed complaint letter to the council.

Sent detailed letter to the council. Concerned about parking many streets over, and looping around, with small child in the car and hands full of other items. Please do not reduce the number of parking spaces on Herbert Street and Springfield Road.

Appalled at the proposal.

will email objections to Council April 9th 2024

Has emailed the Council to object.

We are already struggling to find a parking space! These plans will make it even harder..

Sent formal complaint to Council. I wish to register my formal objection to the above proposed TRO. The proposal will not 'preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs'. In fact it will do the opposite. It will remove amenities (ie parking) for residents.

Sent letter of opposition to the council. I anticipate the introduction of the Milton Road permit parking zone with complete despair. I am a resident of the Springfield Road/ Herbert St. community with one car so am faced with the possibility of never being able to find somewhere to park and to have to pay for that privilege.

Please add my name to your petition against the loss of parking places on Herbert St and Springfield Road. Some of us made a similar protest at the last consultation, with no effect at all. But worth having another go.

It is vital to minimise the loss of spaces in Herbert street for a parking scheme to be viable and more pragmatism and flexibility with interpreting guidelines , (which are for new builds not victorian terraces) is required to achieve this .

There are NO foreseeable advantages in halving the already inadequate parking for 100+ houses, more probably more crime in the vicinity as people seek a space or walk home after dark from a space far away. No, no, no!

I see absolutely zero benefit of more than halving the number of parking spaces. This is not what the residents of Herbert St want and it is as if the council has not even been to the street to ask the opinions of the people that live here. There is not a problem here to be fixed, if anything the street needs more parking, not less! In addition, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if this goes ahead [REDACTED] will have to park far away from our house and walk in the dark, [REDACTED] this is not going to be safe. I'm struggling to find any benefits to the proposed plan

There are no advantages to reducing the number of parking spaces on Springfield road or Herbert street. I [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at highly unsociable hours. If I can't park outside of my house I will be concerned for my personal safety when making my way home [REDACTED]

We rely on workmen being able park at a day's notice close to our house.

This will create more problems than it solves: notably, inadequate accessibility for residents with mobility problems and for carers; rules out electric car charging from home on the evens side; no access for tradespeople.

I wrote to the council's consultation to object to the unnecessary loss of spaces in Springfield Road eg opposite 26 (a long disused entry to Whichcote House) and the failure to show the disabled parking space that has appeared recently opposite 12A (so to drop one of the other disabled parking bays). But I agree with the many on the petition that any advantages of the scheme (no parking by people coming to shop etc) are greatly outweighed for Springfield Road and Herbert Street by the disadvantages. Given that the bin lorries can access both streets it is unclear why there can only be parking on one side of Herbert Street. I have also never understood why there can't be additional access for emergency services by the COOP.

Loss of available parking spaces proposed far outweighs benefits of restricting to residents only.

No thought has been given to the scheme or the residents. Objection sent via email.