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Suzanne Steadman
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Dear Suzanne and Gwen,

Petition for Residents Only Parking in Culver Road, St Albans

I write further to the recent petition and Jill Durham's letter of the 13 June 2011.

Within your covering letter a number of specific issues were raised. In responding to these I would comment as follows.

Permit Charges

The current annual charges for resident permits within St Albans are as follows;

	Part Day Zone - 2 Hours	All Day - Greater than 2 hours
1 st vehicle	£19	£38
2 nd vehicle	£66	£132
3 rd vehicle	£144	£288

The charges for permits are reviewed annually and are subject to approval by the Council when setting its annual budget, the last increase being this year when the all day charge for the 1st vehicle increased from £36 to £38. The part day charge increased from £18 to £19.

Bay Markings

If permit parking (resident parking) was introduced it will be necessary for parking bays to be marked on the road.

Our current practice is to mark one long single bay along the length of the road. This enables residents to organise the parking in the most efficient manner.

Double yellow lines are usually seen at junctions for reasons of safety to ensure sightlines are protected when entering and exiting roads. The need for double yellow lines will be considered as part of the consultation.

The introduction of parking restrictions can reduce the level of authorised parking. This occurs when restrictions are introduced to prevent parking in areas where it is unsafe to do so, for example within 10 metres of a junction.

Hours of Restriction

The hours of restriction will very much depend on the location of the area in question.

Across St Albans the level of restrictions varies between;

2 hours per day Monday to Friday and;
8.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Sunday.

Within the Boundary Road area it is likely that a two hour restriction, Monday to Friday will be sufficient to resolve the current difficulties.

The actual level of restrictions will be considered during any consultation.

Visitor Permits

Residents are able to purchase resident visitor vouchers for use by their visitors or tradesmen.

Resident visitor vouchers are currently charged at the following rates.

Up to 4 hours - 35p (sold in books of 10)
All day - 70p (sold in books of 10)

Residents are permitted to purchase 11 books per year, additional can be obtained upon application.

Consideration of Petition

Without pre-determining the presentation to full Council of your petition on 20 July 2011, it is proposed to discuss the request at the meeting of the Car Parking Working Party which is to be held on 27 July 2011 at the Council Offices, commencing at 7pm.

This is a public meeting and there will an opportunity for you to speak to the working party on the 27th. If you are able to attend and wish to speak, please advise me so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Deakin
Environmental Compliance Officer - Parking

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Councillor Beric Read