

Community Services

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The Resident

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Dear Resident,

Parking Review (Zone P) Ladder Roads and Marshalswick South (North of Sandpit Lane)

Following on from the initial consultation which took place in June 2019 in relation to the above parking zone. I write today to update residents on the way forward.

Initial Consultation outcome

The Council has considered the responses received and can confirm that we received a total of 1093 responses.

More detailed information on the responses can be found on our website at www.stalbans.gov.uk/troconsultations under the Ladder Roads section.

Following consideration of those responses, we have balanced the needs of the residents with road safety and parking demand within the areas concerned.

Problems identified and solutions proposed (see attached maps for proposals)

Marshalswick South – North of Sandpit Lane up to Marshal's Drive between Battlefield Road and Homewood Road.

1. Traffic (including emergency vehicles) not being able to pass due to natural passing points being parked in following the introduction of the ladder roads scheme.

We propose to introduce a mixture of single yellow lines (No waiting - Mon to Friday 11am - 1pm) and double yellow lines (No waiting at any time) in affected roads to provide passing points.

2. Blocked access of private driveways by vehicles parking across them due to displacement of parking following the introduction of the ladder roads scheme.

We propose to introduce residents permit parking shared with public parking (shared use parking). Public parking will be via pay by phone only, at a cost of £2.90 to cover the proposed 2-hour restricted period per day (Mon – Fri 11am – 1pm). Residents permit costs are detailed at the end of this letter. This proposal is intended to share parking across the entire section of individual roads.

Where a driveway access is within a marked parking bay, an access protection line will be provided free of charge to protect the access. However, where an access is located outside of a marked parking bay, i.e. where single yellow lines are marked, access protection lines will only be marked upon request and at a cost of £120.00 per access. Residents would need to make a separate application if one is required.

3. Reduced visibility at junctions due to vehicles parking too close to junctions following the introduction of the ladder roads scheme and parking being displaced into these areas.

We propose to introduce double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) at the affected junctions to prevent parking in these areas.

The Council is currently consulting on double yellow lines at various junctions across Marshalswick South, that consultation is still scheduled to be completed shortly and will not be affected by the proposals set out in this letter.

4. Reduced visibility entering and exiting private driveways due to vehicles parking too close to driveways following the introduction of the ladder roads scheme and parking being displaced into these areas.

We propose to introduce shared use parking across this area as described under item 2.

Ladder Roads area and Original Zone P –

Ladder Roads includes all roads north of Hatfield Road through to Sandpit Lane between Clarence Road through to Woodstock Road North and South. Original Zone P includes Albion Road, Cavendish Road, Cecil Road, Granville Road, Laurel Road and Stanhope Road,

5. Following introduction of residents parking restrictions to areas surrounding Verulam School the area to the north of the school became underutilised and displaced parking into other (oversubscribed) areas.

We propose to change the existing residents only parking to the north of the School to shared use parking as described under item 2.

6. The extension of the zone boundary allowed residents from the north of the zone to park closer to the station (situated in the south of the zone) putting pressuring on parking in this area. For example, a resident from the Sandpit Lane end of the zone where there is less pressure, could park in the Hatfield Road end of the zone i.e. Albion Road, Stanhope Road areas.

We propose to split Zone P into four separate zones (as detailed on the attached maps) this will allow residents to continue to be able to park close to their homes but not create pressure in adjacent areas.

7. Traffic (including emergency vehicles) not being able to pass primarily in areas to the east of the Ladder Roads scheme boundary. This is due to natural passing points being parked in following the introduction of the ladder roads scheme.

We propose to introduce a mixture single yellow lines (No waiting - Mon to Friday 11am - 1pm) and double yellow lines (No waiting at any time) in affected road to provide passing points.

8. Blocked access of private driveways by vehicles parking in them due to displacement of parking following the introduction of the ladder roads scheme. This is primarily in areas to the east of the scheme boundary.

We propose to introduce shared use parking across this area as described under item 2.

Overall, we have designed a scheme proposal which will prioritise available parking for residents but at the same time still allow parking for non-residents in a more controlled way.

The scheme design looks to expand the current residents parking schemes into the area north of Sandpit Lane (Marshalswick South). At the same time split the existing zone P into separate zones creating smaller zone boundaries i.e. Zone P, Zone P1, Zone P2 and Zone P3. What this will mean is residents will only have access to park in the roads within their individual zone. This will remove added pressure on roads nearest to amenities such as the station or local shops.

For detailed information on the proposals please see the attached maps. If you require larger print maps, these are available in PDF form on our website at:

www.stalbans.gov.uk/troconsultations under the Ladder Roads section. Please note that the consultation maps will be subject to some changes if a formal consultation to implement a scheme is agreed.

The residents parking charges proposed are:

1st permit £20.17 2nd permit £70.04 and 3rd permit £152.82 (per annum)

Residents Visitors Permits £1.30 per day (to cover a 2-hour period) sold in books of 10 at £13.00 a book.

Residents will only require a permit if they are parking within a residents parking bay. Permits may allow up to 2 vehicle registration numbers per permit. However, each permit will only be valid for 1 of the nominated registration numbers at a time when parking.

Public parking via Pay by Phone will be at a cost of £2.90 (to cover the restricted time of 2 hours per day)

Consultation

If you have any comments or suggestions on the proposals, you can contact us via email at parkingrestrictions@stalbands.gov.uk or by post to; Ladder Roads Consultation, Parking Development, St Albans City & District Council, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.

Any comments or suggestions should reach us no later than **Friday 28th February 2020**

Please note, The Council does not require a majority response for or against the proposed scheme as the scheme proposals are intended to improve traffic safety concerns. If you agree with the proposals or have no objections to what is being proposed, there is no need to respond.

The Council will be holding an open forum on Saturday 1st February 2020 from 10am to 4pm. Residents are invited to come along and view the proposal plans, meet the team and ask questions. This forum will be held in Committee Room 2 at St Albans City and District Council, Civic Offices, St Peters Street. This is an open forum and residents can attend at any time between the stated times.

What Happens Next?

The Council will review any comments and objections received from this consultation and make a recommendation to the ward Councillors and the Councils Portfolio Holder on the way forward, this may include one of the following;

1. Advertising a formal intension to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to implement a new scheme as detailed (formal consultation)
2. Advertise our intension to make a TRO to implement a scheme with some amendments, based on comments and objections received (formal consultation)
3. Carry out further informal consultation/s if required, this may include changes to the original proposals detailed in this consultation

We will update residents at each stage of the consultation.

I look forward to receiving your response.



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