

EP COLLIER CHANGES TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS - OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
 ITEM 6 APPENDIX 2 - Summary of letters of support and objections received to Traffic Regulation Order

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1	<p>Hi we are writing to object to the purposed removal of the hatch markings on York Road in Reading. We wish to point out the implications to the already limited parking for residents as even with the hatch markings its extremely difficult as it is to find a space. To take away the opportunity to park on the hatchings will now make it almost impossible to park in the area, as the cars that would have been parked in front of the school will now use up the spaces on the other side of the street. We would also like to point out that as carers we only have 1 permit between 3 members of staff, and when there two members on we have to use the hatchings as parking on a Saturday or we have to use a permit that the people we support have to pay for. This will obviously have financial implications on them which feel is extremely unfair.</p>	<p>These proposals do not result in the removal of parking provision on York Road as there are currently double yellow lines with the 'School Keep Clear' marking. Therefore, parking shouldn't be taking place at this location at any time.</p> <p>There are a number of discretionary permit application options available on the Council's website (http://www.reading.gov.uk/parkingpermits), which includes carer permits.</p>
2	<p>I would like to place an objection to the proposed order to change waiting restrictions on York Road. I make this objection on the basis that from the current order it is unclear how removal of the "School Keep Clear" markings will affect parking restrictions on the relevant section of York Road. For example, will existing sections of Mon-Fri 8-5 parking and sections of double yellow exist in the same positions after the school markings are removed I would like clarification of this, in writing, before removing my objection</p>	<p>These proposals shall remove a section of the 'School Keep Clear' restriction on York Road but retain the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction.</p>
3	<p>I am writing to you on behalf of the Bell Tower Community Association to object to the proposed changes to waiting restrictions in the area around E.P. Collier School. The shortening of the "School Keep Clear" road markings would create a hazard at the pedestrian entrance to the nursery from cars dropping children off. The general facilitation of taking children to school by the extension of the double yellow lines will do nothing to mitigate and would probably exacerbate the rise in vehicle movements during the school run caused the expansion of E.P. Collier. More traffic inevitably raises the risk of accidents, and Bell Tower has no desire to see anyone, particularly, a child, from our in our community injured or possibly even killed as a result. Should an accident occur during the school run the situation could well be compounded by the difficulty the emergency services would have in accessing the scene because of the vehicle traffic the council would be encouraging by its proposed changes. In addition, the</p>	<p>The main objective of this scheme was to have the correct 'School Keep Clear' restrictions implemented to reflect the new layout of the school, which should be placed outside of an entrance.</p> <p>These proposals do not result in the removal of parking provisions on York Road as there are currently double yellow lines with the 'School Keep Clear' marking, which are not being extended. Therefore, parking shouldn't be taking place at this location at any time.</p> <p>The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Ross</p>

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	<p>extension of the double-yellow lines in York and Ross Roads will lead to a loss of parking spaces for local residents. A recent survey of those living in the area we represent showed that one of the main complaints about the area was the lack of parking. The changes the council is proposing will just make the situation worse and add insult to injury after six permits for street parking have been issued to members of school staff. To sum up, we are objecting on the ground of road safety and loss of amenity. I hope, for once, the council will pay a modicum of regard of the needs of local residents.</p>	<p>Road is to facilitate access/egress to the new staff car park, which will introduce new vehicle turning movements on this narrow street with parking already on the southern side of the street.</p> <p>Reading Borough Council has already implemented Highway improvements and a replacement of the pedestrian crossing on Caversham Road to encourage walking to school. The proposal to implement a 20mph zone around the school will further address perceived road safety concerns.</p> <p>However, some parking provisions could be created on York Road that could be added into the a future Waiting Restriction Review programme.</p>
4	<p>I object to the proposed changes to the waiting restrictions as follows: Proposal - Replacement of School Keep Clear restriction with No Waiting at Any Time along Ross Road from its junction with Swansea Road with Addison Road. Objection - The proposed change on Ross Road between Swansea Road and York Road junctions is excessive and will result in the loss of five evening and weekend parking spaces for local residents and visitors (based upon the minimum standard car length requirement of 4.8m). The overdevelopment of E. P. Collier School on a constrained site has already resulted in the loss of amenity to local residents and existing community groups due to the increased traffic (and associated problems) and loss of parking spaces. The loss of even more parking spaces than is actually required to allow school gate access will cause yet further loss to local residential amenity and possibly cause resentment. Parking within the area of concern has become extremely limited and competitive since the development and residents often need to park on the sections marked as keep clear school in the evenings and weekends. It should be noted that many residents parking spaces have already been lost following the issue of unrestricted residents permits to school staff that could not be accommodated on site by the expanded development. This</p>	<p>The main objective of this scheme was to have the correct 'School Keep Clear' restrictions implemented to reflect the new layout of the school, which should be placed outside of an entrance.</p> <p>On Ross Road there is parking on the southern side of this narrow street, therefore emergency vehicles or residents would struggle to pass with parking on both side of the road. These restrictions also facilitate access/egress to the new staff car park, which will introduce new vehicle turning movements on this narrow street.</p> <p>The previously-consulted proposal to implement a 20mph zone around the school, alongside the implemented improvements to footways and the Caversham Road pedestrian crossing, will further address perceived road</p>

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	<p>includes cases where staff have also displayed permits indicating that they commute only short distances by car from neighbouring parking zones (despite this area being classified as an Air Quality Management Area).</p> <p>The removal of the School Keep Clear restriction for No Waiting at Any Time restriction will allow for setting down and collecting passengers (whilst preventing evening parking) and this change will encourage vehicular use to the school and result in more traffic and air pollution. The latter being of importance given the area is designed as being within an air quality management area. An inadequate School travel plan and continued failure of the council to enforce any of the existing road restrictions at drop off/collection times means that cars are frequently parked unattended on double yellow lines or in residents only bays. In addition, encouraging passenger set down/collection and car manoeuvres during the busy school related times and occurring next to designated crossing points and junctions is highly likely to increase the risk of accident</p> <p>Suggestion - The Ross Road section of the School Keep Clear timed restriction should remain as existing but with a keep clear H-bar marker or similar for the width of the car park access gate only.</p> <p>Proposal - Retention of the School Keep Clear time restriction along York Road from a point 16m north of its junction with Ross Road to a point 55m north of that junction. The attached diagram indicates also the removal of existing School Keep Clear restriction from a point 55m along York Road from Ross Road junction to a point estimated at approximately 96m from that junction. No information has been provided about what will be in place along this section following removal of the current restriction albeit there is currently also double yellow lines along this stretch of road.</p> <p>Objection - Removing the School Keep Clear restriction north of the 55m point at York Road (i.e. opposite New Hope Centre) is clearly also an attempt to create a drop off area for children directly outside the Nursery gates. This proposal will increase the risk of accident given there is a main pedestrian access gate to the Nursery and a dropped kerb crossing at this location. It is also located close the elbow bend of York Road meaning that visibility down the road is restricted.</p> <p>It is important that a no parking restriction remains at the elbow corner of York Road as allowing parking at this point would prevent larger vehicles (including emergency vehicles) from passing.</p> <p>Suggestion - I support the proposal to retain the School Keep Clear restriction along York Road from a point 16m north of its junction with Ross</p>	<p>safety concerns.</p> <p>The proposals in this consultation result in the removal of the School Keep Clear restriction on York Road, not the underlying double-yellow-line restriction - this would remain unchanged - so there has been no requirement to reference this restriction in the consultation Notice.</p> <p>However, some parking provisions could be created on York Road that could be added into a future Waiting Restriction Review programme.</p>

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	<p>Road to a point 55m north of that junction. However, the additional existing School Keep Clear restriction beyond this point (e.g. opposite the New Hope Centre) should remain as existing.</p> <p>The proposed changes will encourage car journeys to the school and will make parking and traffic worse for local residents. No attempt to reduce or mitigate the effects of the increased traffic caused by the expansion of the school has been considered.</p>	