

APPENDIX C

RESPONSES TO LETTER DROP

NAME REF.	COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS	OFFICER RESPONSE
1	<p>Partial support – Not opposed to proposals in general but objects to some aspects. Neighbours opposite (on the bend) park their 5 vehicles outside their house which acts as traffic calming, if waiting restriction proposed goes ahead speeding will increase. Restriction should end by 5pm as most people are already home by then.</p>	<p>Reduction of the time restriction would mitigate or overcome this objection</p>
2	<p>Objection - The proposals suggested are a gross over reaction to an occasional problem. Identifying the key times and dates - perhaps April to September, 11am-4pm? during weekends and Bank Holidays, would give far more insight into the actual issues. In the event of permanent restrictions outside 144-146 traffic calming and pedestrian safety needs to be addressed and dealt with. Perhaps coach parties could use the coach/lorry park at the rear of the precinct.</p>	<p>Reduction of the time restriction would mitigate or overcome this objection</p>
3	<p>Support - it remains a matter of regret that the problem of parking at the castle, not just access, has never been properly addressed. Reliance on just a single, narrow, residential street as the sole means of access to two unsightly and often inadequate car parks is a lamentable example of town planning.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
4	<p>Partial support - The proposed timings seem to be unreasonable for residents. If time restrictions <u>are</u> implemented they should at least allow for normal commute to work hours. 'No parking between 09.00 and 17.00' and on weekdays only would be more appropriate. The congestion problem does tend to be seasonal and is aggravated by</p>	<p>Reduction of the time restriction would mitigate or overcome this objection</p>

	visitor parking when the Castle car park is full.	
5	<p>Support - I have seen the chaos that occurs on busy weekends and bank holidays, when parking on both sides of the street causes gridlock. Even when parked properly, there is insufficient width for coaches and fire engines to safely negotiate the narrow road, due to the increase in width of modern cars. The hours of restriction do not need to apply every day of the week, as the problem of parking congestion is mainly at weekends and Bank Holidays, and rarely in the winter months. However, the restriction around the dangerous corner from 140-146 should be extended further south to perhaps 150, to ensure a clear run around the corner, and apply all the time 24/7. Designated passing areas which could accommodate several cars at a time, could allow some parking but also let traffic flow more freely.</p>	N/A
6	<p>Partial support – Please with action but concerned that the measures proposed will only address one of the symptoms of the problem rather than resolving the root cause. In fact restricting parking to one side to the street, without taking any other actions, will actually make the underlying problem even worse, as there will still be the same number of cars attempting to park in a reduced number of available spaces.</p>	Parking on the public highway can only be tolerated where it does not compromise safety or risk obstruction
7	<p>Object - The proposed restrictions will affect my day to day living dramatically. I have 2 young children and work full time therefore parking outside of my house is essential. The thought of having to leave my car out of view or getting home to find I cannot park in my own street is very unnerving. Whilst I appreciate that the parking in this street is currently not ideal, I believe the restrictions yourself and your team have put forward is merely moving the problem and not at all solving it. It will no doubt completely disrupt all residents without driveways and leave us competing for spaces.</p>	Parking on the public highway can only be tolerated where it does not compromise safety or risk obstruction

8	<p>Objection - The parking can be particularly difficult at the best of times especially with customers visiting the Cormorant Public House. If you restrict parking on the East side of the road then it will create chaos for residents who live on the West side!! Many on the East side have off road parking but this does not allocate for all of their cars thus leaving them to park some on the road too. So again if you restrict them they will also be parking on our side of the street.....where are we going park our cars?.</p>	<p>Parking on the public highway can only be tolerated where it does not compromise safety or risk obstruction</p>
9	<p>Support - It is only in the last few years that there has been a serious problem with traffic jams. The problems began when people started to park on the east side of the bend between 140-146. I suggest that first instance it is worth putting double yellow lines on that bend and seeing if that resolves the problem.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
10	<p>Objection - we agree that parking restrictions on the bend between 140 and 146 are probably overdue we do not support your other proposals and we would ask you to reconsider as they would have a detrimental effect on our way of life at this time. We are also concerned that currently, when the east side of the street is clear, passing vehicles already mount the pavements which although alleviates the traffic congestion poses a serious risk to the safety of members of the public walking on the pavement, indeed my dogs and I have already had a number of close encounters with moving vehicles on the path.</p>	<p>Parking on the public highway can only be tolerated where it does not compromise safety or risk obstruction</p>
11	<p>Support - The proposed No Waiting area has long been badly needed. The restriction should stop at 182 as it is quite wide there, I would also suggest that parking on the pavement should be banned and imposed by a fine. The no waiting times I think should be a little more lenient and be from 9am - 6pm.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

12	Objection - Astonished at the lack of consideration for the residents. Disgusted at the notion of parking on the eastern side of being restricted. Often, at busy times the parking situation on the road is difficult, and frequently required to park on the eastern side. Should these changes transpire, we would often be forced to park a great distance from the house.	Parking on the public highway can only be tolerated where it does not compromise safety or risk obstruction
13	Support - fully support	N/A
14	Support - This is just about the best news we could hear. So far, I have seen at least one or two incidents each summer where either a fire engine or an ambulance cannot get down the road due to the double parking throughout. Above all, it's the bad and aggressive behaviour of those visitors which irritates the most - rude, ignorant, impatient, thoughtless. So, to say that we welcome the proposals is a huge understatement!	N/A
15	Support - fully support proposals as stated in letter.	N/A
16	Support - Fully support. The only down side that I can foresee (other than the inconvenience of households with multiple cars) is that it could leave the street open to speeding.	N/A

Summary

Approximately 100 letters delivered

No. written to express support – 8

No. written to express reservations – 3. These could be addressed by reducing the time periods of the restriction

No. written to express objection – 5