



Reply To: Parking Services

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The Occupier

Dear Sir/Madam,

HANDSIDE PARKING CONSULTATION – APPLECROFT SCHOOL PROPOSALS

The current waiting restrictions outside Applecroft Primary School, WGC were installed in 2001. They were produced as a result of a series of meetings comprising representatives of local residents, parents, teachers, officers from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, the Police and officers from the Road Safety Unit. The proposals formed part of the Safer Routes to School Scheme and were designed to improve visibility at school entrances and reduce existing conflicts caused by parents parking and manoeuvring within the area near to the entrances to the schools.

School Keep Clear Zig-Zag Markings- These are located by the school entrances and prohibit stopping (School Term Times Only) between 8am-5pm Mon-Fri.

No Waiting Mon-Fri 8.30-9.30am & 3-4pm (School Days Only) – These areas are located opposite the school keep clear markings. These were installed to provide safe areas for parents and children to cross the road.

Having illustrated above where not to park, the attached plan drawing directs parents to where they can park. On the school side of Applecroft Road between the school keep clear markings, there is a single line waiting restriction Mon-Sat 9am-11am allowing parents to drop off and collect their children am and pm.

On the other side of the school, located between house nos 6-20 and 30-34 there are two hitherto unrestricted areas which would cater for parental parking. The recent parking survey in the locality however has highlighted problems in these areas in that they are being taken up all day by commuters, local workers etc. This has increased pressure on school parking resulting in congestion and safety concerns.

To address this problem, the Council proposes to install a No Waiting Mon-Sat, 9am-11am restriction in these areas. This will prevent the long term non-residential parking but still allow parental parking in the relevant times of day. We also propose that the current Mon-Sat 9am-11am restriction in Barleycroft Road immediately to the east of the junction with Handside Lane be converted to an 8am-6pm restriction. This is to prevent congestion around these busy crossroads.

The double yellow line markings on the above mentioned crossroads are to be amended as shown to allow for better vehicle movement. The other proposed double yellow lines shown form part of the overall Handside Consultation and are part of the project to prevent parking on junctions.

Work will now continue on the remaining areas of Handside. Some 'hot spots' require further investigation. At the conclusion of this period a draft traffic regulation order will be completed and residents will be notified by letter of our final proposals together with updated plan drawings. The proposals will then be advertised as a Notice of Intent. It is at this stage that any formal written objections will be considered as part of this process.

Residents are invited to comment on these proposals by replying to the Council using the contact details supplied above.

Yours sincerely,

Sent on behalf of
Parking Services



