

Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Roman Way, Billericay		
An informal consultation was carried out in January 2019. Following this 2 objections were received.		
	Comment	Response
Objector 1	<p>I am very disappointed to hear there is a consultation to make Roman Way a No Waiting Zone!</p> <p>I find this idea ludicrous when there is both a school and a nursery on this road, which means there will be no facilities for people to ensure their children can be taken safely into the premises, they are required to be in by law.....</p> <p>The roads leading to Roman Way are heavily congested as it is a residential area, meaning there are not enough areas to use instead of Roman Way instead! The other entrance to the school where the public buses park does not have anywhere to safely drop off the children meaning cars are constantly parked on the grass verges, causing huge delays for other road users and unnecessary congestion.</p> <p>I urge you to not Pursue this request and grant it, unless you are prepared to spend more money we are told you do not have, providing a safe place for both the school and the nursery which operate separately - a safe and ample sized alternative place to park and take their very young children safely in.</p>	<p>Thank you for your correspondence in relation to this scheme.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions have come as part of the planning recommendation in order to prevent on street parking in the area which needs to remain clear at all times for vehicle turning in the interests of highway safety and policy DM1 of the Highway Authority's Development Management Policies (February 2011).</p> <p>As mentioned, the intent of this proposal is to ensure the highway is kept clear, as a highways main purpose is to allow vehicles to pass and repass. Subsequently, we are not legally obliged to provide on street parking.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the western section of Roman Way, excluding the layby, measures a width of approximately 6.3 metres wide. If vehicles were to park on one side of the road, this would limit traffic flow and result in only one vehicle being able to pass at time, causing congestion.</p> <p>Additionally, a large part of the western side of Roman Way will have dropped kerbs in order to allow access to the driveways of the future residential development. It is a contravention of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to park in front of a driveway when a car is parked on it, even if only for a short period of time. As a result, we would not recommend doing so even if the waiting restrictions are not implemented.</p> <p>We have also been made aware that parents parking in this location have been parking on the kerb, which is not only illegal, but also reduces space for pedestrians on the footpath. This can cause difficulty to those with prams and wheelchairs and increases likelihood of pedestrians using the road instead of the designated footpaths. In an area immediately by a secondary school and a pre-school, you can understand why we wish to prevent this as its attendees are considered to be vulnerable pedestrians.</p>

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		<p>As you can see from the attached plan there are also two bus parking lay-bys, if the road is not kept clear and is heavily congested with parked vehicles then this may cause incredible difficulty for buses when manoeuvring in and out of the parking spaces.</p> <p>Despite all mentioned above, we are aware that there is still the need for parents to drop off and collect their children at the school during peak times. Subsequently, the lay-by on the western side of Roman Way is not proposed to include any waiting restrictions. On School Road, the waiting restriction currently in place prohibits waiting from 11am - noon Monday to Friday. In addition, there are many roads within walking distance of Roman Road with parking only prohibited from Monday - Friday 1pm - 2pm, which may be better suited for parents to park on during these times.</p> <p>If you still wish to object to this scheme please let us know by the 21st of January 2019.</p>
Objector 1 (Continued)	<p>I do still wish to object! Please note my objection and add it to the vast numbers I expect you will receive.</p> <p>The lay by allows for how many cars? For a school that provides education for how many? Plus the Nursery?</p> <p>I have to travel to get both my children to the secondary school and the nursery, I would love to be in walking distance, but I am not, taking a car for both children with different drop off and collection times and getting to work is my only option, like most parents.</p> <p>I don't expect the highways to look after the many, only the few that is of benefit to them directly at the least cost possible. That is what this proposal is all about.... money.... therefore I makes a mockery of the consultation process, as it would appear your decision is already made</p>	<p>Thank you for confirming your objection.</p> <p>As a result of objections being received a Cabinet Member Action report will be written following the conclusion of the formal consultation which is yet to take place. This includes all objections and alternatives to the proposed scheme.</p> <p>The report will then be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways for decision, upon which all who made comment will be notified.</p>
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	<p>nursery use..... for no more than 2 hours in a day.....</p> <p>You are merely moving the problem to other residential areas and streets and not making those area accessible for cars to pass and re-pass, which is what your previous email states you are responsible for....</p>	
Objector 2	<p>I wish to strongly object to this being considered at all!! It is vital to allow a drop off and pick up of children especially at this time of year.</p>	<p>The proposed restrictions have come as part of the planning recommendation in order to prevent on street parking in the area which needs to remain clear at all times for vehicle turning in the interests of highway safety and policy DM1 of the Highway Authority's Development Management Policies (February 2011).</p> <p>As mentioned, the intent of this proposal is to ensure the highway is kept clear, as a highways main purpose is to allow vehicles to pass and repass. Subsequently, we are not legally obliged to provide on street parking.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the western section of Roman Way, excluding the layby, measures a width of approximately 6.3 metres wide. If vehicles were to park on one side of the road, this would limit traffic flow and result in only one vehicle being able to pass at time, causing congestion.</p> <p>Additionally, a large part of the western side of Roman Way will have dropped kerbs in order to allow access to the driveways of the future residential development. It is a contravention of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to park in front of a driveway when a car is parked on it, even if only for a short period of time. As a result, we would not recommend doing so even if the waiting restrictions are not implemented.</p> <p>We have also been made aware that parents parking in this location have been parking on the kerb, which is not only illegal, but also reduces space for pedestrians on the footpath. This can cause difficulty to those with prams and wheelchairs and increases likelihood of pedestrians using the road instead of the designated footpaths. In an area immediately by a secondary school and a pre-school, you can understand why we wish to prevent this as its attendees are considered to be vulnerable pedestrians.</p> <p>As you can see from the attached plan there are also two bus parking lay-bys, if the road is not kept clear</p>

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Objector 2 (Continued)	<p>Yes I still object to this scheme as there is no chance whatsoever of the school allowing parent s to drop off or pick up after school (especially important in the dark winter months) and as long as this is done quickly and parents do not leave their vehicles unattended, I don't see why this will be a major issue??</p> <p>I often have delivery trucks dropping off parcels, goods etc. to my neighbours leaving their vans parked across my driveway for minutes at a time before they leave and I just put up with it!!!</p>	<p>If it is decided that this scheme will be formally advertised without any amendments a Cabinet Member Action report will be written.</p> <p>This report will include all objections and alternatives to the propose scheme, the report will then be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways for decision.</p> <p>Following decision, all those who made comment will be notified of said decision.</p>