

Possible Extension of Residents Parking Scheme - Edith Road, Faversham

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1	1		As a local resident for over 2 years, we moved into the area because of the wonderful amenities it offers to family's. I'm disappointed with the number of commuters that park in our road as well as a those who live in a-joining roads whom have multiple cars and leave them parked for days on end. There's more than enough space along the road to accommodate ALL Edith Rd residents cars. This is a good thing and maybe those with multiple cars will seek to sell these cars and walk/ride, thus further improving the local environment further. I 100% support the possible extension of the Residents Parking Scheme into Edith Road. Far too often commuters (and some work locally in Faversham town center) as well as local residents who own multiple cars will park on our road. To me it's simple, force the commuters to park at the train station or local 'pay n display' and for those who own multiple cars, maybe they will have a rethink as to why they need so many. Surely they must realize they are contributing to the already poor air quality.
2	1		Please accept this email for support for the extension of Residents Parking Scheme, Edith Road, Faversham. We need this scheme so there are enough spaces in the road for our family to come to visit and have space to park their car. I hope you can help to make my family visits easier. We need this scheme due to the amount of parking lost to commuters and visitors to the town centre. Please make sure the bays are for the entire length of the street and not marked individually so we maximise the amount of parking to residents. Thank you.
3		1	1. Street length is 113 metres x2 = 226m. 2. Average space for a car is 6 metres: $226/6=37$ cars. 3. Double yellow lines total 6 car spaces. Total space available is thus for 31 cars. 4. There are 31 addresses in Edith Road including the flats. 5. Some households have 2,3 or more vehicles. There is simply not enough room in the street to accommodate all the residents' vehicles. 6. Vehicles owned by residents in Zone B already park n Edith Road when The Mall spaces are full. See the full list of Zone B roads below. 7. A residents' parking permit does not specify a specific space or even a specific road, simply a permit to park in the zone. The proposal is to add Edith Road to the list of existing permit scheme roads. 8. There is not a rail commuter problem as is evidenced by the amount of empty parking spaces in the road during the working week. 9. The road becomes full overnight as people return home from work, not during the day. 10. There is thus no benefit whatsoever to be gained from a residents' parking permit scheme in Edith Road or Kingsnorth Road.

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4	1		We support the possible extension into Edith Road. Parking is at present ok during the day and can be problematic in the evening. However we would anticipate increasing problems as people start to return to work as lockdown eases and as people move into the new housing in Faversham - and use our road and those near the station without parking schemes for free parking.
5	1		I would like to vote for the resident parking scheme.
6	1		I am writing to you in connection with a recent letter that was sent out regarding the extension of Residents Parking Scheme in Edith Road, Faversham. I would like to state that I am complete support of the extension of the scheme. Me and my family have lived in Edith Road for 11 years and the lack of parking in the road has always been a problem. I'm not sure how much introducing the parking scheme will improve parking, but any improvement will be welcome.
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9		1	The status quo is FINE
10		1	Having lived at this address for 30 years we can see no justifiable reason for the imposition of a residents' parking permit scheme in Edith Road and indeed in Kingsnorth Road. As an end of terrace property both roads are of direct concern to us. Our reasons for objection are listed below: 1. Edith Road street length is 113 metres x 2 = 226 metres of road side. 2. The average space required for parking a small family car is 6 metres: $226 / 6 = 37$ cars total capacity. 3. However, the double yellow lines on each corner of Edith Road total 6 car spaces. Total space available is thus for 31 cars. 4. There are currently 31 addresses in Edith Road including the flats at number 4. 5. Some households have two or three vehicles and from time to time households may have more especially where adult children are living with parents. 6. There simply is not enough room in the street to accommodate all the residents' vehicles. 7. Vehicles owned by residents from other roads in Zone B already park in Edith Road when The Mall spaces are full. 8. A residents' parking permit does not specify a specific space or even a specific road, simply a permit to park in the zone. There are currently 72 roads in Faversham that are eligible to purchase Zone B permits. 9. It has been claimed that there is a commuter parking problem but this is quite simply not true. This is evidenced by the amount of empty parking spaces in the road during the working week. From about 17:00 through to about 06:00 the road is full as residents return home. This has always been the case and your records will show the results of your overnight survey when this matter was last raised in 2011. Anyone returning home later in the evening / early morning will inevitably have to park in Canute Road or even further away. A permit scheme will thus not solve the problem. 10. The limited space available for residents to park is exacerbated currently by examples of anti-social parking behaviour which includes leaving large gaps such that a parking space is effectively reserved for a partner later in the day when the first vehicle is then moved so as to create a space for the second vehicle; reserving a parking space by placing one or more wheelie bins outside of a property in the road. That will clearly not change with a permit scheme.

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11	1		I fully support the possible extension of the Parking Scheme into Edith Road. It would mean: - there would be parking for one car from each household - at the moment I often cannot park in my road because an increasing number of households have 2/3 cars plus a works vehicle, so it would be much more fair. - it would stop commuters from using the street for free parking. - it would put an end to shoppers using the road as free parking whilst going into the increasing number of businesses in The Mall. - it would stop the increasing number of vans that come and park in the road. - we will not return to people parking their cars in our road for a fortnight while they use the train to go on holiday. - residents will not have to park in adjoining streets whilst waiting for s space in our own road. I do hope you are also considering parking permits for Kingsnorth Road too
12		1	I OBJECT to the possble extension of the Residents Parking Scheme into Edith Road.
13	1		We are responding to the recent letter regarding the possible extension of the residents' parking scheme to Edith Road in Faversham. We at No. ** Edith Road are both in complete support of the proposal to introduce a parking permit scheme to the street. We have lived in Faversham for over 20 years and have noticed that parking in streets near the station where the permit was required, such as Athelstan Road (where we have resided), were much easier to find parking than in those that didn't, such as Edith Road. Whilst those in opposition may dispute it, it is an undeniable and observed fact by residents that non-residents use the street for free parking during the 'working day', which can last from 7am through to 7pm. Teachers at the Abbey School, commuters and people who work in town have all been observed by myself and other residents using the street to park their cars to avoid station parking charges or town parking charges. Whilst one can hardly blame people for taking advantage of this opportunity it has an unfortunate effect that makes parking for residents extremely difficult, especially at the staggered end of the working day, between 5.30 and 7pm. To this extent, we have already bought a parking permit as we often find ourselves having to park on the Mall. I know that our neighbours at No ** have done the same for similar reasons. For us, it is an accepted and necessary part of living on a Victorian street. Parking on the Mall is never an issue and to our mind that is because it has a permit scheme. Parking on Edith or Kingsnorth Roads is ridiculously difficult and we believe it is because there is no permit scheme. Some of the counter arguments for introducing this scheme include the assertions that the parking problem is caused by households having more than one car. Whilst this may be the case is some houses, it is not in ours, and indeed out of all our neighbours *-**, I don't believe any of them has more than one car. I can't speak for the rest of the street. They also argue that anyone with a permit could park on the street, but that applies now, and a quick survey of most of the cars on our street will show that few have permits, are those that do are residents of the street. During lockdown when no-one was really driving we never had an issue finding a space when we went to the supermarket, which proves there is adequate space for residents. It is on returning from work that space becomes an issue. We heartily endorse this scheme and hope that the parking permit scheme will be extended to Edith Road.

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14		1	<p>We object to the possible extension of the scheme. Whilst we are relatively new residents to the road and do understand the pandemic might have changed things with fewer commuters to London using parking on the street, we feel there is no reason at this point to support the extension. Whilst there is limited parking this becomes a problem in the evening when all residents are home, rather than a problem from non-residents therefore we don't feel this would solve anything for the street.</p>
15		1	<p>With response to the possible extension of Residents Parking Scheme parking in Edith Road, Faversham. I do object on the following grounds: The reasons being: (1) I have lived in Edith Road for the best part of 36 years, and yes, parking in the road is sometimes difficult, especially in the evenings but on the most part it is not a problem. (2) Several years ago, the council wanted to add Permit parking to Edith Road, Kingsnorth Road, and Belmont Road. This resulted in double yellow bands being put in place on the corners, and the prospect of losing 13 or so parking spaces over all 3 roads. It was hotly contested by many of the residents, and as such was not put in place. (3) I am sure the current idea was borne out of the need for residents of Edith Road to be able to park outside their house. (4) A residents parking permit does not specify a specific space or even a specific road, simply a permit to park in the zone. (5) There are 31 houses in Edith Road, with an average space for 31 cars: (Road length 226 metres - average space for car 6 metres 226/6 -37 cars. Double yellow lines - 6 car spaces. Therefore, there are 31 parking spaces, providing people park politely! Some households have 2 or more cars and spend a lot of their time moving their cars to create a space for their 2nd vehicle and taking up 3 spaces! (6) It has worked perfectly well up to now, and yes, we get some commuters, people from the Abbey school on London Road, and people who work in The Mall shops, and on weekends, people parking to go into town to avoid paying car parking fees! The other factor is that vehicles owned by residents in Zone B (the Mall) already park in Edith Road some to avoid their cars being covered in bird droppings and sap from the trees. (7) However, on any given day there are more than 7/8 parking spaces, and it does not become full. (8) The road is generally empty most days, and only becomes full at night as people return from work. (9)I fail to understand as to why there is the need to make it a parking control zone, as much of the time you can park in the road. There is no benefit to be gained from making Edith Road a residents permit area, as the problem (if there is one?) will be shifted to Kingsnorth and Belmont. If the scheme is to be adopted, then it should be necessary to include all surrounding roads.</p>

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16		1	Please accept this communication in regard to the Residents Parking Scheme in Edith Road, Faversham. This is a record that I object to the possible extension of the scheme into Edith Road. There is <u>no benefit</u> whatsoever to be gained from a residents parking permit scheme, please see following document that has my full support generated by residents in Edith Road. I personally feel if Swale Borough Council does not support the stronger viewpoint of residents that I have spoken this infringes my given rights. 1. Street length is 113 metres x2 = 226m. 2. Average space for a car is 6 metres: 226/6=37 cars. 3. Double yellow lines total 6 car spaces. Total space available is thus for 31 cars. 4. There are 31 addresses in Edith Road including the flats. 5. Some households have 2,3 or more vehicles. There is simply not enough room in the street to accommodate all the residents' vehicles. 6. Vehicles owned by residents in Zone B already park in Edith Road when The Mall spaces are full. See the full list of Zone B roads below. 7. A residents' parking permit does not specify a specific space or even a specific road, simply a permit to park in the zone. The proposal is to add Edith Road to the list of existing permit scheme roads. 8. There is not a rail commuter problem as is evidenced by the amount of empty parking spaces in the road during the working week. 9. The road becomes full overnight as people return home from work, not during the day. 10. There is thus no benefit whatsoever to be gained from a residents' parking permit scheme in Edith Road or Kingsnorth Road.
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19		1	We write to record that we Object to this proposal. We have seen the detailed comments made by <i>[Response 3]</i> Edith Road. We agree with all the points made and have nothing to add.
Total	9	10	

		32	Properties Consulted
% Returned	59	19	No. Returned
% Support	47	9	No. Support
% Object	53	10	No. Object