

Sittingbourne CPZ - Possible Changes from 1 hour to 30 minutes

Ref	Change to 30 mins	Leave 1 Hour	Comments
1	1		William Street has to be the worst road in Sittingbourne for parking so any measures to help combat this issue will have my full support.
2	1		We support the reduction of the current waiting limit to 30 minutes
3		1	I support the existing 1 hour waiting limit
4		1	I would like to make you aware that I **** at number ***** William Street Sittingbourne , absolutely disagree with the new proposal for the 30 minute parking restriction. It would cause myself and my family a great deal of dustrubution should you go ahead with this, we already pay extremely high council tax, plus parking permits and vouchers just to be able to live in our house, to have that now further interrupted would actually make it all the more difficult to get our children go to school! As it stands we have on two occasions had family members receive charges from your over zealous parking attendants while doing nothing more than picking up the children for school, both occasions the grandparents walked the children to school to cut down on the congestion and as they were 5 mins over time, they received tickets, that I have had to pay. When I moved into this house there were no charges for parking, I moved away from London at the time as it as getting impossible to live there and was very pleased that Kent had a very different attitude, however I seem to find that you are changing and going down the same road as London. The end goal being that you want to extract as much money as possible from good hard working people and make it impossible for them to live. I apologise if this sounds harsh, but you asked and I am a very frustrated over charged member of the community.
5		1	I do not support any change to the 1 hour waiting limit in my part of Albany Road. We are not adversely affected by business. In fact, reducing the waiting time to 30 minutes will harm business to the Hairdressers in our road. It will also mean that we will have to give visitors more day permits at our own expense, which I object to. I therefore propose no changes (unless you want to increase it to 2 hours).
6		1	If Ufton Lane residents vote for 30 minutes wouldn't it be possible for Ufton Lane to have its own waiting time reduced by leave Albany Road and Addington Road as they are?
7		1	Reducing the time to 30 minutes means visitors to our home are being massively restricted on the length of visit without a permit. We are already being subjected to increasased costs just we can't afford to live in a house with a drive, why should we be penalised further?
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9		1	Changing waiting time will have no effect on available parking for residents. There are more residents than spaces in our road so you can never guarantee a space is available at any time.
10		1	Because I am 91 years of age and have regular weekly visitors from care agencies, I would prefer to keep the waiting limit to 1 hour.
11	1		We think if the reduction time comes into force then residents should be given a book of 10 parking permits free each year. If need more, then residents should buy more.
12		1	There are just too many cars to park in a small area. When I had my car I often had to park in the car park even with a permit as there was nowhere to go as the cars parked did have permits in them. People can't always afford to keep buying vouchers if they have family round or tradesmen turning up. Too many houses have more than one car causing this problem.
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14	1		Please accept this email as confirmation of our support for the reduction of the current waiting limit to 30 minutes. I understand that it will apply to all vehicles. I would also ask that it covers a 24 hour period, including weekends please. We live at the High Street end of Park Road and struggle to park during the evenings and at weekends, due to people leaving their cars (sometimes overnight) while they use the pubs/restaurants.
15		1	I write in reply to your questionnaire regarding the proposal to amend the waiting limit to 30 minutes. I can confirm that we support the EXISTING 1 Hour waiting limit.
16	1		I'm responding to your flyer proposing changes to the waiting limit- 1 hour reducing to 30 minutes. I'm in favour of this, it would not solve the problem but would help. The parking zones are not vigorously patrolled by your wardens, they seem to be very absent between 4pm & 6pm. This is when permit holders are returning from work to find the parking spaces full of non permit holder cars and commercial vehicles! You should consider extending the restricted finish time to 7pm, this would help stop the commercial vehicles parking up between 4pm & 5pm and having a free parking space for the night. Alternatively increase your patrols between 4pm & 6pm and issue some penalty notices! Another suggestion would be to mark out the parking bays, encouraging people to park considerately, helping to maximise the amount of cars you can get in each bay.
17		1	One hour is good for us as a business for visiting clients and business consultants.
18	1		Including 20-30 minutes free parking bays in some of the town's car parks, would further reduce the amount of people using street parking in the side roads.

19		1	It is a no win situation, but we have a relative that visits and medical requirements mean parking to our house, not always possible. Perhaps you should contact those that abuse the system by moving their car every hour, taking up spaces that residents pay yearly for, or buy from your offices. Because you pay does not guarantee you a parking space. This costly exercise could have been spent more wisely.
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21	1		No space to park my car.
22		1	I am writing with regard to the note which recently came through our door concerning the possibility of reducing the current waiting limit from one hour to 30 minutes. <u>I strongly disagree with the proposed change and support the existing one hour waiting limit.</u> The current residents parking scheme was introduced to stop commuters and local workers from parking all day in Addington road and the surrounding areas. This has clearly worked, as there is considerably more parking available during the operation of the scheme (i.e. 8am-6pm) than used to be the case. I live in Addington road and have done so for 16 years. Yes, with the current scheme, people do park in this road and pop down the town etc, but just for an hour. The scheme is rigorously enforced (but see below) and long stayers are ticketed (parking enforcement officers are often doing their rounds commencing at 8am sharp!). But there is generally more parking available now. We regularly have people pop round and an hour is sufficient to have a cuppa and natter, or for a tradesman to do a quick bit of work. If you're going to reduce it to 30 minutes, you might just as well not allow any time for non-residents. We may be in a different position to Ufton lane as if there is no space in Addington, we can pop round the corner to Albany or Belmont road. But I have <u>never</u> not been able to park in Addington between 8 and 4. Outside of these hours is a different proposition, as people come home from work (or go to the Park tavern). But most of these are residents. So I see no need to change the scheme in Addington Road. If just Ufton Lane residents have a problem, why not just change the times in that road only? What is more important is stopping people having more than two vehicles registered at one address and all parking within the restricted zones .
23	1		I support the reduction of current waiting limit to 30 mins. We find parking down this end of park road incredibly difficult, so anything to cut down on this is good. Ideas- reduce the hourly car parking rates, everyone says how expensive it is and it isn't helping the already dying town centre. Free parking should be on a Sunday which would ease traffic and parking off of the small roads in and around town. Especially with a large public house/hotel serving food night and day.

24			<p>My main concern is that taking the 1hr and 2hr waiting times into account, most spaces are taken up with work vehicles (that permits cannot be obtained for, transit sized vans etc) after 5pm or 4pm respectively....This means bays for residents are taken up before people get home from work or if they go out will have nowhere to park on their return. I have requested the council consider extending the hours to 10pm which I believe would prevent this happening. They did not bother to keep me informed, I chased it, they said I should start a petition... I'd love the time to do that...</p> <p>We should be very cautious about reducing the waiting time to half an hour.... The fact people use the residents parking area during the day is surly of benefit to the town as a whole, someone parking for an hour near the town, or two further away is not really a nuisance to residents, it may be in the future especially with the car parks that will be lost to the "Spirt of Sittingbourne" which apparently was here, yet like a sprit seems to have evaporated somewhat... I expect the end result of the project will be less carparks no extra facilities.... For several years now, residents have no longer had any vouchers included in the price, if this time is reduced for visitors and tradespeople it will he of a hinderance to the residents for example if you need a voucher for a trades person... Meaning these have to be purchased, which is not easy to do, we should be careful what we wish for.... Also why did residents permits go up in price, but business permits remained the same.... The whole scheme clearly is a revenue motivated scheme, not a fair system to safeguard parking for residents, most of whom do not have any option but to park on the road due to the housing stock. We can rest assured the waiting time is enforced by our now privatised Parking Wardens who pick and choose whom the restrictions apply, estate agents, taxis, motorbikes, pavement parking and disabled badges on yellow lines far in excess of the allowed time, all ignored. Resident with a slightly expired permit that they forgot to renew = easy money! Rest assured I am not a keyboard warrior where the council are concerned, I successfully challenged the parking wardens logging vehicles in whilst not in uniform, they are meant to be a visual deterrent! I also successfully complained about motorbikes without permits being ignored, despite being required by the council rules...This is the time to campaign for a fairer system for RESIDENTS parking, it's meant to help us, it needs to be fit for purpose!!! I don't believe it currently is....There are many comments from residents including my post as above on the Park Road Residents Facebook page.</p>
25	1		I support the reduction of the current waiting time limit to 30 minutes
26		1	I oppose any reduction in the existing one hour waiting limit. 1 hour is not very long for free parking in William Street anyway and already acts as a deterrent to some visitors who wich to park nearby to visit me. I wish to see the waiting limit remain unchanged to allow for visitors to park in the road.
27	1		Lots of people without permits make life difficult for us who have paid for our permit.

28		1	In general I am happy with the one hour waiting limit. Whilst you are not specifically asking for wider comment, you have asked for comments. In recent months it has become noticeable that a number of Transit Vans are being parked in Albany Road from around 5 p.m. a number of which appear to be owned or used for work by residents but have no Parking permits, so are not contributing to the scheme. In addition they invariably take up nearly two parking spaces each. In at least one case the household concerned already has two cars so presumably is not entitled to a further permit. The vehicle therefore uses a visitor permit on occasions. This practice does make it difficult for residents to park on occasions.
29		1	I hope you are well. Thank you for your letter regarding the suggested reduction in the waiting time on Ufton Lane and the one hour parking zone in Sittingbourne. As an independent small business operating on West Street, we would be opposed to a reduction in the one hour waiting time to 30 minutes. There is limited parking available within this area and with the Cockleshell car park and Dover St Car Park due to be closed under the Spirit of Sittingbourne developments, we feel that reduction of short term parking would be detrimental to our business and the other small businesses in the local area. Thank you for including us in your consultation and if you require anything else, please let me know.
30		1	1 hour waiting limit is sufficient and should not be changed. If patrols were consistent and regular and fines imposed on the people who flaunt the rules then this problem would not have arose. More civil enforcement officers are required.
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32		1	I would like the existing time to stay the same as we would be paying more out for any visitors, but I think we should have zones so people with permits from other roads do not park in ours just because it's nearer the town.
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34		1	A reduction in parking would limit and impact access to our service in Park Road
35	1		Reference to residents parking in Sittingbourne I think it's a good idea to take the waiting limit down to 30 minutes.
36		1	I support the 1 hour waiting limit.
37	1		Parking for residents should be free. Why should we pay when we live here?
38		1	It would have an adverse effect on short stay guests and tradesmen, as 30 minutes is too short a time for almost all visits and would lead to a great deal of frustration (especially as there is a limit to the number of visitor's parking permits you can buy per month and it would become very costly for the resident to pay for each of these visits).

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41		1	I support the existing 1 hour waiting limit and this should be not be changed. Additional Comments - Please re-paint the white lines for dropped curbs / Drive ways to stop people parking over them and blocking access....or send the wardens round more often to issue tickets for failure to park in the bays correctly.
42	1		I would like to register my comments regarding the proposed move to change the 'free parking' time to 30 minutes on Park Road. I feel that it would be much better to perform a complete review of the parking permit scheme with a view to extending it from 8am to 10pm 7days a week as in other towns such as Gillingham. Whilst a 30 minutes restriction would help, I'm not convinced that the enforcement officers you subcontract to will be up to the job, they aren't capable of policing the 1 hour properly, and the problems with parking tend to be after 6pm
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47		1	I want 1 hour because I come and pick passengers and any guests for 1 hour need
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53	1		The hour limit is widely abused but any reduction to 30 minutes will need to be properly enforced, otherwise non permit holders will continue to take advantage and restrict access to permit holders. Cars regularly park in William Street without a permit for longer than permitted without any enforcement action/tickets being issued. Perhaps consideration could also be given to extending operation times to 8pm at night rather than 6pm so that those of us who don't finish work at 4pm might be able to find a space - there are regularly up to 10 non permit holders parked in the road at 7pm. Likewise, perhaps extend the scheme on Sundays to between day 10am and 5pm to deter shoppers and pub-goers from parking in William Street.

54	1		I support the reduction of the current waiting time to 30 minutes. However, without greater enforcement I cannot see the scheme working. With the current system many cars stay over the hour or even all day. Greater problems are encountered with building workers who think that they have the absolute right to park outside the property they are working on "I have a permit " so move your car so I put my equipment there. In order to ensure their spaces they put Kent Police traffic cones or any other cones out without apparent council permission. Is this not obstruction of the public highway?
55	1		I support the reduction of the current waiting limit to 30 minutes. Further comments: If possible, waiting limit would be at all times. Not 8am to 6pm. Limit enforced on a Sunday. Even though a separate issue, it would be nice and very helpful if we were informed of works taking place in the immediate area. This week alone we have had about 6 parking spaces taken away from what appears to be works carried out by southern water with no warning. Barriers and cones were placed in parking spaces a good 2-3 days before any work had been done and when it did finally begin it was at 7pm!
56	1		We are in support of the reduction of the current waiting limit to 30 minutes. We would also like to see either 24 hour resident parking or the time extended to at least 8pm especially being close to town & a local pub. We are also concerned about the Regeneration of Sittingbourne & the lack of parking which will put added pressure on our residential streets. We are forced to pay for our permits but quite frequently residents are unable to park within the vicinity of their properties whilst other residents move permits between cars or have no permit at all & continuously move their cars on an hourly basis, mostly at weekends. We would also like to make the suggestion of putting in parking bays as there seems to be people parking inappropriately & taking up much needed spaces.

57			<p>I am not intending to use this opportunity to moan and hope it is not perceived in this way. Rather I thought I would use the opportunity to share the experiences of my household and the suggested developments we have. Having owned my property for 5 years and lived in it for 2 years, I feel I have sufficient experience of parking dynamics in the Albany Road area of the SB zone, particularly because I am at home at varying times of the day and evening both during the week and at weekends, to provide my comments. Whilst I am sympathetic to the difficulties experienced by the residents of Ufton Lane, I think it could be inaccurate to assume other residents within the same SB zone experience all of the same problems. It is for that reason I am uncomfortable in voting either way within this scoping exercise and would consider it more responsive to investigate parking concerns more widely within the SB zone and act upon these via a more individualised approach to determine the best waiting limits within different roads. In considering our experiences within Albany Road, over the past six months we have noticed a significant reduction in the number of traffic wardens operating in the road. This has resulted in a number of vehicles without permits consuming resident spaces with no consequence. It would therefore be positive to see an increase in the presence of wardens in the area, as has been the norm in previous years. Due to the limited overall operating duration of the waiting limit 8am - 6pm, I have experienced difficulty in parking after 5pm as non-residents can make use of the one hour parking limit at this time to park in the road for the remainder of the night. A development to the scheme could therefore be to extend the overall operating duration of the scheme e.g. 8am - 8pm. Having very occasionally seen traffic wardens operating during these later times, it is therefore possible this would not require any additional staffing resources however could serve as a way to prioritise residents' parking spaces.</p> <p>Sundays can cause a particular challenge for parking due to the number of Church attendees and visitors to the High Street who park in our road. It is possible this became a more attractive option when the free Sunday parking in council operated public car parks was terminated in favour of a charge. As the town is developed and more car parks are lost as per the plans, it is a concern this issue could worsen. The extension of the waiting limit to Sundays could also therefore be a helpful consideration. Unfortunately one of the most frequent problematic aspects of parking in Albany Road is the inconsiderate parking of residents themselves. Many residents do not helpfully use the allocated parking bays, leaving just short of a car space either in front of or behind them at the front or back of the bays respectively. This significantly reduces the available parking space for other residents. In some other towns I have noticed the use of parking bay divisions, guiding residents to park in a more organised and efficient way with vans</p>
58		1	<p>I do not support any reduction in waiting times. This will have an adverse impact on my requirement for myself, visitors and people doing work on my property to park for short periods in Albany Road. I would strongly support the waiting limit being kept at 1 hour or 2 hours in the different zones of Albany Road. Whilst I sympathise with the residents of Ufton Lane, I feel that effective policing of the existing limit, including issuing fixed penalties for people moving their car within that area or returning to it within 4 hours, should help to reduce the problem for local residents.</p>

59		1	We do not support the illogical decision to reduce parking to 30 minutes. This will have absolutely no impact on parking for genuine permit holders. THE only solution is to make it permanently resident only. OR retain 1 hour limit and insist residents parking is 24/7. Remember, visitors to the businesses in the street will typically require and hour (but then, that is why we have a car park behind Park Road). Outside of making one of the above changes, I simply wouldn't bother. As you are a local authority and not a commercial entity, I suspect these relevant solutions will have no bearing whatsoever on your decision, but thank you for at least seeking feedback.
60	1		I should like to offer the following comments re the consultation on the one hour waiting limit: (a) I support the reduction of the current waiting limit to 30 minutes but ideally would prefer the limit to be reduced to 20 minutes.(b) I would like to propose that the Sittingbourne district be split into separate parking zones so as to prevent, for instance, cars being parked all day in Albany Rd by commuting Sittingbourne residents who live further away from the railway station thereby depriving Albany Rd residents of a parking space.(c) I would like to know if there are limits on the number of parking permits available to a resident. The welding company on the corner of Albany Rd regularly have at least 3 liveried vehicles parked in Albany Rd even over the weekend period. (d)I would like to know if there are limits on the number of parking permits available to a resident. The welding company on the corner of Albany Rd regularly have at least 3 liveried vehicles parked in Albany Rd even over the weekend period.
61	1		A reduction to 30 minutes would lead to less congestion and free up parking spaces for more who pay for a permit.

	Change to 30 mins	Leave 1 Hour	
	30	29	Total of Responses for Each Option
	51	49	% of Returned