

## Petition - Residents' parking scheme in Fifth and Sixth Avenues, Wymering (summary)

- Overview

Lead petitioner:	Mr & Mrs Ralph
Received:	1 November 2013
Confirmed signatories:	55
Officer response:	Pam Turton on 18 November 2013 (HoS Simon Moon)
Council meeting:	Not applicable

- Statement

"For the setting-up of a residents' parking scheme in Fifth and Sixth Avenues, Wymering

We the undersigned, having been deprived of parking space in the above areas on a regular basis by non-residents, believe a "residents only" area should be set aside in these streets.

We hereby implore Portsmouth City Council to consider this petition and inform us of its findings at the first opportunity."

- Officer response (18 November 2013)

Dear Mr and Mrs Ralph

### **FIFTH AND SIXTH AVENUES'PARKING SCHEME**

Thank you for your letter of 4 November 2013 enclosing a petition asking to set up a residents parking scheme.

The parking scheme proposed in 2011 for your area received strong objection from residents and therefore was not implemented. The full report can be found on our website here <http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/media/tt20110728r5.pdf> Section 4 is reproduced overleaf and details the response to the public consultation, which led to the recommendation not to introduce the scheme. Implementing part of the scheme only would have moved the vehicles to the wider area, into roads where residents made it clear a parking scheme was not welcome.

Extract from report.

#### 4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1.1 The combined results of the initial survey and the formal consultation show **226** in favour of a residents' parking scheme being introduced  
**727** in opposition of a residents' parking scheme being introduced

4.1.2 The results of the initial survey are:

- **33%** (389) of the 1193 forms sent out were completed and returned

Of those who responded:

- **50%** (193) showed support for a parking scheme
- **44%** (171) felt a parking scheme would not help
- **6%** (19) were undecided
- **1%** (6) did not indicate an opinion

4.1.3 The results of the formal public consultation are:

##### **SUPPORT**

11 letters / emails  
17 signatures on petitions  
**(Total 28)**

##### **OBJECTION**

41 letters / emails  
515 signatures on petitions  
**(Total 555)**

4.2 The area termed as "Medina Road area" consists of a finite number of 28 streets, primarily residential, with one access in and out (Medina Road). Within this area, 4 of the streets have a significant parking problem according to residents of those roads.

Taking out these 4 streets (Ashurst Rd, Sixth Ave, Herne Rd and Halstead Rd) from the survey data gives the opposite results:

**43%** (139 / 321) showed support for a scheme  
**50%** (159 / 321) felt a scheme would not help  
**6%** (18 / 321) were undecided  
**1%** (5) did not indicate an opinion

4.3 Geographically, Ashurst Road, Sixth Avenue, Herne Road and Halstead Road are at the northern end of this area: the closest to the Queen Alexandra Hospital.

4.4 Implementing a scheme in these roads alone would simply push the problem into the surrounding roads, where it is clear there are currently few parking problems. The balance of residents in favour and those against is heavily weighted against a scheme being introduced.

Further to this, the approved 2013-2015 Residents' Parking Programme is currently on hold due to funding and resources constraints. However, your petition will be

considered at such time when the approved Programme can be completed and new areas accessed.

I hope this is useful, though I am sorry I do not have more positive information to pass on

Yours sincerely

**Pam Turton**  
**Assistant Head of Service, Transport and Environment**

- Decision Meeting

This petition did not trigger required threshold for it to be debated at a relevant decision-making meeting.