



Milton Keynes Council

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### **Proposed Waiting Restrictions in Woburn Sands - Consultation**

1. The Woburn Sands Town Council strongly objects to the proposal to impose a No Waiting restriction on the North East side of Station Road.
2. The road in question is currently used for parking by the following:
  - A number of residents do not have a driveway, or insufficient space in their driveway, which means that they have no option but to use Station Road.
  - Most of the employees working in the High Street do not have dedicated parking; the spaces on the High Street are time limited and therefore not available to the employees.
  - There is already insufficient parking for shoppers using the High Street (and the outlets in Station Road) so High Street trade would suffer significantly if Station Road spaces were unavailable.
  - Parents collecting their children from Fulbrook School wait in Station Road since there are insufficient spaces in Weathercock Lane.
  - Tradesmen working in Station Road houses frequently have nowhere else to park (either the driveway is too short, if a driveway exists, or the property has no driveway).
3. The Council appreciates that significant annoyance is caused to pedestrians by the inconsiderate parking of cars on the pavement.
4. It is understood that the Highways Department is concerned that cars parked on Station Road reduce the width of the carriageway to a dangerous width. , In fact the width of the carriageway in Station Road is the same as in the High Street where parking is permissible (8.5 metres measured opposite Burlington Hall in Station Road, and opposite Barclays Bank in the High Street). This concern is therefore irrelevant even if cars on Station Road are required to park on the carriageway rather than on the pavement.
5. The Town Council appreciate that tighter controls need to be imposed for adequate access to properties on the North East side of Station Road and accept that these need to be improved.
6. The presence of cars parked on Station Road slows traffic through this main route. If parked cars were removed traffic speeds would be increased leading to increased safety concerns.
7. In view of the above the Town Council requests that parking be permitted throughout Station Road with minor adjustments for access where necessary, and that regulations prohibiting parking on the pavement be introduced.

Yours sincerely

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