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Director of Community
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Dear Sir,

Station Road / Roman Gardens - street parking scheme

Following the public consultation last spring I exchanged correspondence regarding the problem of accommodating within this scheme the parking of the carers for my now 100 year old father who lives at No. 50 Station Road, Kings Langley. At the time I pressed for the inclusion in your scheme of a category of Special Parking Permit similar in nature to that successfully employed by Watford Council in their CPZ Scheme to deal with needs of carers and similar uses. I have to say that I am disappointed to see no direct mention of this being adopted in the information that has recently been distributed on your behalf.

Please therefore regard me as an objector to the advertised traffic regulation orders unless you are able to assure me that adequate alternative arrangements will be put in place. In saying this I have in mind the letter from Sonya Packett to myself dated 14th April 2009 (copy attached). Ms Packett makes the following promises as regards what the scheme would be able to provide to assist carers.

In summary:-


1. There will be no limit on the amount of books of visitor scratch card vouchers that a household will be able to purchase at the standard rates.
2. Residents that rely on a family carer, due to special medical circumstances, would be able eligible to apply for a special resident's permit for the carer. I have assumed that this was not the same facility as the Watford Special Permit.
3. Carers working for an agency would be able to apply for a Doctor Health Permit.

I would only be happy to accept this combination of facilities on condition that the permit issued under 2. above could be attributed to two carers or their cars on an 'either / or' basis in the same fashion as the Watford Special Permit. If this were not so then my father could be facing costs of £6.00 per week for visits by his cleaner / carer and by myself (this assumes visitor permits are valid for at least 4 hours each - your circular does not give this detail). I know that my father would consider this cost unacceptable.

Turning then to the layout of parking bays I find it disappointing that the scheme can only provide 24 metres of permit parking space, the equivalent to 4 parking bays outside Nos 48 to 58 Station Road. Normally and for many years more than this number of cars are parked there. It is only the parking of college students vehicles on the other side that has brought about the present problems .If there is to be this restriction then I shall feel bound to apply on behalf of my father for a disabled parking space to be marked outside No. 50.

In conclusion feel free to discuss any of these issues with me by phone or e-mail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Whitehead". The signature is written in a cursive style with some stylized flourishes.

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14 April 2009

Dear Mr Whitehead,

Parking Proposals – Station Road/Roman Gardens, Kings Langley

I have been forwarded your letter concerning the circular recently sent regarding the introduction of a permit scheme in Station Road and Roman Gardens and asked to respond.

I can confirm that there would be no limit on the amount of books of visitor scratch card vouchers each household will be able to purchase. At present, there are no plans to introduce vouchers for a shorter length of stay. However, your suggestion has been noted and will be given further consideration.

Residents that rely on a family carer, due to special medical circumstances would be eligible to apply for a special resident's permit for the carer. There would be an annual fee for the permit of £45 if it is first resident permit at the household or £90 if it is the second resident permit at the household.

Carers that are working for an agency would be able to apply for a Doctor Health Permit, via their practice manager to enable them to park their vehicle in the permit parking place, during the restricted hour. The fee for this permit would be charged to the practice. Many agencies already have such a permit, which they currently use when visiting clients within parking schemes elsewhere in the District.

I hope the above has helped to clarify how the scheme would work. If you have any further queries concerning the permit proposals please contact me on 01908 223652.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Sonya Packett
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