

Jack Bowers

  
Cllr Nigel Warren

Dear 

Thank you for your email on the 02/10/2017 regarding parking in Clifton Road, Dunstable.

You are correct that the scheme was introduced following a process of consultation and with the approval of the Council's Executive Member responsible for highways. The report that presented the case for a scheme can be viewed online at

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The enforcement of parking restrictions is a matter solely for uniformed officers employed or working on behalf of the council. Our parking team would appreciate a copy of any letters posted on parked vehicles and will investigate and respond accordingly.

You are also correct that Gary Baldwin has left the council so if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind Regards  
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Ref GPB/001/SSCR

2 Oct 2017 at 21:31:12

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To whom it may concern

I am a resident in Clifton Road Dunstable and I have been for over ten years. Parking has never been an issue up until 16th Jan when Gary Baldwin conducted a survey of both Stuart Street and Clifton Road . I believe only a handful of people replied to the survey . This led to Stuart Street being granted a parking scheme and Clifton Road not. I had concerns but was told that once the scheme was in place if parking became a problem in Clifton Road the survey would be conducted again to see if views had changed .

Parking has become an issue as vehicles not belonging to residents are being parked in the street meaning that people like myself who do shift work are struggling to find parking in Clifton Road and surrounding streets due to parking schemes in Stuart Street and Victoria street Etc.... What frustrates me the most is that while there is no parking in Clifton Road there is parking in Stuart Street . For example today 2nd October at 2013hrs Clifton Road is full with cars on yellow lines and badly parked on pavements yet Stuart Street has room for 11 cars. While I don't expect to park outside my home I do expect to park in surrounding streets which I contribute to through my council tax.( I have a video the spaces available and I will continue too take pictures/videos to evidence that the spaces available are constant throughout the day ).

It has also been brought to my attention through a relative of a resident who was renting out their property in Stuart street that their tenant unbeknown to them had been buying and selling cars . This was what had been causing Stuart Street parking and I'm led to believe the council were well aware of this problem which was resolved when the tenant was evicted .

Further to this residents are putting council headed letters on vehicles not belonging to them telling the owners that they will be reported . Can you tell me if this is usual practice for local residents to get involved in parking enforcement .

I personally believe that the council actions have now made my home depreciate in value as well as causing me unnecessary stress.

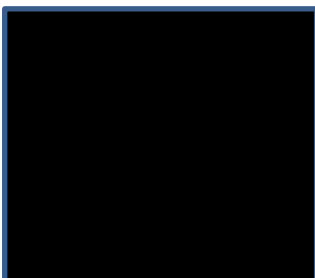
I believe that action needs to be taken in either providing residents of Clifton Road with parking permits to park in Stuart Street if Clifton Road is full or to extend the scheme to Clifton road so residents in both streets can park in spaces available. Failing that the parking scheme should be suspended in Stuart Street .

I have sent Gary Baldwin an email but received a reply that he has since left .

Cllr Warren.

I have copied you into this email so that you are aware of our problems and to see if you can help in any way. The comments above are not just my views and I would be surprised if other residents have not been in touch .

Many thanks



[REDACTED]  
Re: Clifton Road Dunstable  
3 Dec 2017 at 20:06:32

Jack Powers

Dear [REDACTED]

I am still awaiting a response to a couple of questions I asked in regards to parking in Clifton Road Dunstable . This being did [REDACTED] Clifton Road receive a permit ? Is there likely to be a second survey in regards to a parking scheme being introduced in Clifton Road?

If these are questions you are unable to answer can you please direct me to who I should speak to .

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]  
Re: Clifton Road Dunstable

8 Dec 2017 at 20:42:48  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

On Sunday, 3 Dec, 2017 at 20:06 [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED];

I am still on their case, fingers crossed they will give in and let us permit parking.

Regards [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Brown

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key CBC staff at Thorn Turn, where they are now very conveniently based. It is encouraging that you are personally not against the idea of area zones (or perhaps 'zone' zones??) as other residents are violently against it, and it'll come as no surprise that any withdrawal of the Stuart. St. zone would have the same effect. I can assure you that work is going on behind closed doors on all these matters, something tangible will occur in the not too distant future, I just can't give you any definite info on that myself at the moment. There are regular Traffic Management Committees, so we should both keep an idea on the agendas for that, they'll be on the CBC website, and if I seek/get any info about what's in the offing I'll let you know, ok?

For the moment, Kind regards~ Nigel Warren

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 20, 2018 1:34:36 PM  
**To:** Cllr Nigel Warren  
**Subject:** Parking Clifton Road meeting Sunday 22nd July .

Dear councillor Warren,

The reason for my email is to invite you along to a residents meeting I have organised in Clifton Road this coming Sunday 22nd July at 1pm in the car park area of Clifton Court, Clifton Road Dunstable. We will be discussing the parking problem in the road as a result of restrictions that have been put in place in Stuart Street and the lack of council action to many complaints.

I appreciate that this maybe short notice and will understand if you are unavailable.

As a resident i fill that we have been let down by central Bedfordshire council re this matter and will be discussing what possible action we are going to take. This maybe in the form of a petition or possibly discussing our views through local media as we fill we are not being heard or treated fairly.

Jack bowels replied to an email I sent towards the back end of last year stating that parking will be monitored for a 6 month period which could result in another consultation and permits being applied. This clearly hasn't happened and I know of other residents who have contacted the council over this matter and have been fobbed of. I know of an email that you personally sent stating the the council will be looking into zone parking. An idea I personally agree on however action needs to be taken now. I would suggest in the removal of permit parking in Stuart Street until the zone parking can be arranged and agreed upon or the issue of parking permits to residents

I must say that I am very disappointed in your response and will take your email to other residents . A few things concern me. Set aside for Stewart Street was £4,000. Stewart Street have also just had the kerb stones changed and their pavements re laid . If parking change is being considered and there's no money why was this done . I notice in the traffic management meeting on the 3rd may there was strong objections from union Street residents as well .

Are you able to tell me if the three Union Street residence where given parking permits for Stewart Street and how many residence of Clifton Road have them.

Can I also ask if the residence of Clifton Road can rely on your support as we go forward and fight for our course.

Thank you once again for your time

Regards

[REDACTED]

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On 26 Jul 2018, at 16:23, Cllr Nigel Warren <  
> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

You were right to anticipate that I wouldn't be able to attend your meeting, I am usually busy with work at the weekend, being a driving instructor, and last weekend was no exception. However, I regret I didn't see your mail until afterwards anyway, otherwise I would have at least acknowledged your invitation, my excuse is that I'm way behind on my emails and am trying to catch up in sequence. Also, regrettably this has been in my drafts for at least an extra day too, I couldn't do a Mastermind and finish what I started.

I think it is only fair to advise you that CBC will not be bringing any new ideas/plans/ schemes etc forward for some time, their main contractor is behind on work, and they cannot commit any expenditure to things like surveys and consultations, which are astonishingly expensive but legal obligations, let alone implementing anything. Also they and I are tiring of the never-ending claims and counter-claims, with people in each road taking photos of cars from the other road(s) and making identical accusations, and are now looking to a fresh approach that doesn't just make things worse, i.e. enough of the same-old solutions that have actually got us where we are. Your petition will be treated in various ways according to how big it is, but in all cases it will most assuredly cross the path of the relevant CBC Cabinet Member, and he is already fully-seized of your issues, I have discussed them with him formally and also with certain



of Clifton Road for Stuart Street which I know has been given to one resident In Clifton Road. Im sure you would agree we should all be treated equally .

I have obtain the minutes from may 2017 where Stuart Street parking was approved and find several floor's with the proposal. They fail to mention that one resident In Stewart Street was selling cars from an address there and these cars were being parked in the road causing the residents the problem they had . Before the parking restriction were put in the tenant was evicted which I'm told the council were aware off. The council failed to investigate the full impact on residents in clifton Road and weather letters were actually received on the proposal. There's many elderly residents who don't have the confidence or ability to respond to such action . I. know of many residents who have children suffering with disabilities and family crisis where this is putting a large strain on family life.

Stuart Street remains empty day and night . I have sent pictures to the council to evidence this . West parade being the same.

I feel frustrated that local building projects are being approved yet the squeeze on parking continues. The action to lift parking permit in Stuart Street would be of little cost and I urge that this decision is taken until the the parking solution is found for the future.

I hope the meeting to be constructive and will be discussing residents views . I will be discussing if there is believed to be any offences committed within the disabilities act , Human rights act 1998 along and the Traffic management act 2004 .we will also talk about the locals council transparency and accountability . I will be urging residents to contact the council to gather information an evidence on their address under the freedom of information act. This is so will can obtain as much information as we can as we prepare to put our case forward.

I fill as an experience elected councillor your views and presences would be of great benefit and hope that we can have your support once our concerns are heard in this matter .As it stands I have had over 25 addresses reply and of the 25 addresses there has not been one negative response . I have had no responses from any resident who doesn't want to see change .Should you wish to contact me my mobile number is

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your time to read this email

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

I certainly know your father, he was a member of the old SBDC when I was on that, and I see him on the road every week. Also I bumped into him at the Leighton Buzzard test centre last week, so we had a bit of a catch-up.

I'm sure he would tell you that when one is elected, there is a responsibility to the whole Ward, and while we most assuredly recognize issues faced in specific roads, sometimes that wider responsibility makes it difficult to micro-manage a problem, inappropriate even, because a problem is not really properly solved. In other words I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't.

That is why a fresh approach to the much wider problem is needed, and that is how best I can serve you. I note your specific questions and will check the facts first, and to that end it will be helpfully simple if I can just forward your original query to the portfolio holder and/or specific members of staff, with a covering note. For GDPR reasons I have to inform you of that first.

Please bear with me, I can assure you of my best intentions. Kind regards~ Nigel

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 5:15:44 PM  
**To:** Cllr Nigel Warren  
**Subject:** Re: Parking Clifton Road meeting Sunday 22nd July .

Hi cllr Warren

Thank you for your reply . I understand the busy schedule you must have . You may know my father Pat Hamill . He was a councillor for many years and now a driving instructor. He was always busy in a thankless task .

Cllr [REDACTED]  
Re: Parking Clifton Road meeting Sunday 22nd July .  
3 Aug 2018 at 19:01:14  
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your idea about suspending the other permit zones has merit, as CBC feels they have exacerbated the problem rather than solving it, although when they were all the rage Clifton Road did not respond adequately or positively to the Council's offer of one. I will of course get slaughtered by Stuart Street if I allow that to happen though. I'll pursue your points with the Executive member.

Regards~ Nigel

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 6:36:25 PM  
**To:** Cllr Nigel Warren  
**Subject:** Re: Parking Clifton Road meeting Sunday 22nd July .

Cllr Warren

Many thanks for your reply however it is the council who have created this problem by implementing parking permits in Stuart Street and West Parade . These roads are empty day and night why other residents suffer . It is simply not good enough . The easy way to resolve this would be to suspend the parking in those streets until the zone parking is brought in . A very easy decision to make . As residence of Clifton Road we won't stand by and wait for a slow time solution . We are in the final throws of our petition and if a speedy solution is not met we have agreed that are next step will be local radio . As Residents of Dunstable we pay the highest rates and yet we see very little return .

Regards

[REDACTED]

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To Andrew Salous,

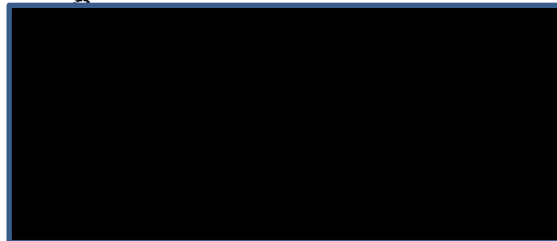
With reference to residents only parking in Clifton Rd, Dunstable .

We find that people parking their cars has a huge impact on our lives. My Husband is severely disabled with MS and other health problems, meaning he is under the care of five clinics at the hospital. He cannot stand, let alone walk on his own and then only a few yards. A disabled parking space is outside the house, but due to inconsiderate drivers, we have arrived home many times to find cars parked there with no blue badge displayed, resulting in difficulty helping him to get into the house. The cars seem to be left during the day and arrive again in the morning.

To drop my husband outside the house when another space in the road is not near enough, means parking in the middle of the road and holding up any through traffic while I help him into the house. We are both retired now and we find the present situation with Residents Parking Only in several local streets, so stressful.

We would be very appreciative if you could help us in this situation.

From





We are retired pensioners who have happily lived in Clifton Road for over 30 years since June 1987. Both our children are married and no longer live with us and we have one car between us.

Up until 2016 we had relatively few problems parking our car in the street however since the introduction of Parking Permits in Stuart Street and surrounding areas it has become almost impossible for us to park anywhere close to our home. On several occasions we have had to park out of the street almost two streets away upon returning home from shopping or a trip out of town.

We live in the bottom half of Clifton Road near to the A5 and we have found that it has become a daily free Parking Zone for workers in Dunstable town...shoppers...people catching the busway to Luton or coach/train to London. Just recently we had a car parked for 15 days not belonging to a resident whilst he went on holiday!

We also have residents of Stuart Street parking their second cars in Clifton Road as they just have a permit for one car. Their visitors park here too. Plus residents of High Street North parking here as there are parking restrictions outside their homes and businesses. All very frustrating!

This has a huge effect on our day to day lives because the second we move our car to go shopping or to go out..any space we may of had is taken up immediately by someone else. Every day we have between 8/12 regular people parking their cars...and that is just the bottom half of the street it starts as early as 7am in the morning and can go on well into the evening. The mums on the school run are often unable to park back in the street.

As we mentioned earlier we are retired pensioners and it gets very frustrating having to haul heavy bags of shopping from a car parked a long way from our

home. Workmen we use are often unable to park nearby...difficult when your van contains the tools you need!

When we have people visit us they frequently have to park out of our street. One friend made the unfortunate mistake of parking in Stuart Street one evening and was reported by a resident and given a parking ticket.

Every day is a constant battle to park so much so that we get to a point where we are reluctant to move our car knowing that it will be impossible to park on our return. It should not have to be like that!

Please look again and give us Parking Permits...we don't believe Zone Parking will work here as it will just mean more people parking here who don't live here.....would you want that where you live?



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 December 2016 11:08

To: Traffic Consultation

Subject: Parking Clifton Road Dunstable

Our full address is: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

Thank you for your recent letter dated 29/11/2016 Ref: GPB/001/SSCR

We are so happy that the council is considering permit parking in our street. We have lived in our home for almost 30 years and over the past few years we have found it increasingly difficult to park near to our home and have had to park in Stuart Street on a few occasions recently. Unfortunately we have had abusive notes left on our car when having to park in Stuart Street. Presumably by the residents there who surely must be as frustrated as we are!

When having work done in our home or deliveries to our home it is almost impossible for the drivers to park nearby. Drivers often have to pull up in the middle of the road when making deliveries thereby blocking the road access. We are a one way street coming up from the A5 road and there are an



----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** RE: Parking Clifton Road Dunstable

**From:** Gary Baldwin <

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**Sent:** Thursday, 15 December 2016 11:49



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**CC:**



Thank you for your e-mail and comments.

Regards

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Fwd: Parking - Clifton Road, Dunstable  
4 Oct 2018 at 13:45:57

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Parking - Clifton Road, Dunstable

**From:** Nathan Kirwan <[nkirwan@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:nkirwan@bedford.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 12 April 2018 08:52

**To:** [jack.bowers@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:jack.bowers@bedford.gov.uk)

**CC:** Jack Bowers <[jack.bowers@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:jack.bowers@bedford.gov.uk)>, Parking

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email,

We will shortly launch a review of parking across Dunstable north-west quadrant and will consider all roads in this area, including Clifton Road.

As part of the review we will consult residents for their input. This is likely to happen towards late summer.

Kind Regards

**Nathan Kirwan** ApplHE

Highways Apprentice

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increasing number of drivers who drive the wrong way down our road to the A5....so could something be done about this problem too? Someone will have a nasty accident before too long.

We live in the half of Clifton Road that is nearest to High Street North and so we have very many cars parking throughout the day. As I look out of my window today at this moment in time there are at least five cars parked for the day that belong to people who work in the town or just around the corner in High Street North. This is a daily occurrence...as soon as the school run takes place and there are spaces then in come the workers for the day/ evening. Plus the shoppers as the parking is free.

During the evening the same thing happens with the restaurants and town nearby. If there are any spaces these get taken. The drivers often have to pull up.

There are one or two homes that have two or more cars including their work vans / vehicles which take up spaces so parking is at a premium always for all residents.

We have people who live in High Street North who regularly park here too sometimes for 3 or 4 days at a time.

With the new housing currently being built in Clifton Road and permission being granted for storage facilities in Clifton Court to be converted to homes.. (which we objected to because of lack of parking...to no avail) plus the conversion of Ashton Middle School to homes and not enough parking there....(the council have said they will provide extra parking on nearby streets!!!! hmm that could be us then) this situation will only get worse!!!!

We would LOVE it to be 24 hour permit parking 7 days a week and would be

more than happy to pay the £10 fee plus visitors permit book at £30.

Looking forward hopefully to a solution for this very challenging situation.

Many thanks

Kind Regards



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Monday, 01 October 2018



Impact statement in respect of current parking issues In Clifton Road Dunstable since the introduction of residents parking in Stuart Street Dunstable.

Resident 32years

Home comprises 3 adults.

Home comprises 2 vehicles

Includes one space off-road and requirement for on-street parking for one vehicle.

Since the Stuart Street restrictions, the off-road parking has been impacted by narrow ingress and egress due to double parking opposite the drive in front of an established tree leading to numerous manoeuvres in order to negotiate the drive in reverse. This space is occupied by a shift worker returning home in the early hours of the morning at which time no on-street parking is at its peak.

In respect of the vehicle parked on road, a decision has to be considered as to whether to utilise the vehicle at the prospect of no available parking on return. Often in this case, where the vehicle has been used, the driver is often forced to drive a number of times around the block or wait, blocking a driveway or other entrance until a space is vacated.

These situations occur when there is excess capacity in Stuart Street because of the restrictions, causing visitors and second car owners connected to Stuart Street to utilise the parking available in Clifton Road.

Prior to the Stuart Street restrictions being enforced parking availability was, far from ideal, but sufficient and adequate for the residents of Clifton Road.

**Subject:** Fwd: Clifton Road Parking

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 26 September 2018 at 23:10:30 BST  
**To:** [Andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk)  
**Subject:** Clifton Road Parking

Dear Mr Selous Thank you very much for your time regarding Clifton Road Parking. I have read the reply from Paul Salmon and I am not satisfied with it. We need something done now not later. We have Christmas coming up and the situation will be worse. Shoppers leave their cars all day and also for a week while they go on holiday. Usually blocking driveways with their inconsiderate parking. I would like to stress this was never a problem until Stuart Street were given permit parking. My personal view is that I would like the permit parking in Stuart Street suspended. It is infuriating for me as I walk down Stuart Street twice a day every day and see two or three cars parked and Clifton Road is completely full. I cannot understand how they were given permits in the first place as on one side of the road most houses have driveways. Please can you continue to help us solve this problem as quickly as possible.  
Regards [REDACTED]



STUART STREET. 27/9/18.





10:40



STUART STREET.

27/9/18

