

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 September 2018 19:20
To: andrew.selous.mp@parliament.uk
Subject: Ongoing parking issues in Clifton Road Dunstable

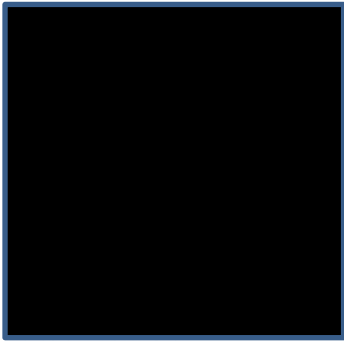
Dear Mr Selous,

As a resident of Clifton Road in Dunstable for over 20 years, I am writing to you to complain about the issues caused over the last year by South Bedfordshire council implementing a permit parking zone in Stuart Street. Before the permits were introduced there may have been a few times, in the 20 years I have lived here, that I have not been able to park in my own road. Since the permits have been introduced, I am regularly forced to park two or three roads away, pay to park in a carpark or face a parking fine! It puts me off moving my car once I have a space at the weekend as I can almost guarantee there will not be a space on my return. When you have two young children and its cold, dark and raining this is not convenient to say the least, especially when Stuart street is virtually empty which is 20 yards from my front door. Clifton Road is the first street without permit parking from the centre of Dunstable and our road has become a free car park. Daily we see people arriving and parking their cars and walking to the bottom of the street to catch a bus, sometimes the same cars are parked from Monday morning to Friday night, sometimes even for weeks! Residents who live on the High street or surrounding roads park in Clifton road. Even residents from Stuart street have the tenacity to park here knowing fore well that there are no parking spaces left for residents!

Along with almost every other resident of our street we have contacted the council to ask where the review of the permit scheme we were promised is, only to be fobbed off and told there is no money or it will be reviewed soon. We pay one of the highest council tax rates in the area and can't even park near our own houses. I understand there are processes that have to be followed, but we need a solution urgently. One possible and quick solution would be to remove the permit scheme from Stuart Street which would be a very simple and CHEAP way to resolve the current situation until the full review of parking in Dunstable can be carried out.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



04/10/2018

To who it may concern

I have lived here for 24 years with [REDACTED], at the time we had two cars and never had to much of a problem parking now we only have one which are never able to park. This causes problems for Suzanne as she suffers from Fibromyalgia, which causes her a lot of pain to get around. We have six children who find it a nightmare parking when visiting.

Living next to a private drive causes us issues too as after working hours people block it so I am not even able to stop and allow my wife time to get out near our house, if we stop in the road we often get tooted at or abused by people using the road as a cut through.

People using Clifton Road to park are workers from High Street North, go to college, shoppers and EVEN more annoying people visiting or living in the nearby PERMIT PARKING ONLY, TO MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE THEY PARK IN TWO SPACES. People who live in the street respect the fact we need all the parking spaces available and are considerate to others.




We are aware people find it hard to park in Dunstable and don't want to pay parking charges but why as a street should we suffer because of this.

We feel we should also be given the opportunity to have permit parking so that we do stand a good chance of parking in our own street.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

5/10/18

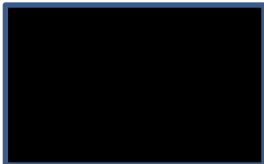

I have lived in the street for over 30 years. I live at number  Clifton Road with my two adult sons  who are both learning drive. I drive myself but have given up owning a car due to the horror of trying to park, my sons are dreading the time they get cars as to where they can park.

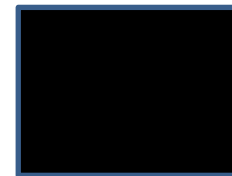
I ride a mobility scooter due to disabilities I have and find it most frustrating that people who do not live in the street park too far on the pavement that I cannot get passed. I cannot use the road as it is one way. I live by a private drive and because of the lack of parking people block it or park between the houses so I cannot access my home to park my scooter.

This street has become a carpark for workers, shoppers and people going on holiday strange cars park for up to three weeks and don't even live here just because they do not want to pay charges.

We as a street should be given Permit Parking like our surrounding streets so that we can access our road safely and also have a chance of parking in our own street.

Many thanks





5th October 2018

To whom it may concern,

We have been living at [redacted] Clifton Road for 14 years. We came from Edward st, where parking is impossible, and we were delighted to find there was always plenty of space for both our cars to park in Clifton Rd. The availability of parking at times of particular high usage, was due to the ability to park in Stuart street. We were thrilled at the easy parking as, my husband and I come from families who do not live locally, and parking for them was never an issue. We also have three children, who have a childminder at the house and parking during the day was always available.

Since the new parking regulations on Stuart St, there have been numerous times when we, and any visitors we have, have had to spend up to 15 minutes circling the streets trying to find parking, only to end up on the main high street. Which from a security point of view is less than ideal. If you are lucky enough to find parking on the street, you can expect to lug shopping and children back to you house from some considerable distance. This constant battle for space has created friction between neighbours who have driveways and their access becomes infringed in the fight for space to park.

The frustration of this situation is compounded when Stuart St has spaces at all times of day. There is an easy solution to this problem, which is to make this road resident parking.

Yours Faithfully

[redacted]

[redacted]



6th October 2018

I am making this statement in relation to the Parking Situation on CLIFTON ROAD, DUNSTABLE on behalf of myself and my wife and the impact that it is having on our lives.

I moved into CLIFTON ROAD in March 2017 and did not foresee the Parking problems that we would encounter now. When I moved into the road there were no parking restrictions in place on CLIFTON ROAD or STUART STREET. When moving I based one of my decisions on that there was ok local parking. Since I moved in there has been parking restrictions placed in Stuart Street. This has had a massive detrimental effect on myself and my wife as we both drive as we work quite a distance away. I am a shift worker and when I return home at all hours of the day and night (especially in the evening) I cannot find any space on CLIFTON ROAD or within walking distance of my house. The same applies to my wife who also quite regularly has to park streets away. It is quite annoying when I continuously see residents of STUART STREET parking what I can only believe must be 2nd cars in CLIFTON ROAD and then walk off to an address in STUART STREET. The same also applies to residents of VICTORIA STREET. I would say that about 70-80% of the cars at the top of CLIFTON ROAD belong to STUART or VICTORIA STREET. I find this unacceptable for residents of STUART STREET to be parking in CLIFTON ROAD when their street is empty all the time. Town Centre workers are also using CLIFTON ROAD to park as it is the closest road to the town centre that doesn't have any restrictions in place. The impact that it is having is that I'm having to worry about where I am going to get a space when I get home whilst I'm on my way home from work. I shouldn't have to worry about things like this. I also am aware that this is having a similar impact to others on CLIFTON ROAD.

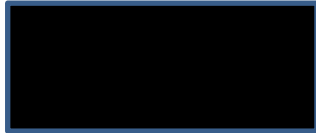
One of the addresses at the top of Clifton Road near the junction of Stuart Street is currently unoccupied. Due to this cars park alongside the address. Once this house becomes occupied (currently up for Sale) we will lose another 3 spaces on the road due to the off street parking that the house has. This will have a further detrimental effect to myself and other CLIFTON ROAD residents. Due to also being continually being ignored by our local councillors this causes my wife and I further stress as it is the local residents that elect them and yourselves and as usual nothing ever gets done.

A large amount of my wife and my time is talking about the issues of parking in the street and when we leave a space that we very rarely manage to get outside our address, is there going to be a space when we return to the Street. We shouldn't have to worry and stress about something as trivial as parking, when there should be Parking Restrictions in place like most of the roads in and around our

street. The easy option to this would be to place parking restrictions in Clifton Road as well which would alleviate any stress to myself and neighbours of CLIFTON ROAD.

I would appreciate that you will take my feelings and concerns and that of my neighbours into account when making your decision due to the impact that it is having on my life.

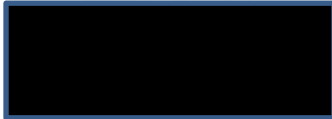
I look forward to your reply





7/10/2018

My Family Set Up:



Daughter Age 6

Son Age 12 with Autism and Severe Mental Health illness.

The Key Points of how the lack of street parking is affecting my family:

I simply have no where to park when I arrive home from work. Now the nights are getting dark I feel vulnerable having to park in another street (sometimes union street) and then having to walk back alone to the house.

I will do my weekly shopping and will be parked so far away from my house that I have to park on the yellow lines and quickly run it in, in the hope I do not get a parking ticket. A lot of the time the yellow lines are too full to accommodate this so I have to take several trips sometimes a street away.

In the fear of loosing my parking space I tend not to move my car very much.

Leaving my car in another street would affect my insurance as its not near my home.

Stuart street uses our road now for second cars and visitors, so Clifton Road is full and Stuart Street is empty.

Our lighting in this area is very poor, please walk from another street down our road, its pitch black. The tree's block the street light so again you feel unsafe.

My son has severe Autism and a serious Mental health illness. When he is home at weekends from Residential school we are left in a dangerous situation if he deteriorates on the Journey and we can't get him safely to the house. He can get extreme anxiety and this put's him at risk.

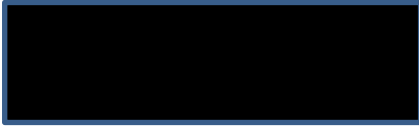
Our friends are unable to park, or health professionals. Stuart street uses us as free parking for second cars and for Visitors. I've also seen an increase of people leaving cars on our road and walking to work (possibly using the bus way). With the complaints in town over the parking, since Asda has become free parking for only one hour we have become a great choice for free parking. This is going to get worse near Christmas.

Please help us we just really want to be able to park on our street like before. I worry with the colder weather especially the snow, where will we go? I can't afford to get parking

ticket's and we have no other options open to us. I was unable to write my concerns when first approached by the council. My child was in crisis and I spent most of my week at Hospital for him in Kent. I had not realised we would be left in this situation.

Please either lift the Stuart street parking permit, or let us join.

Best Wishes,



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6th October 2018

Dear Mr. Andrew Selous (MP),

This is to detail the misery I have endured due to never being able to park outside my house - particularly irritating when returning from shopping.

My brother-in-law and sister often visit me from Exeter and after a four hour journey here they are often forced to spend another half an hour driving around Dunstable looking for somewhere to park, with a lengthy walk back once they've found one.

By giving us the same arrangements as residents in Stuart Street you will guarantee us the chance to park in our own street rather than have spaces outside our house given to transport tourists, as well as generating valuable income for Bedfordshire Council's traffic division.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



RE - PARKING ISSUES..

WELL WHERE DO I START, THE PARKING SITUATION ON CLIFTON RD IS OUT OF CONTROL FOR MANY REASONS, STARTING WITH THE FLATS THAT WERE BUILT IN VICTORIA ST, OPPOSITE THE CLIFTON ROAD ENTRANCE. 13 APARTMENTS AND ONLY 7 PARKING SPACES. PRIOR TO THIS THE GARAGES ON CLIFTON RD HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND MORE PROPERTIES BUILT.

IF THE PARKING SITUATION WASN'T BAD ENOUGH, PARKING PERMITS WERE INTRODUCED INTO STUART ST, THIS SHOULD NOT HAVE AFFECTED THE SITUATION IF THE RESIDENTS OF STUART STREET WOULD PURCHASE THE PERMITS THAT THEY APPLIED FOR ; WE CURRENTLY WITNESS ON A DAILY BASIS RESIDENTS OF STUART STREET PARKING ON CLIFTON RD.

MYSELF AND MY PARTNER WHO LIVE AT N° 52 ARE CARERS FOR HER ELDERLY GRANDPARENTS WHO LIVE AT NO 50. THEY ARE BOTH DISABLED WITH ONE HOUSEBOUND. ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY VIA THE DRIVEWAY IS CONSTANTLY GETTING BLOCKED.

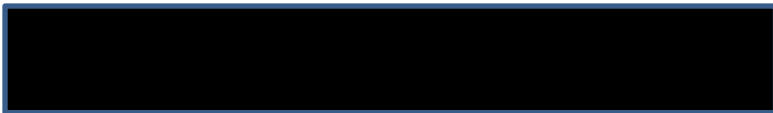
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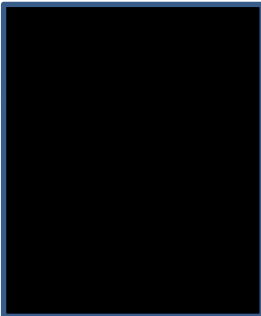
THIS CAUSES NUMEROUS ISSUES FOR NEEDED ACCESS FOR TRANSPORT FOR VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS. THE FEAR OF NOT HAVING ACCESS HAS BECOME A HUGE WORRY.

I CAN'T STRESS HIGHLY ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT HAVING THE PARKING SITUATION SOLVED IMMEDIATELY AND PERMITS ISSUED, IS TO MYSELF AND MY FAMILY.

I HOPE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND OUR WORRIES, FEARS, AND CONCERNS ON THIS ISSUE AND WE HOPE YOU CAN SOLVE THIS.

KIND REGARDS





Dear Mr Selous,

My Family consists of 2 Adults & 2 Children (Age 8 & 10 week's)

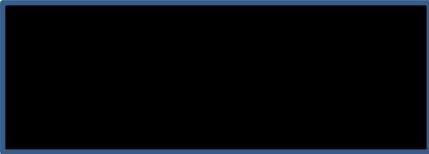
My main issues with the parking:

My husband work's in London and when he returns from work he has no where to park. People park over our drive so we are unable to access this with the drive being blocked from larger vehicles left.

With Mobility & Health issues I am struggling to carry the baby seat / pram /shopping to and from the house.

The free parking is not working for our family we would rather pay the fee and secure a place on our street.

Kind Regards,



07.10.2018



OCTOBER 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have lived in Clifton Road since 1989 and it is a lovely street to live in. We are very lucky to have wonderful neighbours who have only enhanced our living experience.

However the parking situation has certainly been a frustrating reality since the residents in Stuart Street have been allocated Permit Parking. My husband & I ~~were~~ originally voted to have Permits when the original survey was sent to Clifton Road however I firmly believe CBC didn't make it clear in the survey the consequences of not voting 'for' Permit Parking. As we only have one car it can be particularly frustrating not to be able to carry out normal daily activities ie going to work, shopping, attending meetings etc without having to re-think where we are going to park upon our return!! It is particularly frustrating when Stuart Street is empty for 98% of the time. Discovering that some of the residents there did not buy multiple Permits + now use Clifton Road for their second car/visitors has been very disappointing. How can people be so selfish - they obviously know the

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affect this is having on the residents of Chifton Road but they don't care - so now not only do we have:

- 1 People using the Busway
- 2 People using the Marshalls Coach going to London.
- 3 People who live on High Street North
- 4 People who work in Dunstable ie Union Street

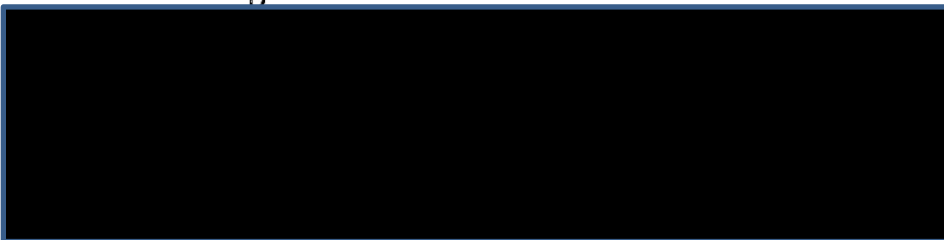
we also have Stuart Street residents using our already overcrowded street for their 2nd car/visitors!!!!!!

The impact this is having is not good. If we have a delivery, do our own food shopping or just have items to remove from our car we have to block the road just to empty the car. How annoying is that for our neighbours.

As stated in our meeting with Mr Selous & various emails I have sent to CBC, Mr Selous, Dunstable Council we pay a lot of money in Council tax for very little in return. While Permit Parking is in itself an additional tax it is something we have been willing to pay for if we can park our car on our street without fear of losing the space if we go about our daily business.

Something has to be done about this situation ASAP.

Best Regards,



To Mr Selwus

I am writing this letter to bring an unavoidable problem of my area of Clifton Road to your kind notice

Since Stuart Street has had the parking restriction applied our street has got worse with parking.

We are having all people parking down our street, even blocking residents with drives, to get in and out.

Our children's school is a 10 minute walk, due to the parking I am having to get the younger two children up early and having to walk, for which the children are tired, 3-6 year old this is unfair.

If we can get the vehicle out, it's a nightmare to get back onto our drive. Meaning to park elsewhere and clock watch out of the window to get back on the drive.

We would be grateful if you could look into this and even get temporary permits for our street to help tackle the parking in Clifton Road.

I hope you will tackle this matter as soon as possible. We look forward to the problem being resolved. I hope the authorities concerned will do the needful and resolve the issue at the earliest.

yours Truly
Clifton Road



6th October 2018

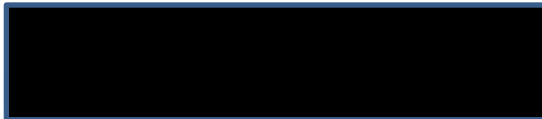
Parking at Clifton Road

Please accept this letter as an escalation complaint in regard's to the parking at Clifton Road. We have recently moved to this street and on many night's / days are unable to park on the street. We have noticed people parking on the street and walking to a very empty Stuart street.

Please can you ensure this matter is treated with the Urgency it requires.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Your Sincerely,



Dear occupier

My name is [REDACTED] The reason for my letter is that it has become evident that since the introduction of permit parking in Stuart Street, parking has become impossible. The street is often packed with cars while Stuart Street remains empty. Allegedly the parking was going to be monitored over 6 months and the decision reversed if need be. Obviously this hasn't happened. I'm now told that the council are looking at zone parking which if I'm honest is probably a good idea as we should be able to find parking in Clifton Road and the surrounding streets.

On speaking to most neighbours in the street everyone appears to want the parking sorted out and I know through letters in the door that people are trying to get this sorted. I thought it may be a good idea to try and find out who wants the parking resolved and who isn't to worried or who is against it. I also thought it maybe a good idea to collate everyone's email address so that we can keep each other updated or someone speaks on behalf of everyone whether that is me or somebody else who wants the responsibility. Can I ask that if your interested in getting the parking resolved and want to be kept updated that you return your name and address along with your email to me through the slip at the bottom of this letter. Phone number optional. Can you also tick whether you want this sorted out or not. I will keep your decision confidential.

Once I have everyone details I will lobby our local councillor along with Jack Brown at the High ways agency. It will be easy for me then to send you an email with an update or you to me. It maybe that we all have to email both parties daily if need be. The saying that if you turn the wheel enough to make a noise they will eventually have to apply the oil springs to mind. I am open to any other ideas. If you don't return the slip I will take it that your not fussed.

Many thanks

Marc

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN. ITS A 'NIGHTMARE'
MOST DAYS, & WEEK-ENDS HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE
FINDING SPACES. I HAVE HAD CARS PARKED
OUTSIDE MY HOUSE FOR AS LONG AS A YEAR
WITHOUT MOVING. HAV'NT BEEN ABLE TO DO
ANYTHING ABOUT IT THOUGH AS THEY ARE
ALWAYS TAXED. IT WAS THOUGHT MAYBE SOMEONE
WAS SELLING CARS FROM A PRIVATE ADDRESS. I
MUST ADD THIS WAS ONLY A THOUGHT!!

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

People are parking in our road whilst working in town. Bring on RESIDENTIAL PARKING ONLY.
ALSO DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ARE NOT ADHERED TO
TRAFFIC WARDENS NEED TO PATROL MORE REGULARLY.
DRAINS AT BOTTOM OF ROAD ARE BLOCKED AND
FLOOD DURING HEAVY RAIN.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

~~Against parking change.~~

~~Not fussed.~~

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANY HELP WITH THIS.
WE'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A MONTH AND THE PARKING
IS DRIVING US CRAZY ALREADY! CAN'T IMAGINE
HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT??!!

Name.

House number

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Name

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Best wishes - you are not going to please
everyone whatever the outcome
Regards

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Please keep me posted on any developments
Thanks.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

I Do not have a car but would like visitors pass for
When my family come.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

(optional)

Any comments

Name.

House number



For parking change. Yes

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Name.

House number



For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Tamara Johnson at The Tailors shop is our local Dunstable town councillor.

Jeanette Freeman who lives in Hillcroft } Northfields Ward Councillor (District) also

Cllr Nigel Warren has replied to Sue Cooke.

Also Central Beds District Council

Nathan Kirwan have been + Jacie Bowers replying to some emails

Name.

House number

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Speeding on the street also on main

Name.

House number ✓

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Name.

House number

✓

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

If you need any help let us know!

Name.

House number

✓

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

* NO parking could cause problems when Jemarley is home, he is registered Disabled.

Name.

House number



For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

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Any comments

I have applied for parking restrictions seperately and received an email from the council confirming they have had my request.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

fed up with people parking who dont even live on the street

Name.

House number

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

The parking is so bad in the road, that even though there is a disabled parking bay outside the property, cars are parked in the bay without displaying a blue badge, causing problems for the resident, who cannot walk at all unaided.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Name.

House number

For parking change.

~~Against parking change.~~

~~Not fussed.~~

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Due to living near Stuart Street i have noticed those on Stuart St with multiple cars choose to park on Clifton Road, probably to avoid paying for a second permit. There is also alot of people from Victoria St parking here. I really would like to see a positive change for parking, and will support this in anyway i can.

Kind Regards.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

n/a

n/a

Any comments

please send correspondence to our relation at Clifton Road, as we do not have email address' or mobiles

Tia

Name.

House number

For parking change. ✓

~~Against parking change.~~

~~Not fussed.~~

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

FED UP WITH STUART STREET GETTING EVERYTHING
WHILE WE GET ALL THEIR PARKING THAT DOES NOT
HAVE A PERMIT.

Name.

House number

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

optional)

Any comments

Name

House number

✓

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Feed up with people using cypress road as a
car park for work or long stay holiday parking.

Name

House number

✓

For parking change. ✓

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

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Any comments

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

None

Mobile (optional)

None

Any comments

Although I don't have a car, I do have family that visit me and would be willing to pay a parking charge, but I do think road parking is best.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

obile (optional)

Any comments

I have also contacted the council, just said they were monitoring the situation. No details taken, didn't seem bothered. I'm generally around during the day if needed for any calls or meetings.

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Really are fed up with parking around are Street
As people park cars here to go shopping or park
across are Drive and Restrict us from moving are
cars off the drive which i have loads of photos
to prove this if need be
100% Backing for parking change

Name.

House number

For parking change.

Against parking change.

Not fussed.

Email address.

Mobile (optional)

Any comments

Thank you for taking the time to try & find a
solution to the parking in the street.
Personally I would prefer an exclusive permit parking
arrangement like Stuart St, but realistically Cen. Beds
would probably want a zonal parking scheme like
Prince Regent for Victoria & Prince St as the problem
only moves to neighbouring roads. However, West Parade
recently achieved an exclusive deal, hence no cars
there either. Should you use my email please Bcc as I
wish my details to remain confidential.

Appendix B: Petition Signatures

Petition for the introduction of resident
parking permits in Clifton Road Dunstable,
LU6 1LU June/July 2018

House Number	Signature
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