



**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS
COBHAM, WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE AREA)
23 MARCH 2005**

KEY ISSUE AND SUMMARY:

To seek the Committee's approval for the amendment of waiting restrictions in key locations throughout the borough.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER:

Cobham and Oxshott – Mrs Mitchell
Walton South and Oatlands – Mr Crisp
Weybridge – Mr Lake

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

- i) The Committee approve the advertising of a traffic regulation order relinquishing the existing restrictions on:
 - Minorca Road – On both sides of the carriageway up to where the Controlled Parking Zone commences
 - South Road – On the western side of the carriageway only, except from its junction with Queens Road for a distance of ten metres
 - Pantile Road – On the southern side of the carriageway
 - Hurst Grove – On the northern side of the carriageway
- ii) The Committee approve the relinquishing of the existing limited waiting restrictions on the eastern side of Anyards Road (for a distance of 50 metres in a southerly direction commencing 12.5 metres south of its junction with Freelands Road and introduce an order 'No Waiting at Anytime' for this same location.

- iii) The Committee approve the relinquishing of the existing 'No Waiting at Anytime' restriction on the southern side of Freelands Road for a distance of 33 metres in an easterly direction, starting at a point 37 metres east of its junction with Anyards Road.
- iv) The Committee approve the introduction of 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 0830-1830hrs' on the southern side of Freelands Road from a point 37 metres east of its junction with Anyards Road through to its junction with Tartar Road.
- v) The Local Transportation Director be authorised, following consultation with the Chairman and Divisional Member to consider, and if possible resolve, any objections received.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will be aware that a review of all waiting restrictions is being carried out as part of preparations for the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE); this is subject to another report on the Committee's Agenda for this meeting. This has highlighted anomalies.
- 1.2 In September 2003 this Committee approved the introduction of new waiting restrictions in Cobham. Since their introduction, there have been several complaints about restrictions on Anyards Road, and the Divisional member has expressed concern about parking in Freelands Road. A residents' consultation has now been completed for Freelands Road.

2 ILLEGAL 'EXEMPTION PERMITS'

- 2.1 There are four roads within Elmbridge which, although having 'No Waiting at Anytime' restrictions, the Borough Council have been issuing 'exemption' permits to residents. This has effectively enabled residents to park on the double yellow lines and not be issued with a parking ticket. Unfortunately this practise has been illegal since the early 1970s. The Police have not been undertaking any regular enforcement within these roads, but appear to have been condoning this arrangement.
- 2.2 The County Council identified this issue through preparatory work for DPE. It is not possible for it to continue and decisions need to be made on what restrictions are to remain. Residents 'exemption' permits will no longer be issued.
- 2.3 The DPE Member Task Group has considered all four of the roads in detail and agreed the following recommendations:

Minorca Road – Weybridge

This is a wide cul-de-sac, forming a rear access to Weybridge Hospital, accessed from Church Street. The existing Weybridge Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) ends approximately 15 metres into Minorca Road. The properties do not appear to have any off-street provision. There are then 'No Waiting at Anytime' restrictions. On-street parking on both sides of the road (as is frequently occurring despite the restrictions) would still allow two way vehicle movement.

It is recommended that the restrictions are relinquished, enabling parking at anytime by all users. The situation will be monitored and, if appropriate, Minorca Road will be considered for inclusion within the Weybridge CPZ at a future date.

South Road – Weybridge

This is a narrow cul-de-sac accessed from Queens Road. It is frequently fully parked, contrary to the waiting restrictions. Some, but not all properties

have off-street provision. Access is difficult and has previously been the cause of complaints to the Elmbridge Local Transportation Service (LTS).

It is recommended that the restrictions be relinquished on the western side of the carriageway only, except at its junction with Queens Road (for a distance of ten metres). This will enable some resident parking.

Pantile Road – Walton

This is a narrow cul-de-sac accessed from St Mary's Road. Some properties have off-street parking provision, although in the main parking demand seems to be generated by residents.

It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are relinquished from the southern side of the carriageway, to enable some resident parking.

Hurst Grove – Walton

This is a cul-de-sac accessed from Hepworth Way. As well as access to residential properties, a motor trader situated at the junction of New Zealand Avenue and Bridge Street has access to the rear of his premises from this road. It appears that the majority of properties have off-street provision.

It is proposed that the restrictions are removed from the northern side of the carriageway. This would enable some residents parking, and still permit access.

Plans for all of the above amendments are in Appendix 'A'.

- 2.4 Surrey Police have been consulted and agree with the above recommendations.
- 2.5 All properties fronting the above roads will receive a letter advising that the restrictions are being reviewed, proposed recommendations and, subject to committee approval, that Traffic Regulation Orders will be advertised.

3 RESTRICTIONS IN ANYARDS ROAD, COBHAM

- 3.1 In September 2003, the Committee agreed a report recommending the introduction of a number of limited waiting bays (1 hour, no return for 2) on the eastern side of Anyards Road by the main shopping area (approximate numbers 12-18). These were installed in June 2004.
- 3.2 This has not proved successful. Unfortunately due to the volume of traffic using Anyards Road, combined with widespread illegal parking either side of the limited waiting bays, the carriageway frequently becomes blocked. Drivers mount the footway on the northern side of the carriageway, and occasionally traffic backs up into the High Street.

- 3.3 Members of the public, the Divisional Member and the Police have expressed their concern.
- 3.4 It is recommended that the traffic order for these bays is amended to make it 'No Waiting at Anytime'. This will be consistent with the other restrictions on Anyards Road. The Police fully support this recommendation.

4 FREELANDS ROAD / FOUR WENTS / HALESWOOD

- 4.1 As part of the package of measures for Cobham, 'No Waiting at Anytime' restrictions were introduced on Freelands Road for its first 70 metres from the junction with Anyards Road.
- 4.2 The Divisional Member has raised concerns about problems of access along Freelands Road caused by parked vehicles. Freelands Road is the access road for a large housing area and school.
- 4.3 All properties on Freelands Road, Four Wents and Haleswood were sent a questionnaire inviting their views. The following three questions were asked:
- a) I support 'No waiting Mon-Sat 0830-1830hrs' for Freelands Road
 - b) I support the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone for Freelands Road, Four Wents and Haleswood
 - c) I am happy with the current parking situation and do not want any changes
- 4.4 A total of 71 questionnaires were returned, many with additional comments. A summary sheet is contained within Appendix 'B'. In response to the above questions returns were as follows:

a)	Yes	40	56%
	No	23	32%
	Not completed	8	11%
b)	Yes	14	20%
	No	34	48%
	Not completed	23	32%
c)	Yes	22	31%
	No	24	34%
	Not completed	25	35%

Varying views were expressed although it is clear that the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is not a preferred option.

- 4.5 Surrey Police has been consulted but do not support the introduction of waiting restrictions on both sides of the carriageway. Their concern is that it

will increase vehicle speeds on Freelands Road (existing vehicle speeds were identified as a problem by some residents). Their suggestion is for limited waiting restrictions on one side of the carriageway (preferably southern due to the number of dropped kerbs) – to allow a free flow of traffic but with enough restriction to limit vehicle speeds to an acceptable level.

- 4.6 In view of the above findings, it is recommended that 'No waiting Mon-Sat 0830-1830hrs' are introduced on the southern side of the Freelands Road only from a point 37metres east of its junction with Anyards Road to its junction with Tartar Road, a distance of approximately 368 metres. This will replace 33 metres of 'At Anytime restrictions', as requested through the consultation and introduce 335 metres of new restriction. A plan indicating the proposals is contained in Appendix 'A'.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of making the necessary advertisements and associated works is £2,500. It is proposed that this is financed from the £10,000 identified for low cost traffic schemes within the Local Allocation budget.

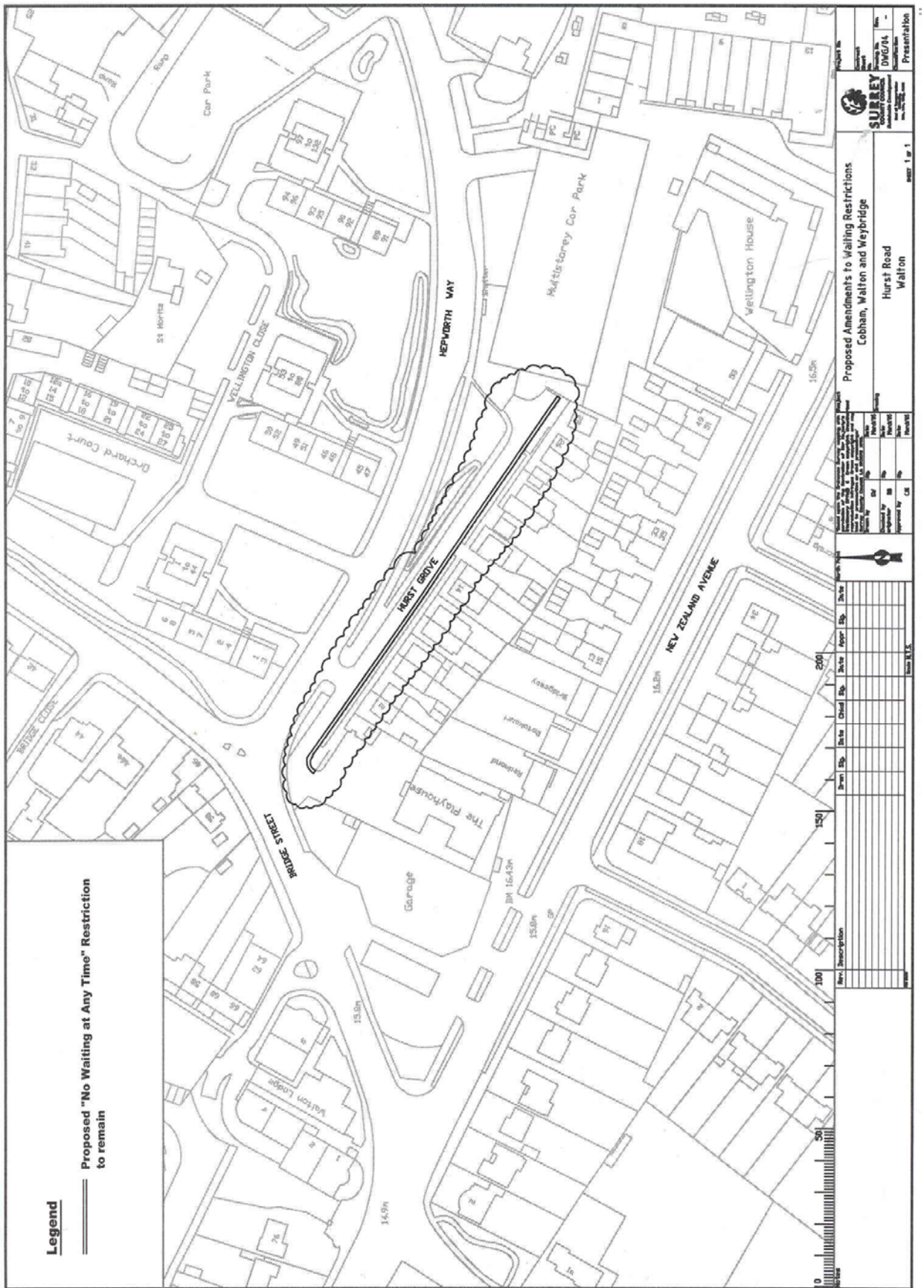
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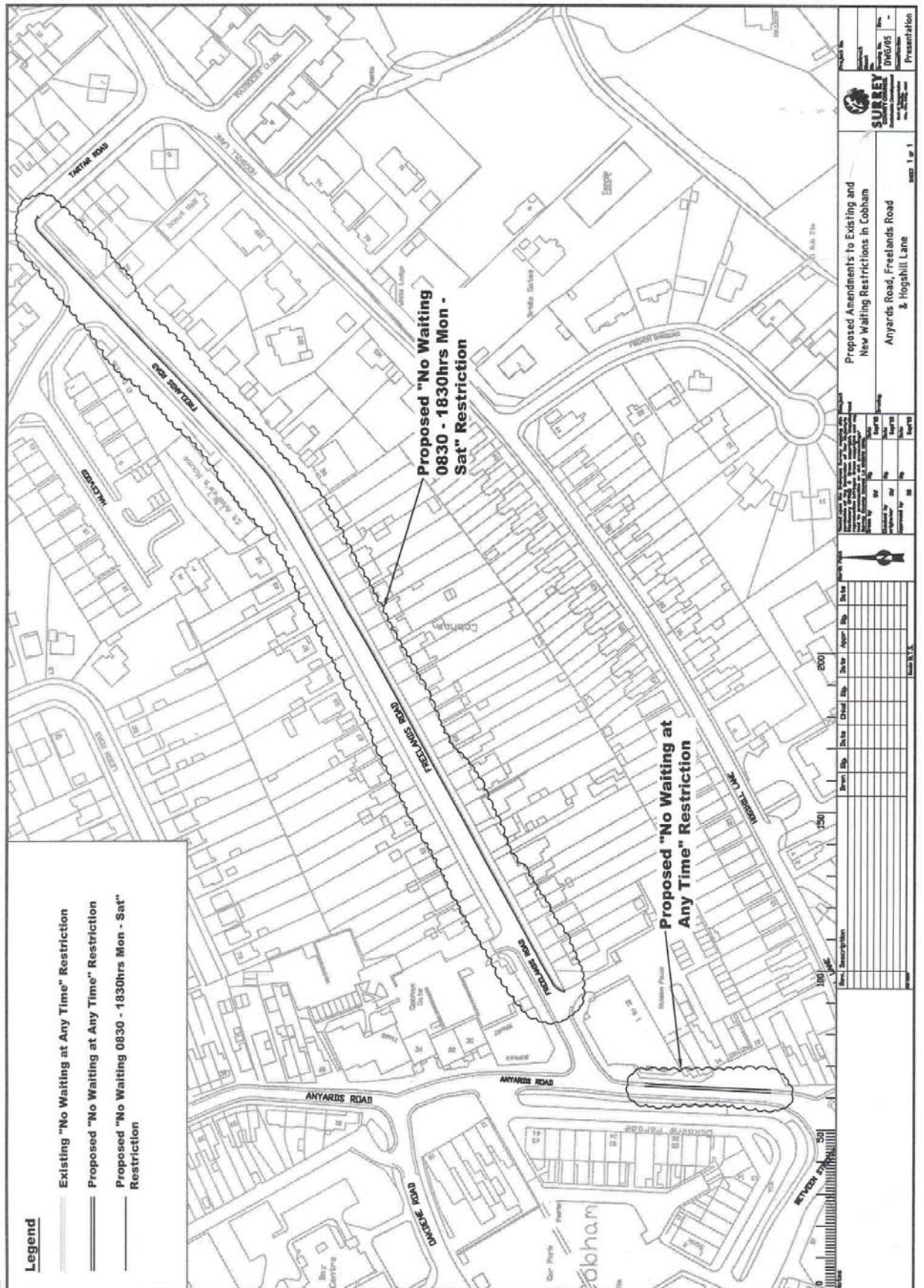
- 6.1 **Sustainable Development:** Efficient use of road space for on-street parking.
- 6.2 **Crime and Disorder:** Provide an effective mechanism for enforcement of parking.
- 6.3 **Equalities:** None.

7 CONCLUSION AND REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The proposed changes will compliment the works being undertaken for the introduction of DPE and, it is felt, offer a sensible compromise to residents and motorists.

Appendix 'A'





Surrey County Council – Elmbridge LTS

Freelands Road – Waiting Restrictions

Overview of Consultation Questionnaire Feedback (3rd February 2005)

Number of questionnaires returned 71

1. I support 'No waiting Mon-Sat 0830-1830hrs' for Freelands Road

Yes	40	56%
No	23	32%
Not Completed	8	11%

Comments for question 1:

- It would only inconvenience the residents of Freelands and move the cars of Cobham workers else where
- I find Freelands Road is a very, very busy, dangerous road with all the many obstructions
- Ok. As long as it is monitored regularly and sensibly – e.g. no tickets for someone popping into a house to unload something for a few moments
- But it must be effectively enforced
- You might consider 0830-1730hrs
- Provided that adequate control of the area is provided by way of police and traffic wardens
- Just moving the problem to Four Wents and Haleswood
- Will increase the speeding cars
- Can parking be prohibited on one side of Freelands Road only?
- May create a problem in Fourwents, on one side only
- As long as cars do not park in Four Wents
- Freelands Road wide enough to allow parking on one side
- Freelands Rd far less congested when parking restricted to one side only
- Strongly opposed – where will visitors park?

2. I support the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone for Freelands Road, Four Wents and Haleswood

Yes	14	20%
No	34	48%
Not Completed	23	32%

Comments for question 2:

- As old age pensioners we consider a cost for parking a liability out of our reach
- Not happy to pay £60-100 pa
- What happens if you have delivery of goods or you need a removal van?
- I strongly object to having to pay for a parking permit outside my home address. This would also restrict family visiting
- No problem as long as we can get visitors' permits
- No, unless facilities for visitors
- Most houses are able to park two cars off-street
- No parking problem in Fourwents or Haleswood. Please do not touch.
- Not practical
- Grossly unfair to houses without drives

3. I am happy with the current parking situation and do not want any changes

Yes	22	31%
No	24	34%
Not Completed	25	35%

Comments for question 3:

- The main problem I feel is the traffic speed rather than the parking
- Please no more rules – regulations. I have no intention to pay for people not to park
- If it were better patrolled the current restrictions would work
- Please enforce the existing double yellow lines [Anyards Road] before someone is killed
- If its not broke don't fix it
- If heavily parked on both sides difficult to pass each other
- Shoppers will not park in Haleswood and Four Wents - distance

Additional comments:

- A speed camera would help to slow traffic and generate the same money as your proposal
- The problem did not exist until you painted double yellow lines at the corner of Anyards Road and Cobham Gate
- A reduction to 20 mph – the excessive speed will eventually result in a fatal accident
- I have never seen Freelands blocked
- I welcome either scheme. I find parking outside my house frustrating
- I also find the speed of other drivers is far too fast
- The main problem seems to be at the bottom of Freelands Road at its junction with Anyards Road

- There should be no parking at all from the corner of Freelands Road left into Anyards Road to the High Street
- Pointless and waste of money if people continue to park in Anyards road
- Charging for parking outside the front of an owners house is a racket
- Please consider speed bumps as an alternative
- Road cleaner is unable to do his job due to parked cars permanently blocking the road
- Parking bays outside Pizza Express etc give rise to hazardous driving.
- Cars have to wait but does not cause any inconvenience as only for a minute
- Cars speed up – there will be a serious accident
- Speed of traffic – anyone thought of introducing sleeping policemen?
- Issue with current 'No Waiting' for first 70 metres of Freelands Road– prevents parking for resident.