



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Epsom and Ewell)**

**EPSOM AND EWELL PARKING / WAITING
RESTRICTION (PHASE 12) REVIEW
PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND
FEEDBACK FOLLOWING ADVERTISING OF THE
PROPOSALS ON ST MARGARET AND ST
ELIZABETH DRIVE**

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Epsom and Ewell Parking Review
Phase 12

Proposed Waiting Restrictions
St Margaret Drive / St Elizabeth Drive



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St Elizabeth Dve
Epsom

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18/11/19

Dear Mr Curl,

My name is [REDACTED] and
I am a resident of Abelea Green.
I am writing to you to ask for your
help in stopping our estate from
becoming a car park.

This proposal is contrary to
Surrey C.C. recommendations and
environmental & emissions policies
and will encourage more traffic
and with it more pollution.

The parents of St. Josephs school
who want this extra parking are
in many cases out of borough residents

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who could easily find a Catholic school nearer their own area.

Is it fair to your own constituents to put out of borough residents preferences before ours.

This appears to be the latest attempt by St Josephs to make life more difficult for us, since they lost in their dispute with Hjelca Green over the access road to the school.

They always knew they had no case legally, but proceeded anyway and cost this estate a great deal of money.

We should not be encouraging more people to drive their children to distant schools.

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It is bad for the environment
and this has become a priority
now with climate change so
important.

I would ask you to support us
in our complete rejection of
allowing any extra parking on
Adelea Green Estate.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the sender.

St Elizabeth Drive
Epsom
Surrey
18th November 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

I, as a resident of Abelea Green, am greatly concerned at the proposed parking changes on our estate.

[REDACTED] have lived here since 2005, and appreciate the peaceful nature and pleasant surroundings.

More cars will change all of this, not only more noise and disruption; but also, much more traffic and pollution. South St air quality readings this summer are definitely of concern, and aren't we all concerned about climate change, both at local and government level? Should we be encouraging more people to drive?

We have been in dispute with St Josephs Catholic Church about extra parking for their school for many years now, and they have been most unchristian in their dealings with us. It has cost this estate over £25,000 to establish our legal right to the access road to the Church, and they actually admitted that they had known all along that we were right. ^{page 42} proceeded against us anyway, to annoy us.

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The school threatened Abelea Green residents with a "higher set of difficulties", if we did not allow them access, and it appears that they are now trying to use Surrey Council to get back at us.

I have been to the meetings between the estate and the Church representatives, and the level of aggression from them has been extraordinary.

The school has chosen to keep taking in more and more pupils from out of borough, I believe more than 50% now, and we, the local residents who pay our taxes and our financial contribution to the running of this estate are expected to endure a diminished quality of life for their choices.

Rosebery School even offered to change their start and finish times to allow more parking in White Horse drive, so the St Josephs children could walk to the school through the back route. The head of St Josephs wouldn't even meet the head of Rosebery and wouldn't meet the representatives of Abelea Green to try for other solutions.

If this proposal is allowed, Abelea Green will become an extra car park for the hospital and all the shoppers and others who will soon be the spaces. There will be no guarantee that the

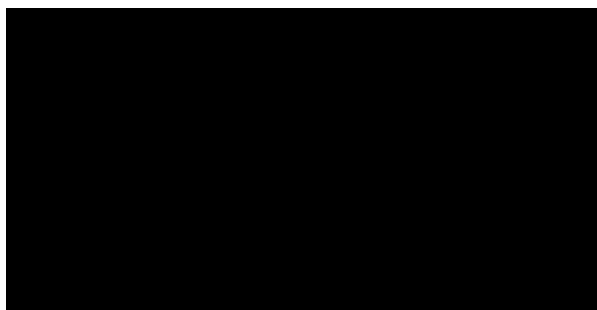
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School parents will be able to get a space in any case.

Please, Please do not allow any extra parking here, it will cause so many problems.

Years ago, an emergency vehicle was unable to get to where it was required, when all and sundry were able to park here. This resulted in each house being allocated three parking permits, and the estate being monitored by a private company, until the council adopted the roads, and put in yellow lines.



Nov. 14

Further to your notification about proposed changes to parking controls at Abelea Green, I would just like to comment on this.


I live at [redacted] overlooking the green, probably one of the smallest houses on the estate with a property within 3-4 metres from the kerb of the road.

Whilst I fully understand the need for parking for school children, because of the narrowness of the road, when people do park outside my house they park on the pavement. I find this quite uncomfortable (they might as well park in my living room!).

I am elderly and live on my own and would find large cars and lorries very close to my window quite intimidating.

The refuse lorry comes at approx 8.30 weekly and would find it very difficult to manoeuvre if cars were parked for the school run as would a fire engine should it be necessary.

I'm sure my writing this will
hold little sway and realise parking
is a great problem in Epsom
people using Epsom Hospital would
leap on the proposed parking
on our roads as the Hospital
parking needs to be rectified
less parking is available on the
site and the Dorking Road
is daily congested whilst
patients wait to park.



ABLEA Green
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Sent: 05 December 2019 14:56

Subject: Re: OBJECTION: Plan 68 Epsom Parking Review - St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drives, Epsom

Dear Mr Curl

Further to my email below, there is a further significant reason to object to relaxation of parking at St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive.

The proposal to relax parking was specifically to cater for an additional park and stride location for St Joseph's Primary Catholic School as you will recall.

To propose 21 of 24 hours of free parking makes no sense at all and there is no guarantee anyway of any spaces for the specific purpose of the school parents.

What has not yet been raised is the clear impact on our no through estate because of the activities of the Church.

Please note the Catholic Deanery of Epsom of which St Joseph's church is the primary church has recently expanded significantly including as far afield as Cobham and further.

So the impact on our no through estate will be substantial. I refer the local committee to 2011 when the church tried to build car parking on our private green and our private road, to local committee 2013 when the school and church tried again for relaxation.

In other words for years the Diocese, church and or school has been pressing for more free parking even though there are substantial lands up at the school to resolve its own issues.

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Please do not discount this important fact of the expansion of the Deanery of Epsom, alongside the other objections listed below.

The proposal is illogical and is not a solution for the purpose of proper school travel planning, is a gross waste of taxpayers money when the majority of our local children cannot attend this school

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 2 Dec 2019, at 16:17, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Curl,

OBJECTION Drawing 68 - St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drives - Epsom & Ewell Parking Review

“To reduce the current single yellow line restrictions to allow parents to park and walk their children to (St Joseph’s Catholic Primary) school via Dorking Road”

This is the only 1 of 70 proposals which asks for Relaxation of Parking and is contrary to SCC Emissions policies in general.

It is:

Unsafe, creating a toxic mix of cars, children, frustrated drivers, where competition for spaces from other road users will be high. We know the chaos and dangers when parents were previously unlawfully parking here.

(Please note, the estate residents only agreed to adoption of roads by SCC in 2006, on the basis of no parking, in line with all the house deeds of the estate.)

This is an illogical and unworkable proposal pushed forward by this school which brings more cars into the borough than any other primary school. A similar proposal was rejected in 2013 when the school was advised SCC to put its travel plan in order and take St Margaret Drive out of its plan.

There is case history in which, in writing, this school has already threatened residents on several occasions to make matters worse for residents if we do not concede, against legal advice, to their demands.

Be assured evidence has already been placed before councillors so it is difficult to understand why any councillor would seek to support such a proposal in these circumstances by this school to which our local children cannot gain admittance (when other solutions are in any case available to this school)

I refer you to:

1. **Our County Councillor’s independent survey and petition of our residents** in which it is established that the residents unanimously opposed relaxation of parking as already presented to the committee in December 2018 and again in December 2013 when the Committee again rejected this attempt by the school.
2. Please note the pressure the local residents/tax payers have been placed under by this school/church whipped up 800 signatures in December 2018 LC in favour of relaxation -

being signatures from persons on whom this has little effect except as to please their priest/headmistress etc.

3. The majority of our local children are unable to gain access to this school as it only accepts pupils of its own faith from the parish and then from outside the parish being the very reason there are so many cars trying to access this school (even though local schools including of their faith are available closer to home of these families.)

4. The School refuses to extend its drop off pick up times as set on school website being 0830 and 0840 onwards respectively on Rosebank and Whitehose Drive. The School, as at time of writing, consistently insists it has extended hours when this means pay for breakfast and after school clubs and put in other measures as at other schools.

The proposal to relax parking per Plan 68 on St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drive Epsom should be rejected for the following reasons:

This has been going on for far too long.

Refer to December 2013 Local Committee and the attempts to pressure residents to give up valuable legal and property rights - a situation now resolved only after £41,000 legal fees to establish a position this school and diocese always knew to be the case.

By bringing school traffic back on to this estate the council is at risk of unlawfully interfering in a third party property matter now underway to resolution. It is against policies of SCC to encourage more cars as providing more car parking spaces does. There is in any case a pay for car park in the Ashley Centre.

Ask what is this school's motivation for this one location it has singled out?

Aside from the above, this proposal is illegal and unsafe for the following reasons.

1. It is an **UNSAFE proposal** first for the children and for all other parties.
2. There is **NO GUARANTEE any PARKING space would be available for these school parents** - as one Cllr pointed out we are opposite Epsom Hospital, there are other schools in the area and we are close to town centre.
3. **It is unsafe as the roads are narrow.** Whilst IN THEORY it may be considered okay to park in practice it is not. When parents were parking illegally they parked on pavement, block drives, parked on verges, on our private road blocking access for emergency vehicles.
4. **There are no turning circles on this small residential no through Estate**
5. The **houses are built right on the road** with small driveways in which parents tried to turn, so to relax recreates trespass.
6. The warden assisted flats - parents tried to turn in their private car park, dangerous and trespass.
7. **A toxic mix of cars, children, frustrated parents often unable to find a space, hostile to our residents** if anyone dared ask not to park on verges, on green, on our private road. All those behaviours will be re started by this relaxation of parking.
8. Plan 68 proposes free parking for anyone for 21 out of 24 hours of the day which is ludicrous and will attract parking from hospital and elsewhere. This is ludicrous and should be rejected in its entirety with NO Relaxation of Parking.
9. **The new parking review proposals all propose RESTRICTING PARKING in other local roads, thus DISPLACING even more cars to the spaces which this school is trying to achieve for its own exclusive use.**

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10. The emissions and pollution arising from blocked traffic turning cars is contrary to all health and council advisories

11. This is the only 1 of 70 parking review proposals to relax parking and will only increase the number of cars coming onto our estates which was always designed to be as car free as possible.

12. This is a gross waste of everyones time and money for a proposal which is utterly unworkable and unsafe anyway.

The school will possibly whip up yet more signatures in their favour causing division and hostility towards and even amongst Epsom residents, when the school has a solution in its own hands by simply staggering its school times.

If this school opens up its school to our local Epsom primary school children, this toxic mix of children cars pollution and hostile frustrated drivers would not exist at all as everyone could walk to school.

Please ensure these facts are before the councillors, as for some reason, we fail to understand at the last two Local Committees certain councillors were intent in pushing through this one relaxation of parking. Even though it had full information put to councillors before the meeting.

This is clearly an unworkable, unsafe proposal, clearly against the unanimous petition of the residents.

Anyway, why did those councillors insist on this being brought back to committee, and go contrary to officer recommendations.

It makes no sense at all and one can only ask why? This is unworkable and should be dismissed.

Thank you all for your kind and careful consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] St Elizabeth Drive Epsom [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Parking Team Communication
From
St Margaret Drive, St Elizabeth Drive
and St Theresa Close

Dear Parking team,

Purpose of this letter:

A few of our residents have chosen to write to you because we would like to explain why parents cannot access St Joseph's School via our estate. We'd like to share a little background on how the estate development evolved and why actions have been taken. Hopefully this will aid the process of acting to the request of increased parking facilities for St Josephs School.

Context

When the Convent of the Sacred Hearts School on the Dorking Road closed, land was purchased by Ideal Homes for a housing estate and a hotel. This estate was completed in 1997 and included a green which remains owned in equal shares by all the estate properties as part of their deeds.

Two years later in 1999 St Joseph's church planned to move from Heathcote Road, Epsom. A new Church was to be constructed on a piece of land between the existing School and the new housing estate. The new church entrance would be from St Margaret Drive via a single track over the private green to a small 50 space car park. There was to be no entrance from Rosebank. However, for the infrequent large service, it was agreed that the school playground could be used as an overflow car park. To ensure that a "cut through" for unauthorised persons and cars from the Dorking Road was prevented, the Epsom & Ewell council insisted that a barrier and gates were installed. On that basis the Council agreed the planning permission for Church and to date the design and construction of the church remains unchanged.

In recent years people not specifically going to the Church or the Church Halls were using the private road, via the green against the terms of the original legal agreements and compromising the safety of the residents, parishioners and School. These included a number of parents of St Josephs School. Given this was the case, the Directors had a legal obligation to cease this ongoing and increasing infringement otherwise they could be held liable if any unauthorised person, parent or child should be hurt whilst trespassing either by car or on foot on this land. The same process would happen in any case of trespass. In addition, signage had to be erected to make it clear this was private land for Church access only. The Directors had no other options but to stop inappropriate use as advised by their legal support team.

So, we hope you understand that the access hasn't been closed because of "elitism" or "NIMBYism". It's a simple fact of the legal situation and the obligation of the Directors to make the area safe for all concerned, children, parents and residents. This happens in all areas of our community.

Shared concern

We are concerned about the safety of children attending St Josephs which seems to have growing challenges with regards to congestion and safety. There is only one road access to the school through Rosebank with a pedestrian access at the bottom of Whitehorse Drive and the Cabbage Patch alley. Both those areas get very congested and we appreciate solutions need to be considered.

Accountability of the school and council

Parents want to drive to school, especially with young children however we are also mindful that this isn't good for our environment. A major factor in causing congestion for St Josephs is that the School has an admissions policy which gives priority to Catholic children from other parishes outside Epsom in preference to local families, not of that faith who live closer to the school. This means they increase the need for car use rather than provide education for those in our local community.

Children across the country are demonstrating about the damage we are causing this planet. The Epsom Environment and Safe Communities committee, agreed reducing emissions in the borough is a priority and recently Surrey County Council highways officer Nick Healey warned there was a risk around providing more help for parents at St Josephs as it would encourage more to use cars, instead of more environmentally and sustainable ways

With those facts in mind, perhaps it would be more appropriate for St Josephs to seek their own solutions as it is their policy that is making the situation unsustainable?

Could they look at car share schemes increasing the number of pupils in each car? Could they introduce mini bus provision from carparks in for example Ashted and Tadworth to transport children from outside the borough, funded by the parents who drive here to the school of their choice? Could they stagger starting and finishing times to relieve the peak periods? Could they promote more walking, biking and use of sustainable public transport? It is difficult to see why they seek solutions from local residents, when their situation has been described as no different to any other school in the Borough and better than some.

Whitehorse Drive residents may see the proposed parking changes as a benefit to their parking situation and we will gladly support their decisions. We honestly feel the provision of a limited number of relaxed spaces in St Margaret's Drive and St Elizabeth drive are however inappropriate. We do not think parents will find vacant spaces here when needed and very few if any will park and walk the 15 / 20 mins to the school via Whitehorse Drive. In addition, young children shouldn't be subjected to the pollution they will face when walking along the Dorking road.

Our position

In conclusion we apologise if there is additional pressure in Rosebank or Whitehorse Drive. That was absolutely never the intention and we are concerned about access to the school, but do not see ourselves as the owner of the solution. We did not close a legitimate access road to the school, parents had no right to trespass across the estate, they were at risk in using the single lane road for two-way traffic and for that very reason we were advised it had to stop. We believe the school through their admissions policy are bringing unnecessary additional cars into our locality and at this very sensitive environmental time, we suggest it is they that should be finding solutions to reduce capacity not campaigning or raising a petition to increase provision.

We trust you will understand our situation, we have no desire to give more provision for school traffic who will need to use the congested Dorking Road and we trust the school will finally accept it needs to review its own policies and its impact on children and our local community.

From concerned residents of St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drives Epsom

The following are my objections to the proposed yellow line parking relaxation scheme on Abelea Green and also to St Joseph's School, Epsom, admissions policy.

Quote from their website :-

"Priority for admissions is firstly given to baptised Catholics who are resident in the parish of St Joseph's Epsom, followed by Catholic children from other parishes."

I think that this policy is out of date and is completely inappropriate in this day and age.

Please see quote from the Southern Ireland Education Minister (Richard Bruton) relating to changes to their Baptism Barrier law .

QUOTE :-

" It is unfair that a local child of no religion is passed over in favour of a child of religion, living some distance away, for access to their local school.

Parents should not feel pressured to baptise their child to get access to their local school "

In my view St Joseph's School should catch up.

Regarding the proposed parking relaxation on Abelea Green. The Road Traffic Regulation Act states that drivers from any faith are entitled to use any new parking provision and it would be legally impossible to discriminate.

It would mean that these spaces could be used by anybody for 21 hours per day and that St Joseph's School's parents could not get exclusive use.

What St Joseph's School admissions policy means is :-

A/ Non-Catholic children living in the Parish are excluded. These excluded children, being local, would have the option to walk to the School.

B/ If spaces at St Joseph's School are still available, their policy is to offer them to Catholic children who live outside the Parish.

C/ In many cases these children from outside the Parish could attend their local Catholic school, often within walking distance of their homes, but instead their parents choose to travel by car to St Joseph's School even when Catholic primary schools have unfilled places in neighbouring parishes and boroughs.

D/ The number of Catholic children travelling into St Joseph's School from outer Parishes is increasing year on year with no apparent measures proposed to control the problem.

E/ The obvious serious impact that this policy has is twofold :-
ONE, the added traffic and parking problems it creates
TWO the dangerous increase in the level of pollution.

These extra journeys from outside Parishes have little or no impact on pollution levels in their local areas but they do impact on Epsom. A situation treated with apparent disregard.

Epsom and Ewell Local Committee are commissioning a review (costing up to £5,000.00 of rate payers money) to look into parking and traffic problems in the area.

Included in the review is the proposal to provide more parking spaces for parents at drop and pick up times. (totalling 21 hours per day of free parking in designated areas on Abelea Green)

This proposal is in complete contradiction to Surrey County Council's advice as stated in their thorough review of ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS.

QUOTE from SCC review :-

“ The provision of pick up and drop off facilities would tend to encourage car journeys to St Joseph's School. If Committee were

to consider measures to assist drop off and pick up facility, Committee should be aware that this could encourage more car journeys, and ultimately make the situation worse. “

WHY is Epsom and Ewell Local Committee spending £5,000.00 on a proposal that, in SCC's opinion, could make the situation worse.

This is not an attack on St Joseph's School, which I understand achieves very good results, but an attack on it's admissions policy, a policy which is not allowed in Surrey Admissions Authority Schools where NEAREST SCHOOL is their admissions policy.

Why can't local non-Catholic children also benefit from the School's good results, after all it is their local school, and at the same time save on car journeys ?

Councillors should be putting pressure on St Joseph's School and the Diocese to change it's admissions policy and not to encourage it by providing additional parking spaces, or at least get them to introduce a park and ride system, from Epsom Downs for example, where children are bused into school and thereby saving many car journeys into Epsom.

Why should Epsom residents suffer increased traffic and pollution problems as a result of this grossly unfair policy ?

It can be rectified and it should be remembered that we voted for our councillors to reduce emission levels and not to increase them.


Resident of Abelea Green.

St Margaret Drive, Epsom, Surrey

Mr David Curl
Parking Team
Hazel House
Merrow Lane
Guildford
GU4 7BQ

2 December 2019

Dear Mr Curl

Epsom and Ewell Parking Review 2019

I am writing to support the proposal to relax the current parking restrictions on St Margaret Drive and other roads on Abelea Green for the purpose of the parents of our School to drop off their children and pick up again in the afternoon. I believe this to be good neighbourly relations, particularly with regard to our neighbours in Whitehorse Drive and Rosebank.

Councillors will be aware of the congestion that has arisen as a result of our necessity to prevent parents accessing the School from the Church Car Park which has been brought about at the Abelea Green Management Company's insistence.

As you can see, I live on the Abelea Green Estate and my impression is that some of our neighbours would like to see all the parking problems heaped onto our neighbours in Whitehorse Drive and Rosebank.

[REDACTED], I would be prepared, with the agreement of the Abelea Green Management Company, to allow parents attending the School to use the access from the Church Car Park, but I know this would call for a magnanimous gesture on their part.

I would ask the Council to look favourably on the request for relaxation of the current parking restrictions to support all concerned.

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Original Message-----

[REDACTED]

Sent: 03 December 2019 19:08

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Aberlea Green St Margaret Drive

Dear Mr Curl

Please may I lodge our concerns over the proposed relaxation of part of the estate roads within St Margaret's Drive. We live in [REDACTED] and do not wish for this to happen. I do not believe or see how this is going to provide a viable solution to children getting to school easier.

Sorry it's not wanted and we have deep concerns having parked cars parked outside our house.



With kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] St Margaret Drive

Sent from my iPhone

■ St Margaret Drive
Epsom
Surrey
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Parking Team
Hazel House
Merrow Lane
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GU4 7BQ

2 December 2019

yes

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Epsom and Ewell Parking Review 2019

We agree that the parking restrictions on St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive should be eased and St Joseph's School parents could park there.

As parking is one of the major issues for the Borough, we feel we should do our bit to alleviate this.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. David Curl (Epsom and Ewell 2019) Parking Team,
Hazel House,
Marrow Lane,
Guildford,
GU4 7BQ

St. Theresa Close,
Epsom,
Surrey,
[REDACTED]
25th November, 2019

[REDACTED]
Re: Objection to the Relaxation of Parking Restrictions on the Abelea Green Estate

I strongly object to the relaxation of Parking Restrictions in Abelea Green.

It is contrary to the Surrey County Council recommendations and to the environment and emissions policies.

As a resident since the estate was built, I can remember the parking problems here before the Council adopted the road and put down the yellow lines which came as such a relief to us all.

It was so congested that before this we had to hire a car clamping company to deal with the problem. There was not a single kerb space that was free, and even every bend had a car parked around it. If that was 20 years ago how much more congested and sought after would it be today?

This place would be a powerful magnet for everyone both in and out of the catchment area of Epsom to use it as a free public car park - and everyone would come. It would exacerbate traffic congestion and pollution from waiting vehicles in the Dorking Road and hamper those wanting to join it at the Haywain.

Dorking Road has alarming pollution figures already. The recent morning traffic queues trailing from the hospital car park back into Epsom on this road meant that nobody could join the queue without blocking the road at the Haywain exit if they wanted to turn right to go towards Ashted and beyond. Neither could they overtake waiting traffic once they were in the queue.

Also, during the two intervals (9.30-11.00 and 1.00-2.30) when there is to be no parking Refuse Collection can proceed as normal, but what about the access for the Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services which could be called upon at any time of day?

They would not be able to reverse or turn round if parking was one one or both sides of the road. And if they met an on - coming vehicle one of them would have to reverse -dangerously if time was of the essence.

The same aforesaid intervals would aggravate an existing legal dispute between St. Josephs School and the residents of Abelea Green. Parents are not allowed to park here. If parking restrictions were relaxed who is going to differentiate between a parent and another member of the public using the parking space? What would be the cost of increasing the Councils management, time and expenditure to police this since a public car park is for everybody?

Yet if this is not done, parking by the parents of children at the school would re-ignite the dispute by increasing their stealth in doing something which for them is illegal.

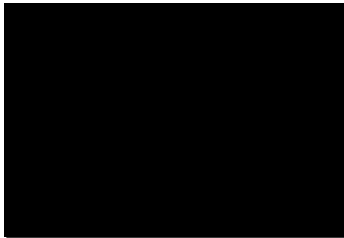
Abelea Green is a proposed conservation area with vistas of note and according to the Surrey Design Guides aim was built for people - not the motor car. Large green areas of land and parks

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are the green lungs of a town or city, bringing pleasure and respite from the polluted air to us all, so why create inroads for parking traffic and its associated problems with the environment and congestion into this beautiful breathing space, to accommodate parking overspill from other roads nearby?

Having had a foretaste of how congested Abelea Green was before the Council adopted the roads, I categorically object to the Relaxation of Parking Restrictions here.

Yours faithfully,



From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 29 November 2019 09:56
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: FW: Proposed parking relaxation on Abelea Green

on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

From: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
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I would ask you to support us in our complete rejection of allowing any extra parking on Abelea Green estate.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I believe the air quality issue is a Borough responsibility but no reason why the County should not be aware and support any measures to address. In terms of bringing it to the Committee's attention, it may be possible to include as a public question.

[REDACTED] – copied for information/potential inclusion for Committee. If not the right forum then it could go through the standard enquiry route though the answer is likely to refer to the Borough.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 November 2019 10:28
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Benzene emissions - Source DEFRA. Abelea Green

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Abelea Green

From: [REDACTED] >
Subject: Fwd: Benzene emissions - Source DEFRA. Abelea Green
Date: 26 November 2019 at 10:20:43 GMT
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] >

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I think the emissions from the petrol station needs to be highlighted in this case.

Distance of junction from petrol station entrance less than 70m.

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The evidence is clear from all angles and not just from quotes below.

We are within the petrol stations benzene footprint.

Will your team be able to make this known to the Local Committee?



There are a number of sources of benzene emissions to the atmosphere in the UK. The principal source of emissions is petrol engine exhausts, which account for more than 78% of the UK total. emissions are of potential concern in terms of exposure to members of the public who live and work in the vicinity of petrol filling stations.

Emissions from petrol stations are associated with a number of sources:

- Displacement of the headspace vapour from the underground storage tanks when road tankers are refilling the tanks. The mass emission rate will be relatively high, but only during the short periods of refilling.
- Displacement of the headspace vapour from the tank of the car as it is refuelled. The mass emission rate will be much lower than above but vapour will be emitted continuously throughout the period of opening.
- Evaporative losses from the car fuel system whilst it remains parked. These emissions are expected to be relatively low.

Gas stations vent far more toxic fumes than previously thought

October 4, 2018

Date:

Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health

Source:

Summary:

A study examined the release of vapors from gas station vent pipes, finding emissions were 10 times higher than estimates used in setback regulations used to determine how close schools, playgrounds, and parks can be situated to the facilities.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2019 16:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Parking on Abelea Green

Dear [REDACTED]

I, as a resident of Abelea Green, am greatly concerned at the proposed parking on our estate. My husband and I have lived here since 2005, and appreciate the peaceful nature and pleasant surroundings. More cars will change all of this, not only more noise and disruption, but also much more traffic pollution. South street air quality readings this summer are definitely of concern, and aren't we all concerned about climate change, both at local and government level? Should we be encouraging more people to drive?

We have been in dispute with St Joseph's Catholic Church about extra parking for their school for many years now and they have been most unchristian in their dealings with us. It has cost this estate over £25000 to establish our

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legal right to the access road to the church and school and they actually admitted that they had known all along, that we were in the right, but proceeded against us anyway, to annoy us. The school threatened Abelea Green residents with a "higher set of difficulties", if we did not allow them access and it appears that they are now trying to use the council to get back at us.

I have been to the meetings between the estate and the church and the level of aggression from them has been extraordinary.

The school has chosen to keep taking in more and more pupils from out of borough, I believe more than 50% now, and we, the local residents who pay our taxes and pay into Abelea Green management company, are expected to endure a diminished quality of life for their choices.

Rosebery school even offered to change their start and finish times to allow parents to park in White Horse Drive, so the St Joseph's children could walk through the back route. The head of St Joseph's wouldn't even meet the head of Rosebery and wouldn't talk to the representatives of Abelea Green, to try for other solutions.

If this proposal is allowed, it will not solve the parents' problem as the access gate to the school is closed, meaning the children would have to walk up South street to White Horse Drive, breathing in traffic pollution. Abelea Green will become an extra car park for the hospital and all the shoppers and others who will soon be using the spaces. There will be no guarantee that the school parents will be able to get a space anyway.

Please, please do not allow any extra parking here, it will only cause many problems.

Years ago, an emergency vehicle was unable to get to where it was required, when all and sundry were able to park here. This resulted in each household being allocated three parking permits and the estate being monitored by a private company, until the council adopted the roads and put in yellow lines.

Thanking you very much, in anticipation of your help in this very important matter,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

■ St Margaret Drive
Epsom
Surrey
■

1st December 2019

■ (Epsom and Ewell 2019)

Parking Team
Hazel House
Merrow Lane
Guildford
GU4 7BQ

Dear ■

Abelea Green Drawing No 68

We write to strongly object to the proposal to create seven parking spaces at Abelea Green. This would not resolve the School's parking issues and would only lead to more congestion throughout the day and aggravate the conflict that has existed for so many years between the residents of Abelea Green, the Church and the School over parking issues.

There are innumerable reasons already submitted to the Council why this proposal should be rejected. We cannot see how the provision of any parking spaces would benefit anyone and there is no turning space available for parked vehicles. It also contradicts the conclusion of the Report dated 9th December 2013 by Nick Healey, the Surrey Highways Officer, where it is stated that the Committee were first made aware of the legal issues that the proposal to provide parking for parents be deferred indefinitely, until such time as the matter is resolved. This matter has never been resolved!

To conclude, the fact remains that the School are not legally entitled to use the access road through Abelea Green.

Yours sincerely

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Date—21-11-2019

Subject:- Abeles Green, St Margaret Drive/ St Elisabeth Drive KT187LB

FOR THE ATTENTION OF [REDACTED], SCC PARKING EPSOM/EWELL

Dear [REDACTED]

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Please be advised that I strongly object to any parking changes to the roads on St Margaret Drive and St Elisabeth Drive for park and stride to St Joseph's School on the basis that there will be breaches to Health and Safety, Security, Environment and Wellbeing.

My first point is that astonishingly this proposal actually does not guarantee any spaces specifically for St Joseph's parents so is ineffectual

Secondly to allow 21 hours of Parking only guarantees others will capitalise on these spaces. So these proposals do nothing to support these parents. All this proposal does is shift one problem road on to another instead of actually resolving the issue.

The Dorking Road is certainly not the solution, exposing small children to high levels of pollution. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

We are a no-through development with only one entry/exit point. We are designed not to have any parking at all and each property has a drive. We have roads built to the minimum width and do not have any turning circles. We have a history with the school's unmanaged and unregulated number of cars and EEBC councillors are well aware of the difficulties. It was chaotic, dangerous and toxic before, with anti-social behaviour and anti-social driving and anti-social parking. We could not access our estate and were regularly gridlocked. Please do not assume that was just at drop off and pick up times, please remember the traffic from the Nursery affected us too, so that is five/six times a day and that does not take into account of there being a Service at St. Josephs Church.

This proposal just recreates problems with accessibility, road and path safety issues, congestion, traffic flow, pollutants to our home environment and now with new additional concern of compromise to our home environment and personal security. The SCC proposal will be inviting people and cars without any specific purpose to be on our estate, for very long periods of time, unquestioned and unmanaged this will increase the chances of criminal activity. And the 12 warden assisted senior living apartments will be extremely vulnerable as these cars will be parked close to them

Therefore, please register my objection to this and any other alterations to the roads of Abelea Green.

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Sent: 21 November 2019 21:22

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: proposed parking changes

To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED], Thank you for your card advising of proposed parking changes in the Abelea Green Estate

I note from your website this is to assist parents from St Josephs School so that they can walk their children via the Dorking Road.

I wish my objection to this to be Registered

Please forward my following Objection to all the relevant Councillors and to [REDACTED] SCC)Parking Epsom and Ewell.

I also wish that you confirm your receipt of this and the Registration

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There are alternative solutions and this route should not be encouraged

Secondly, it is well documented regarding the many difficulties and consequences here in the past. It created a highly dangerous and relentless problem with cars. Nothing has changed. We are a No through estate, all dead ends with no specific turning points.

Your proposal does not address this fact and all that will happen is reckless driving and parking.

These cars, which come in high numbers, will limit access, park across our drives and use our drives to turn around without any consideration for our safety. The 12 senior living apartments really suffered to the extent that they felt it was unsafe to go out.

The travel flow is interrupted and comes to a stop and then the anti social behaviour begins.

As a result we simply cannot get out to our considerable number of Hospital Appoints including emergencies.

This proposal would not only be to our detriment but potentially dangerous to the point of being life threatening. It proved very difficult on many occasions and I simply cannot condone this happening again. Especially as it is unnecessary.

Therefore I wish to object on the grounds of Safety and trespass.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] St Margaret Drive.

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[REDACTED] St Margaret Drive.

Sent: 03 December 2019 09:50
To: Highways/EAI/SCC
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Register objection Plan 68 St Margaret/St Elizabeth drive .

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 December 2019 09:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Register objection Plan 68 St Margaret/St Elizabeth drive .

FOR THE ATTENTION OF [REDACTED], SCC PARKING EPSOM/EWELL

Dear [REDACTED]

Re Relaxation parking St Margaret Drive/St Elizabeth Drive

Please be advised that I strongly object to any parking changes to the roads on St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive for park and stride to St Josephs School on the basis that there will be breaches to Health and Safety, Security, Environment and Wellbeing.

My first point is that astonishingly this proposal actually does not guarantee any spaces specifically for St Josephs parents so is ineffectual. Secondly to allow 21 hours of parking only guarantees others will capitalise on these spaces. So this proposals does nothing to support these parents, and does not meet the desired outcome and is therefore an unwise use of finances.

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Therefore, please register my objection to this and any other alterations to the roads of Abelea Green, it is a very unwise use of resources and more importantly does nothing to achieve the specific outcome of assisting children that this proposal was set out to achieve.

These children deserve a safe route to school please encourage the school to work with the professional bodies, the travel to school team and the highway managers have given specific advice to resolve several of the issues and the School now need to implement their recommendations.

Kind regards,

Resident of St Margaret Drive, Epsom

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: OBJECTION: Plan 68 Epsom Parking Review - St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drives, Epsom

Correction:

Aside from the above, this proposal is illogical and unsafe for the following reasons....

On 2 Dec 2019, at 16:17, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Curl,

**OBJECTION Drawing 68 - St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drives - Epsom & Ewell
Parking Review**

“To reduce the current single yellow line restrictions to allow parents to park and walk their children to (*St Joseph’s Catholic Primary*) school via Dorking Road”

This is the only 1 of 70 proposals which asks for Relaxation of Parking and is contrary to SCC Emissions policies in general.

It is:

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Unsafe, creating a toxic mix of cars, children, frustrated drivers, where competition for spaces from other road users will be high. We know the chaos and dangers when parents were previously unlawfully parking here.

(Please note, the estate residents only agreed to adoption of roads by SCC in 2006, on the basis of no parking, in line with all the house deeds of the estate.)

This is an illogical and unworkable proposal pushed forward by this school which brings more cars into the borough than any other primary school. A similar proposal was rejected in 2013 when the school was advised SCC to put its travel plan in order and take St Margaret Drive out of its plan.

There is case history in which, in writing, this school has already threatened residents on several occasions to make matters worse for residents if we do not concede, against legal advice, to their demands.

Be assured evidence has already been placed before councillors so it is difficult to understand why any councillor would seek to support such a proposal in these circumstances by this school to which our local children cannot gain admittance (when other solutions are in any case available to this school)

I refer you to:

1. **Our County Councillor's independent survey and petition of our residents** in which it is established that the residents unanimously opposed relaxation of parking as already presented to the committee in December 2018 and again in December 2013 when the Committee again rejected this attempt by the school.
2. Please note the pressure the local residents/tax payers have been placed under by this school/church whipped up 800 signatures in December 2018 LC in favour of relaxation - being signatures from persons on whom this has little effect except as to please their priest/headmistress etc.
3. **The majority of our local children are unable to gain access to this school** as it only accepts pupils of its own faith from the parish and then from outside the parish being the very reason there are so many cars trying to access this school (even though local schools including of their faith are available closer to home of these families.)
4. **The School refuses to extend its drop off pick up times as set on school website being 0830 and 0840 onwards respectively on Rosebank and Whitehose Drive.** The School, as at time of writing, consistently insists it has extended hours when this means pay for breakfast and after school clubs and put in other measures as at other schools.

The proposal to relax parking per Plan 68 on St Margaret and St Elizabeth Drive Epsom should be rejected for the following reasons:

This has been going on for far too long.

Refer to December 2013 Local Committee and the attempts to pressure residents to give up valuable legal and property rights - a situation now resolved only after £41,000 legal fees to establish a position this school and diocese always knew to be the case.

By bringing school traffic back on to this estate the council is at risk of unlawfully interfering in a third party property matter now underway to resolution. It

is against policies of SCC to encourage more cars as providing more car parking spaces does. There is in any case a pay for car park in the Ashley Centre.

Ask what is this school's motivation for this one location it has singled out?

Aside from the above, this proposal is illegal and unsafe for the following reasons.

1. It is an **UNSAFE proposal** first for the children and for all other parties.
2. There is **NO GUARANTEE any PARKING space would be available for these school parents** - as one Cllr pointed out we are opposite Epsom Hospital, there are other schools in the area and we are close to town centre.
3. **It is unsafe as the roads are narrow.** Whilst IN THEORY it may be considered okay to park in practice it is not. When parents were parking illegally they parked on pavement, block drives, parked on verges, on our private road blocking access for emergency vehicles.
4. **There are no turning circles on this small residential no through Estate**
5. The **houses are built right on the road** with small driveways in which parents tried to turn, so to relax recreates trespass.
6. The warden assisted flats - parents tried to turn in their private car park, dangerous and trespass.
7. **A toxic mix of cars, children, frustrated parents often unable to find a space, hostile to our residents** if anyone dared ask not to park on verges, on green, on our private road. All those behaviours will be re started by this relaxation of parking.
8. Plan 68 proposes free parking for anyone for 21 out of 24 hours of the day which is ludicrous and will attract parking from hospital and elsewhere. This is ludicrous and should be rejected in its entirety with NO Relaxation of Parking.
9. **The new parking review proposals all propose RESTRICTING PARKING in other local roads, thus DISPLACING even more cars to the spaces which this school is trying to achieve for its own exclusive use.**
10. The emissions and pollution arising from blocked traffic turning cars is contrary to all health and council advisories
11. This is the only 1 of 70 parking review proposals to relax parking and will only increase the number of cars coming onto our estates which was always designed to be as car free as possible.
12. This is a gross waste of everyones time and money for a proposal which is utterly unworkable and unsafe anyway.

The school will possibly whip up yet more signatures in their favour causing division and hostility towards and even amongst Epsom residents, when the school has a solution in its own hands by simply staggering its school times.

If this school opens up its school to our local Epsom primary school children, this toxic mix of children cars pollution and hostile frustrated drivers would not exist at all as everyone could walk to school.

Please ensure these facts are before the councillors, as for some reason, we fail to understand at the last two Local Committees certain councillors were intent in pushing through this one relaxation of parking. Even though it had full information put to councillors before the meeting.

This is clearly an unworkable, unsafe proposal, clearly against the unanimous petition of the residents.

Anyway, why did those councillors insist on this being brought back to committee, and go contrary to officer recommendations.

It makes no sense at all and one can only ask why? This is unworkable and should be dismissed.

Thank you all for your kind and careful consideration of this matter.
Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

1 St Elizabeth Drive Epsom KT18 7LA

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 December 2019 15:14
To: Highways/EAI/SCC
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Epsom & Ewell 2019 Parking Review

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for confirmation of receipt of my objection to Plan 68 St Margaret Drive/St Elizabeth Drive, Epsom - Relaxation of parking.

I note your comments below.

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

St. Theresa Close, Epsom, Surrey,

Parking Team,
Hazel House,
Merrow Lane,
Guildford GU4 7BQ.

28th November 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Creation of time limited parking spaces – St Margaret Drive & St Elizabeth Drive Epsom

I object to the Council's plans for the following reasons;

- The Estate previously enjoyed private road status, however due to public parking issues which caused massive access problems, the decision was taken for the Council to adopt the roads and yellow line them. Now, the suggestion is that the that parking is to be relaxed in complete contradiction of the initial reason for adoption.
- With a hospital, a dentist, being in close proximity to the town and local taxi drivers (who already park there in restricted times anyway) the likelihood is very slim that parents of the school children will even have the opportunity to park in these spaces. So, the plan will never actually fulfil the objective.
- Escalation – once the area is 'identified' as an area where you can park, this will lead to more parking during permitted times on yellow lines, so Sundays and evenings. This will lead to single lane access and more inconvenience for the residents in accessing their properties. Other areas of Epsom have already proved this. Example; Bottom of Ashley Road / End of Worple Road on a Sunday. Double parked, dangerous, traffic creating & inconvenient.
- The Church congregation already uses the area on a Sunday morning (a non-restricted time) and this has given good indication of the likely inconvenience caused. On more than one occasion there has been double parking which has severely restricted access, to the point where I believe that emergency services vehicles, if required, would not have been able to access parts of the Estate.
- Is there any reason why the Church (whose actions have caused the entire issue in the first place) can't provide 7 parking spaces (for the parents of the children) in their car park? At least this way the people who you wish to be able to park will be able to park. It would mean the parents have to walk 30 yards further, but at least it would not cause inconvenience to the residents trying to access their homes on the Estate?
- The thought that creating a handful of spaces in a residential zone surrounding a private green (which the residents fund the maintenance of) can really make a difference to Epsom's never-ending parking issue is absurd.
- Epsom's parking issues, specifically in Woodcote Ward are largely caused by either a lack of hospital parking or such expensive parking that staff and patients alike cannot and will not park on site. This causes parking issues in Ebbisham Road and surrounding roads. In selling off hospital land additional provision should have been made for the hospital's needs. Instead it seems apparent that it is far more cost effective to clog more residential streets.

Inconveniencing our community is not the answer to this problem, the plan will never fulfil its intended purpose. There is no gain, just inconvenience to the residents.

6) out of 70 parking reviews, this is the only proposal for relaxing parking restrictions. One must ask the question why?

The list of reasons can go on and on but I am sure a picture is building with my letter and a host of other written objections from the local residents.

Many thanks for reading this and for your consideration and I sincerely hope this is a subject that is put to bed once and for all, allowing everyone concerned to make much better and more productive use of their time.

Many thanks,

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[REDACTED]
St Margaret Drive
Epsom
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[REDACTED] (Epsom & Ewell 2019)
Parking Team
Surrey County Council
Hazel House
Merrow Lane
Guildford
GU4 7BQ

28 November 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Re proposed changes to parking controls on St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive, Epsom

I write to register my objection to the proposed changes to parking controls on St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive in Epsom.

The original request on the part of the governors of St Joseph's School ('the School') was ostensibly to facilitate parents, who choose to send their children to the school on Rosebank and choose to drive, dropping and collecting the children. Aside of the fact that this request betrays a flat refusal on the part of the School and its governors to take ownership and deal with transport issues of their own making, the request, and the subsequent proposed changes, would do nothing but create further problems.

The Abelea Green development is a cul-de-sac residential development accessed via roads which are not, and were not designed to be, parked. On the rare occasion that vehicles do park on the roads on a Sunday there are consequent access and, more importantly, safety issues. I am in absolutely no doubt that, were the currently proposed changes to parking controls to be implemented, such issues of far more significance would immediately follow.

The proposed changes to parking controls are plainly ill-conceived. Aside of the fact that it is not the job of the Council or Abelea Green residents to resolve a purported transport issue which the School has created for itself, the proposed parking changes will not serve to assist in any way. All they will do is to encourage parents to drive, whilst at the same time encouraging other drivers to take advantage of parking close to town and the hospital. As such, the proposed parking changes would be highly counterproductive. Frankly I am very surprised that any measures encouraging or facilitating driving are even subject to consideration by the Council, given local authority responsibility for air quality under the LAQM guidelines.

I hope that the proposed changes to parking controls will be rejected, as adoption of the same would create a most unwelcome and irresponsible precedent.

Yours sincerely

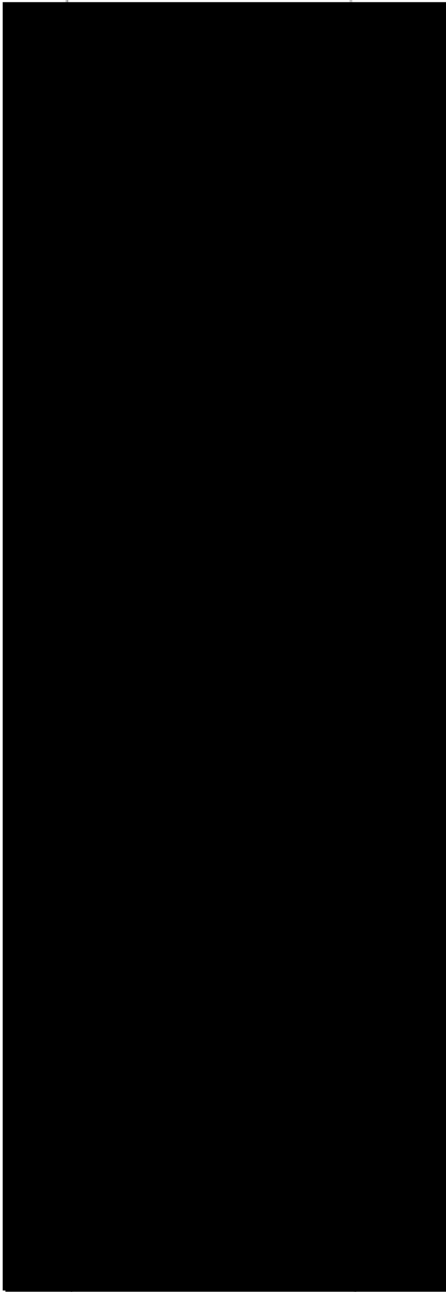

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**Epsom and Ewell Parking Review Phase 12
Proposed new waiting restrictions drawing 68
St Margaret Drive / St Elizabeth Drive**

The above parking proposals were submitted in response to a request by St Joseph's Primary School to reduce the current single yellow line restrictions to allow parents to park and walk their children to school via Dorking Road. That being the case, residents of the Abelea Estate object on the following basis:

1. This limited number of spaces cannot be specifically saved for parents of St Joseph's School so will be used for anybody visiting the hospital, dentist or shopping in Epsom, particularly because proposals allow parking after 2.30pm. Parking restrictions were originally enforced on the estate due to the congestion, accessibility and safety issues caused by a lack of parking restrictions.
2. Safety of users and residents will be compromised because this is a no through estate with only one entry and exit point which is at an already congested junction. We have minimum width roads, designed specifically not to have any on street parking and additionally have no designated turning point for cars. This means, junctions, the private access road, driveways, the Hotel car park and most worryingly the senior living area apartments will be used for car turn around. In addition, parked vehicles could impact on emergency vehicle access to the estate.
3. St Joseph's parents are unlikely to use this facility, should any spaces be available. Parents at our local meetings have stated that the Dorking Road is too polluted and dangerous for children to walk to school from this estate.
4. It is very clear that toxic air is linked to asthma and chronic chest problems in children and damage to the lungs in early age is irreversible. Pollution caused by and around schools is hugely worrying and we see no reason why we should facilitate increased use of cars when it is against all current county and national sustainability policy.
5. St Josephs have an admissions policy of bringing in children from outside the borough before admitting local non catholic children. Over 50% of St Joseph's intake this year came from outside our borough contributing to rush hour traffic and congestion. The out of borough numbers for this school is on an increasing trend and cannot be controlled by the Council or Highways.
6. There is absolutely no justification for the council to approve any more parking in this borough when we are already encountering congestion and pollution from increasing traffic. The Environment and Safe Communities committee have agreed to protect the environment / climate and stated they encourage the community in the borough to contribute to the council's plans to reduce emissions in any way they can. Refusing this proposal will help this agreed goal
7. Finally, the Borough's highly qualified and knowledgeable officers have stated "The provision of pick up and drop off facilities would tend to encourage car journeys to St Joseph's School. If Committee were to consider measures to assist drop off and pick up facility, Committee should be aware that this could encourage more car journeys, and ultimately make the situation worse "

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Proposed plan to relax yellow line parking restrictions on Abelea Green, Epsom.

(RESIDENTS HOME)

I the undersigned register my disapproval in the proposed relaxation scheme.

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