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## **Parking on Trinity Road next to the Public Gardens**

### **Request from local resident which was read at the Full Council meeting on 14 December 2022**

It's 16+ years since we moved to Halstead and although there were and still are many plus points about the town, one particular subject has been extremely hard to accept. Namely the permitting of parking outside of the town park on the busiest major route through the town. The sheer volume of traffic movement through this point (of which HGV accounts for a high proportion) has grown over the years, not helped of course by the expansion of housing stock and the consequential additional vehicles this has brought with it. Most recently temporary restrictions were imposed for this section of roadway which quite obviously and effectively improved overnight the continued flow of vehicles through the town and gave relief to others entering and attempting to leave Kings Road at that junction. The practicality or other reasons for permitting such a situation to continue still remains a mystery since there are many available places for parking in the town, which would not cause such frustration and annoyance to road users such as this very small section of the road does. I attempted to ask such questions a number of years ago after being referred to Essex Highways who then referred me to a contracted agency employed by them as consultants. This begs the question as to why our taxes are distributed to such organisations when council staff are employed for their own highways department. I now feel that this matter should be reviewed by the Town Council and representation about this matter be made to remove this anomaly which daily affects traffic flow. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter and the anticipated response to be received in due course.

Apparently I am now required to make an application to North Essex Partnership organisation and for me to have the support for this application made by our local councillor. Forgive me for suggesting that this once again compounds the unnecessary bureaucracy which frustrates life today. Surely this suggestion cannot be beyond the remit of one of our elected representatives to pursue and to establish. The historical effects which have shown reduced traffic hold-ups and congestion affecting this town are blatantly obvious to all (pedestrians and motorists) and have proved to work exceptionally well on the occasions that temporary parking injunctions are implemented. It would also appear to me that to continue to allow a maximum of five car owners unrestricted parking facilities at this very small stretch of road is unacceptable and an imbalance in considering the views of the remainder of the town's population and those frustrated drivers negotiating this section of the roadway.

My understanding is that where such similar Traffic Management proposals have been implemented in other situations and locations, a temporary plan of action has been established to monitor and verify such proposal' since this action has been previously implemented and proven effective, surely this should sail through without undue delay.

### **The resident has asked that the council lets the LHP know its own view**

**Recommendation :** that HTC proposes to the LHP that parking restrictions are made permanent on the lower half of Trinity Road.

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