

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
Date	12 June 2023
Agenda Item	13

To reconsider the request for double yellow line to be installed in Trinity Street outside the Public Gardens

The exchange which is given in full below can be summarised as follows:

- The current request will be considered by NEPP and BDC
- NEPP seek the support of those living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed area, and although the Clerk has out individual requests for support through the relevant doors, little written support has been given
- They also consider support from bus operators and those driving through, which has been supplied
- HTC could also make an application to ECC on grounds of safety and congestion, which might be more successful
- It might be easier to request single yellow lines preventing parking 7.00 – 19.00, which would allow local residents to park overnight and might therefore receive more support from them

1.Thank you for your email and attached support

Unfortunately, this will not suffice for what we have requested.

In these cases, as with all replies arranged, we expect there to be evidenced support of those who are in the direct vicinity of where restrictions have been requested, not those who appear to travel in the area and do not reside where intervention has been sought.

We need to gauge the views and opinions of those residents and businesses who are directly affected by reported issues, the same parties who may invariably be affected in the future by changes made on site.

2.Thank you for your email and attached bus operator support which is appreciated.

Whilst the attached plan also serves to illustrate where alleged complaints regarding the parking have been received from, we still require a local consultation, in whatever form chosen, to be arranged so that the views of those who are in the direct vicinity of the request, can comment and depict the support that may or may not be present.

A support plan is attached which indicates the properties we would expect to be canvassed in this case.

Our request for support merely mirrors all other replies sent to applicants where this type of evidence is lacking or not complete and if you feel that a telephone conversation to describe our exact requirements, would be beneficial then please indicate when it would be convenient for me to call.

Without the requested local consultation which depicts the required support of those living where the restriction has been requested, we will not be able to progress your application any further.

3. Just to manage expectations in this matter, once the formal application has gained the required local support, a report will be produced for the consideration of the District Council and if chosen as a priority at the relevant meeting in October, will form our works programme for 2024.

If changes are required any earlier, then a direct request can be made to the Highways Authority, via the applicable Essex County Councillor as this particular organisation still assumes responsibility for introducing measures on the grounds of safety and congestion.

The current application held will be processed in the usual Board Approved manner, as is the case with all requests made.

We will ensure that District Council representatives are aware of our response to you.

4. In this case we have been very specific in our request for support and unless we, and I include Braintree District Council in this, are satisfied that there is sufficient support locally, from those who may invariably be affected by changes, no further consideration will be given.

It is not surprising that those who live further afield are supportive of measures, they do not rely on the spaces available and whilst we appreciate that the road is an important link to Braintree and other areas, we also have our concerns that removing parking may also lead to vehicles speeding.

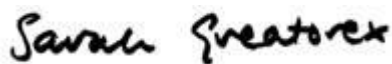
We will need to be certain that if changes are proposed then local residents and businesses directly opposite the location are in agreement to parking being removed.

We will of course ensure that our District Partner representatives are aware of our response to you and also remind you that a direct request can be made to Essex County Council who can propose changes on the grounds of safety and congestion.

5. Whatever we propose still requires the same local support, (whether single or double yellow lines)it is a fundamental requirement of our Board approved process and without it, we will not give any further consideration to the request.

Recommendations:

1. That HTC considers the possibility of single yellow lines to prevent daytime parking
2. That HTC considers whether an approach to ECC Cllr Siddall would produce a speedier result
3. That HTC considers whether reducing the width of the pavement is a better solution

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Greator'.

Sarah Greator Town Clerk