

Committee	COUNCIL MEETING
Date	14 August 2023
Agenda Item	14

To reconsider parking in Trinity Street

As promised at the Full Council meeting in June 2023, Cllr Bond has researched Highways Asset Management policies and <https://essex.traffweb.app/> - casualty statistics and also the NEPP TRO Policy

In accordance with the latter the following criteria are used to assess the viability of restrictions

Safety - required in identified areas to reduce known personal injury collisions involving vehicles and pedestrians. Trinity Street only 1 slight collision recorded since 2018

1. **Congestion – required in situations where the flow of traffic on key routes is impaired by parked vehicles** Trinity Street is a TR1 route - high Priority route Evidenced by reports of congestion especially during peak commuter periods including issues relating to buses stopping at the stop. HTC has received many comments on congestion around this area by those driving through, as it is impossible for 2 vehicles to pass in opposite directions when vehicles are also parked on the road.
2. **Slow moving traffic is adding to air pollution** in what is a relatively enclosed space and it is known that traffic pollution is a cause of health issues especially in young people who use the walking route to and from schools.
3. **New development/improvement schemes** – where restrictions are required to complement other measures such as traffic calming schemes or to assist with new developments such as new roads The new developments of houses on the outskirts of Halstead have increased traffic flows for schools, work and shopping. The number of households in Halstead has risen from 4066 in 2020 to 4401 in 2023, an increase of 335 households over 3 years
4. **Local concerns where restrictions are required to manage commuter, shopper, or residents parking** Complaints received from individuals about congestion and lack of safe places to cross due to obstructed vision as well as egress from Kings Road to Trinity Street given poor visibility

Recommendation : that HTC applies through the Local Highways Panel, at Cllr Siddall's suggestion, for a single yellow line parking restriction on Trinity Street between 7.00 and 19.00, to prevent parking at busy times, but to allow residents to park in the evenings and overnight.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Greateorex". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Sarah" and the last name "Greateorex" clearly legible.

Sarah Greateorex Town Clerk