

Statement – Ock Street area – Proposed Residents Permit Parking  
21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

My family has owned Reeves Fish & Chip Shop since May 1989, but the shop has served Abingdon from 173 Ock Street since it was established by the Reeves family in 1919. It is one of the town's oldest businesses, and its success is attributed to both the quality of our food and our location near two critical parking bays on Ock Street

Many customers use these bays for brief stays, typically lasting less than 15 minutes. With current double yellow lines limiting parking options, any changes that allow more extended parking periods—such as resident permits or 2-hour free parking—would prevent our customers and suppliers from accessing the shop, threatening our century-old business.

We suggest that these bays remain designated for short-stay parking only, with a maximum limit of 20 minutes and no resident permits. This would:

1. Allow customers, including those with mobility issues, to support local businesses.
2. Enable access for public transport and emergency vehicles.
3. Help alleviate parking issues from schools and commuters.

Many adjacent properties have their own parking spaces. It doesn't seem fair that they should occupy the Ock Street bays too.

I encourage the council to consider our concerns regarding the shared bay plans.

Below are some images of the shop in 2025 and 1919 to illustrate the history behind our century-old fish & chip shop.

