

We have returned from a holiday to open an email and read that there is an amendment to the residents permit only parking on Foscoote Rise. We had no prior knowledge of this as there has been no formal written correspondence to ourselves, even though the proposal directly affects our property.

Therefore, I am writing to formally object to the recently amended parking proposal for Foscoote Rise, specifically the introduction of two-hour free parking bays with a one-hour no- return period available to the public and hospital patients, directly outside of our property on this residential road.

While we were made aware of the resident permit fee and had come to terms with that element of the scheme, this new amendment significantly changes the impact the proposal will have on us.

We have lived at our property for 40 years and, until the increasingly parking pressures associated with the hospital, we have never experienced difficulties parking. Although I understand the need to manage parking demand, allocating bays for short-term public use will inevitably increase turnover and competition for spaces directly outside our house. It is highly likely that these bays will be heavily used by hospital visitors and patients, making it far more difficult for ourselves and our family to park close by.

We are a two-car household, and while we have a driveway, it accommodates only one vehicle, this means we rely on on-street parking for our second car. The introduction of short-stay public bays will significantly affect our day-to day routine and accessibility.

In addition, we have family members who travel from outside the area to visit us. We also have two newborn grandchildren, and practical access to family vehicles is extremely important for providing support and responding to any urgent situations. The likelihood of bays being occupied by hospital users will make visits and family support considerably more difficult.

After four decades of living here without parking issues, it is deeply upsetting that we are now facing increased disruption due to external parking pressures. We are also concerned about the longer-term impact this will have on the desirability and value of our property, We respectfully urge the council to reconsider this amendment of which we had no prior knowledge. We expect this email to be read out to the committee before Thursday's meeting.

We look forward to your response.