

REPORT - Advance Parking Consultation 2019



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Purpose

To implement an **Advance Public Parking Consultation** surveying as many Blantyre Residents as possible about their Parking Concerns, Opinions and Suggestions for Improvement in the town of Blantyre, South Lanarkshire. This report collects all received survey data and summarises trends and observations to pass on to action groups, local authority, Councillors and other interested stakeholders.

Background

Blantyre Telegraph has in recent months received many complaints about Inconsiderate Parking and the lack of Parking in Blantyre. With growing frustration about Parking amongst residents and knowing there is an official traffic and parking audit imminent by Local Authorities, we thought we would take the opportunity to create an Advance Parking survey to gather majority opinion to assist their exercise and help form a consultation based overall opinion that we can shadow and stand by the people of Blantyre.

We were already aware of scattered concerns around school drop off points, lack of car-parks, access concerns around new developments and possible increase of traffic in the future, e.g. in the village following Livingstone Centre renovation and these themes were picked up in the survey.

Similarly we were already aware of previous extensive consultation done on Blantyre Parking earlier in 2019 for Blantyre Futures, "Community Action Plan" with parking a large concern. Our survey intended to target a detailed, focused response from participants, collating all responses into something, which may assist all previous and future consultation.

The Survey

The survey was kept simple so people could take part easily and quickly. It looked for your feedback on all Parking related issues in Blantyre. Some replies were optional. The survey hoped to gather data on e.g. what parking should be improved? What can be done about inconsiderate parking on pavements, which block prams and scooters? Where are the hotspots? Which streets? Is parking adequate at schools and the station? How satisfied are you with parking arrangements. Do we need further Park and ride on a scale that Newton has? Is signage ok? Where could further carparks be sited? What about the main thoroughfare Glasgow Road?

The Survey was live from **Tuesday 18th June 2019 until Sunday 7th July 2019** a period of 20 days and was shared often. **382 people** took part. The audience was targeted specifically to people who live in Blantyre.

The Survey was only online and made available to the public asking the following simple questions:

Q1 On Scale of 1-10 (10 best) how adequate do you think Parking is in Blantyre?

Q2 Would you say Blantyre drivers are Inconsiderately parking?

Q3. Which Street do you think is worst for Parking?

With Optional replies asked for:

Q4 What are your Parking Concerns?

Q5 What can be done to improve things?

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Survey Results

The survey now ended, the results are as follows:

Q1 On Scale of 1-10 (10 best) how adequate do you think Parking is in Blantyre?

- 1 Very Poor (122 votes)
 - 2 (74 votes)
 - 3 (73 votes)
 - 4 (36 votes)
 - 5 (42 votes)
 - 6 (19 votes)
 - 7 (9 votes)
 - 8 (6 votes)
 - 9 (0 votes)
 - 10 Excellent (1 vote)
- Total Votes: 382**



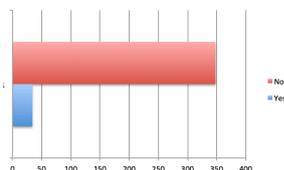
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Result:

People generally think existing Parking in Blantyre is very Poor. An Average score of 3 is returned with much room for improvement.

Q2 Would you say Blantyre drivers are Inconsiderately parking?

- Yes 9% (34 votes)
 - No 91% (348 votes)
- Total Votes: 382**

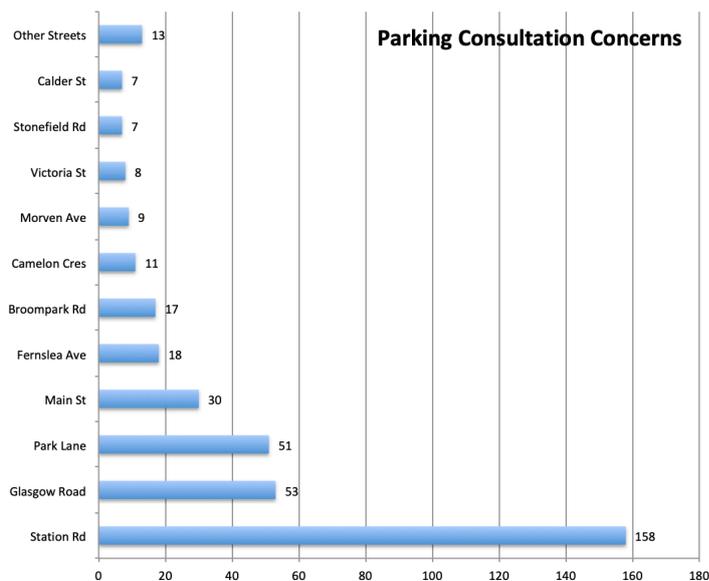


Result:

Most participants with overwhelming majority thought Blantyre drivers are parking with consideration.

Q3. Which Street do you think is worst for Parking?

- Station Road 41% (158 votes)
 - Glasgow Road 14% (53 votes)
 - Park Lane 13% (51 votes)
 - Main Street 8% (30 votes)
 - Fernslea Avenue 5% (18 votes)
 - Broompark Road 5% (17 votes)
 - Camelon Crescent 3% (11 votes)
 - Morven Avenue 2% (9 votes)
 - Victoria Street 2% (8 votes)
 - Stonefield Road 2% (7 votes)
 - Calder Street 2% (7 votes)
 - Other Streets 3% (13 votes)
- Total Votes: 382**



Result:

An overwhelming majority concern about Station Road, followed by significant concern about Glasgow Rd and Park Lane.

Q4. What are your Parking Concerns? – Selected comments noted in Appendix A

Q5. What can be done to Improve things? – Selected comments noted in Appendix B

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Conclusions

- People generally think existing **Parking in Blantyre is very poor**. An Average score of only 3 out of 10 is returned with much room for improvement.
- On the upside, most participants with overwhelming majority thought **Blantyre drivers are currently parking with consideration** and respect.
- There is an overwhelming **majority concern about Station Road**, followed by significant concern about Glasgow Rd, Park Lane and Main Street. Of note that many of these concerns are from people who live outwith these streets.
- Within the **concerns returned**, comments about inadequate carparks, lack of parking at the train station, missing parking lines and inadequate school drop off space feature often.
- Suggested **themes for improvement** include creating further carparks, enforcing current restrictions better, further signage and markings, park and ride for station, better consideration of through traffic to schools in built up streets.

End

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APPENDIX A – SELECTED SURVEY COMMENTS/CONCERNS

General

“Parking on pavements - extremely hazardous for pedestrians - roper in wheelchairs - people pushing Proms - cyclists going on pavement Also parking on both sides of the street makes this road very narrow - hazardous driving.”

“Parking on pavements seems to be norm and no one is punished for this. Kids and people with Prams are having to go out into roads to pass! Also shops at Coatshill are bad as delivery lorries are parking on pavements too, can't they organise deliveries out with school traffic times?”

“Parking up on the kerb. Double parking. Can't get bins emptied because the lorry can't get down the street.”

“People parking on the pavement or not in spaces; drivers not giving way to traffic when obstructions are clearly on their side of the road (twice the same car has almost taken my wing mirror off on Broompark Road).”

“We have people in our street (Toward Court) who use mobility aids (wheelchair etc.) and inconsiderate drivers park on the pavement and leave their cars there all day to use the trains. There is one car in particular who will abandon and I mean ABANDON her car at the corner of Rosebank and Toward court on a Friday sometimes Thursday and pick it up again on a Monday night!! It makes it difficult to get out the street as she literally just leaves it in the middle of the road at the corner. Residents have spoken to her.”

“It doesn't matter which street but people do not use their driveways, this creates a lot of problem. When are the police/council going to step in to help.”

“In many streets it's an accident waiting to happen. A tragedy that can be avoided. Inadequate parking at shops without planning or adequate parking of course we find ourselves in the current situation. Council should have thought this out before allowing fast foods or undertakers etc. to invade Main Street.”

“I'm concerned that disabled people are people with young children and/or buggies are having to dangerously cross a road. Particularly at the bottom end of Winton Crescent there is a "blind" bend. When drivers park FULLY on the pavement it is very near impossible to see round the corner so the traffic cannot be judge by the person crossing. Also Winton Crescent had a severe lack of off street parking (no one has a drive way) I appreciate that creating a drive way can be costly but I feel that there should be some type of funding help available from the council as I believe most of the residents would be willing to convert their front/side gardens into runways.”

“Cars park anywhere they can & something you need 2 walk on the road.”

“Inconsiderate parking causes stress and forces people to make dangerous driving decisions - people who park on Victoria St on the corners at the roundabout at the bottom of Small Crescent/Morris Crescent are blocking the view of the street, surprised there haven't been more crashes due to this. No-one enforcing traffic violations so people park on hatched areas, too close to corners and double yellow lines. Have seen whole cars parked on the pavement outside the new houses across from the health centre on Victoria Street. Residential streets are turned into one way streets due to parking, concerns me how emergency vehicles would get up streets. Driveways don't get used as people just park over them blocking people in.”

“Double Parking and blocking access and parking near Junctions.”

“Too many cars parking illegally and not enough getting done to stop it. Need to start permits.”

“Inconsiderate parking on majority pavements in Blantyre. Have to walk on road to pass. Obviously can't learn kids to cross road safely for these issues. And more mobility issues. Commercial vehicles from work taking up a lot of road/pavement spaces. Too many vehicles per household.”

“Restricted access for elderly and for babies in prams or young kids as they can't see past cars Also when residents drives are blocked getting in and out of drives can be made difficult. More cars also mean they park closer together making it difficult for some residents to actually get out of the space I know of a lady who is scared to drive her car now in case she can't get parked again she also doesn't keep well it's very stressful.”

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"Bad parking is my biggest issue. By that I mean someone parking their small car over 2 spaces this happens on our street every day. Unfortunately I am a driver for a living and parking on the kerb sometimes is the only option. I do however try and leave room for a wheel chair but this is not always possible. I would much rather the emergency services got down the street than a buggy for example."

"It is an issue on most streets, not because there isn't enough parking but because people are so lazy that rather than parking in a proper place they would rather park where they don't need to walk. Having a child at school where I walk up and down to regularly unless I have an appointment and need to drive which isn't very often, there are always cars parked on the pavement meaning that my friend and many others have to walk on the road without the pram! There is no need for this to happen at all or need to park up on pavements!!!!"

Broompark Road

"Very busy street with nearby school. Insufficient parking for restaurant at early evenings."

"Larkfield Drive parking on both sides of road on a hill that takes a slight turn is very difficult to see things coming in opposite direction Broompark road is a main walkway on a route to High Blantyre Primary school & nursery & the pavement is very narrow most of the way down but drivers park up on the pavement almost daily stopping you getting past with a pram often having to take young kids out onto road to get past in rush hour traffic on way to school."

"Parking outside shops on Broompark Road/Stonefield Rd is causing accidents. I myself was hit by another vehicle because of parked cars blocking the view at the crossroads. Parking is provided and there are yellow lines but they are never enforced. Crossing this road with children is also a concern and a few children have been knocked down here over the years."

"Top end of Broompark Road from Chapel up to Main Street is awful. I don't know the amount of times nearly had an accident with drivers on other side of Road due to cars being parked everywhere or speeding. Also outside the school is ridiculous. I'm sick of people parking outside my house and blocking driveways in Swinburne Ave."

"Fed up of having to go on the road with a new born baby! Why should I risk my child's life because of the selfishness of drivers that can't park in proper spaces and insist on parking on kerbs"

"People who regularly park at the entrance of Broompark road with Main st and this blocks cars turning in and exiting. Causes a standstill and worse when you see there is a Carpark 2 metres from where they park. Many cars park on blind corners causing problems for drivers and on pavements. Speed of drivers doesn't help the parking problems."

Calder Street

"People park in the drop off lay by causing others to think it's ok to double park blocking the road and causing risk to other road users and children."

"Cars and Van's park fully (4 wheels) on the pavement at school collection meaning kids cant see to cross without stepping between parked cars."

Camelon Crescent

"No fire, ambulance or any emergency services can seemingly access this street with the current parking."

"Too many cars on the street and too many cars parking on the pavements (whole car on pavements) Pedestrians having to go on road to get round the car. Fire brigade I have saw a couple of times up this street at the flats have had a problem getting through."

"There is nowhere for anyone to park in Camelon crescent. If they don't park on the pavements then emergency services wouldn't get past. I myself have a car and was parking on the pavement then the police asked for it to be moved told me to park on the grass then when I done that the council phoned me to get it moved off the grass as it's council property! It's up to the council to sort something. There's plenty of grass areas in the street which could be turned into parking for people in the flats to take some of the cars of the street. Even 6 or 8 spaces would make a difference"

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"People are parking on the pavements. I have 3 grandchildren and use a double buggy and always have to walk on road card and busses going past us it's very frightening."

Dalcraig Crescent

"Parking on pavements while driveway is empty. Sometimes leaving not enough room for emergency vehicles."

Fernslea Avenue

"There is a large green area. Locals often say extra parking spaces could easily be made. Often people park on the grass area. In winter mud gets spread over the roadway. It's a complete nightmare at 3pm at home time when the primary school closes for the day. I have suffered verbal abuse and I have complained twice to the school. I was told nothing could be done."

"The end of Fernslea Avenue at Stonefield Road is a nightmare to see if there are cars coming, possibly be better with traffic lights but maybe not possible with the amount of vehicles parked in the street. Also angers me the cars parked up pavements around Hazelwood drive/poplar place when there are residents who live around these streets who use mobility scooters and have physical disabilities."

"I live in Baronhall Drive and across the road from me are the last 4 houses in Fernslea Avenue. There is a patch of grass that has been fenced off by the council in front of the houses. The council gave the tenants gates to allow them to park their cars in front of their house and then blocked the access by the fence built. There are 3 cars, which are parked on the bend so the people can keep an eye on their cars. Why don't the council open this up and let them park off the road? This is a bad bend as some drivers do still go too fast going up and down the road. It is especially treacherous in the winter."

"We live in Oaklea Crescent and cannot park outside our own house most of the time. We have been verbally abused by parents who have children at St.Blanes Primary. Volume of traffic is ridiculous, cars can hardly pass through Fernslea Ave for parked cars. At end of school day, traffic surrounding this area is deplorable, far too many cars, children should be walking to school."

"Concerned a child getting knocked down, during school drop off and pick up hours. Not the 1st time I have had to push a pram on the road, because cars park up on the kerb. A serious accident (maybe fatality) waiting to happen."

"I approached SLC with parking concerns as commercial vehicles and other cars have been parking fully on the corner of Wheatland Avenue. This limits visibility to oncoming traffic but also so dangerous next to the school. There have been several near misses with cars and people alike walking out. It is also impossible to pass with a pram. SLC advised that many families now have more than one vehicle at home and parking has become an issue but if I had further concerns to contact Police Scotland."

"Fernslea entering Stonefield Road is also a danger with it being virtually impossible to see past cars parked on the corner."

Glasgow Road

"I rarely shop in the shops on Glasgow Road as I can never find a parking spot. Station Road is a joke both for parking and the poor residents. Often thought we should have an additional railway station along at Priory Bridge end where maybe we could have adequate parking spaces."

"Parking on pavement, some occasion on Fernslea Avenue cars are parked on the full pavement, wheelchairs and buggies can't get by. Also at the shops on Glasgow road, car space markings were introduced but these seem to be ignored and people parking out with these bays. Also in the local housing areas cars are parked at opposite site only giving the minimum room to get by."

"Inconsiderate drivers parking across drive way. Not enough spaces on Glasgow Road and at station car park."

"Glasgow Road leading off Parkville Drive is an accident waiting to happen. Auchinraith Terrace leading to Parkville Drive is terrible, needs give way signs and for cars to stop parking on pavements. Boots chemist Victoria Street is horrific."

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"Double parking, not enough parking at the shops on Glasgow Road, lack of access to driveways, not enough park and ride spaces, pavements being blocked and pedestrian to walk round the obstruct onto roads, not enough parking and access to driveways in cul de sacs causing feuds with neighbours, discrimination against disabled people living in cul de sacs as council will not put proper signage or no parking lines to restrict people blocking access driveways."

"No parking for the shops on Glasgow Road. I won't shop there if I can't get parked. This causes double parking on Station Road. Not enough parking at train station means I often drive to Newton to get the train."

"The lack of parking for our customers. It's our customer's biggest complaint."

Glenfruin Road

"Numerous cars parked on corners and entrances to car parks and streets on a daily basis while the whole carpark is free of spaces and never used been a few accidents over the years one of which involved a car crashing through tour fence and into our own garden both sides of the road entering the carpark on Glenfruin road are routinely blocked to a narrow single lane and will eventually end in someone being injured. Kids regularly in the area, neighbours routinely fight and argue with each other on a regular basis because they can't get parked and complain about being jammed in spaces and can't get out."

John Street

"I work in Council offices at John Street and when there is not spaces left in the car park we have to find a space elsewhere where there is normally on a maximum of 2 hours allowed. The parking attendants seem to be targeting this building and are here every second day giving out tickets."

"Parking for council workers within David Dale House is far too limited and quite frankly, disgraceful! The lack of parking available leaves council workers often getting parking tickets from the very same council for which they are working even when there are South Lanarkshire Council permits on the car windscreen - such a bizarre situation! As a worker in this building I have tried to plead many times for extra ample parking but unfortunately, it falls on deaf ears. It's an ongoing issue for many people and it would be really appreciated if the council can consider increasing parking for staff!"

Main Street

"Outside family shopper shop is a nightmare at peak times with deliveries and customers parking on both sides of the road & on pavements. Hopefully a stop to this can be done and making sure it's safe for the public to pass safely."

"On Sundays people attending Blantyre Old Parish Church park on pavement blocking line of sight at Craigmuir Rd junction. These cars also severely obstruct pedestrian use of pavement. Cars are also parking right on junction of Craigmuir Rd with Main St causing risk for vehicles making left turn. Parking so close to a junction is a road traffic offense."

"High Blantyre Main Street, also on Main Street opposite the industrial estate, between bus drivers and employees from the factories across from the houses on Main Street you can not get parked at your own door. Buses can't get into the bus stop for residents having to double park because of the inconsiderate bus drivers and the owners of the factories across the road who make their employees park on Main Street when they have parking space round the back of the factory that they could use for their employees."

"I Live in Larkfield Drive trying to get out of the street when your view is obstructed with so many cars parked on the pavement on both sides of the road outside of the family shopper is a nightmare a local resident told me she was standing on the pavement out side the shop a driver tooted his horn to get her to move so they could park on the pavement. Outside the masonic Hall is another issue two car parks beside the hall and yet car owners still park on the pavement."

"Family shopper - It is very difficult to pass as a driver & not feel safe for pedestrians crossings because when cars are parked in both sides 'you don't have clear vision for both of us' Burnside Crescent entrance 'lots park on bends of road reducing visibility, yet have parking at back of house."

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"Deliveries backed up to the bus stop. Trying to drive out of Larkfield drive or trying to cross the road is taking your life in your hands its dangerous and parking is on both sides of the road with cars on the pavements."

"On Meadow Avenue, there are a number of vans that park here and it makes it harder for people to park resulting in people parking on pavements. Vans transit size shouldn't be allowed to park in residential streets and motor homes should be banned unless they have a drive. Main Street is an accident waiting to happen. I have to try and pull out from Larkfield drive I take my life in my hands people going to the shops park on the pavement blocking people's view and delivery trucks park on the main road causing congestion. People can't cross the road safely. People then who can't get parked park on the pavement near the junction of Larkfield drive and Main Street again making it difficult for people who live there."

Malvaig Lane

"Large works vans taking all the spaces and blocking cars in along with no space to manoeuvre."

Morven Avenue

"Vehicle park across from school gates at the bus stop when there is a car park available. Also as the school is next to 4 shops which 2 of them have delivery at school times an as parents park there as well it's an accident waiting to happen."

"Most of the complaints in this street is people having driveways and not using them. When cars are parked on the road at 1 side of the street buses and cars can pass with ease but when people don't use their driveways and park in the pavement across their driveway blocking the roads and pathways for young kids and prams it causes havoc. And now with the new houses built next to the David Livingstone school there are more kids and families about more cars and even less space."

"Not sure it's the worst street but I use this road regularly to get to shops and ATM. My issues are very specific as I'm disabled, use a mobility scooter and am forced to leave pavement at least once every time make the journey. Traffic calming measures and high kerbs make this really hazardous, they've created twists and turns that block visibility for traffic spotting me on the road and I've had a few really close calls. It's completely impassable on bin day. Sadly it's not an isolated situation and there are many streets just as difficult to use in Blantyre if you're disabled."

Nursery Place

"I have to move onto the road with a 5 year old and a pram because of parking on the path. Particularly vans, council vans included. Bin lorries just throwing bins back on to the paths are an issue also as I need to either move on to the road or move every single bin in my tracks."

Park Lane (St Josephs School)

"Old school grounds should be turned into a car park then people can walk to shops church schools and the train station. It looks like problem solved in low Blantyre and then yellow parking lines can be put down on all roads in low Blantyre and can be enforced with traffic wardens and shops would get deliveries with no problems what so ever. We need to think about our children first at school at morning afternoon and at home time that they are safe and the disabled so saint Joseph's old school grounds would fix it all. High blantyre I don't know about I live in low blantyre but it's low blantyre that has the biggest problem with children and elderly and disabled so that stops parking on the pavement and clear roads on Sunday when people go to church no more congestion. Thank you I am a disabled veteran."

"Not enough parking for train station or for St Joseph's primary baking life miserable for tenants."

"Lots of people park on the pavement at Berkley drive and bottom of Holmswood Ave."

"It's impossible at school pick up/drop off times. People parking on pavements and blocking driveways and double parking. It's ridiculous. It's a hazard for our children coming and going to school."

"1 entrance and exit to Ennisfree Road. Road comes to a standstill at school times with parents blocking the roads. Residents are blocked in at this time and only going to get worse when this hub comes and they don't have another"

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route. Emergency services have no chance at these time or the residents. Locals have not been consulted regarding the road from the council about the new hub and a through road."

"I am a former tenant of Park Lane and to-day the traffic situation is utterly not acceptable and dangerous !!! God help any resident who requires an Ambulance or Fire Engine during the School-run...it is impossible for anybody or vehicle to access Park Lane during this time! There is ONLY one road into and out of Park Lane. God help the people who live there at these unfortunate times....8am-9am and 2.30pm-3.30pm....Something has to be done NOW!!!"

"With the school using park lane and the addition of care home and flats with no other entry point will cause terrible log jams noise and structural damage to homes as happened when school was being built, utterly disastrous for the area, sanity must prevail."

"One way Street makes it difficult for residents to go about their daily life especially when the schools are starting/finishing. This is amplified more when St Joseph's have choir, parents evenings & more. It's not only an inconvenience but a danger to the children, many people arguing/road rage. It won't be long before someone gets hurt. FYI I no longer live in Park Lane but I did for 15 years, fond memories of it before the school was put in front of the homes."

"Someone is going to have a serious accident in Park Lane because of the fact there is no parking for children being picked up and dropped off for school."

"Residents can't get parked outside their properties. Congestion on Station road, and the fact that the new development project for a care centre will have the entrance on Park Lane instead of Glasgow Road as promised is going to cause more chaos. It's a shambles."

"Inconsiderate parking from parents dropping/collecting children from the school. The road is blocked especially at school pick up. People start parking in Park Lane from 1420. They park on kerb, corners and generally abandons the cars. I cannot get in or out of my street at these times. Was late for a night shift when the summer fayre was being held!!! Which is ridiculous. Someone is going to be injured or killed. If nothing is done about it. I have contacted the SLC who don't really care. Not long seen the plans for the new housing and care home at the old St Joseph's school site and access to this is via Park Lane. This street is not big enough to deal with the on going volume of traffic."

"The Access to Park Lane is atrocious at School time. The initial agreement for the school had been a drive through drop off system. This never came to fruition. When the old site of the School is being used for the care home. CNET there be access built in to and from the school to take away the congestion in Park Lane."

"The traffic and parking concerns regarding Park Lane relate to the school and the proposed NHS hub where no additional access has been allocated on the plans. St. Joseph's primary where told they would have a safe pick up and drop off point that didn't materialise and the new hub would increase an already incredibly congested area."

"School right across the road. Staff and families have no concerns for each other or the safety of children and are so disrespectful to the residents of the street. Now to top it off they want to build a care hub and houses at the empty land with no other entrance/exit than park lane. It's a joke and an accident waiting to happen. Some times here people have no option than to park on the pavement or the entire road would be blocked off."

"School pick up and drop off times are a nightmare. Parked up on the pavement the full length of the street. Only one way in/out. Not what was described before school was built."

"The problem is people are constantly in a hurry and choose to park inconveniently rather than safely. However the drivers on the road need to have patience to allow the traffic to move around the parked cars instead of driving dangerously and without care."

"I park at station Monday to Friday and the cars parked on this street are causing near misses with people trying to squeeze through I feel bad for the people that live there it's just really inconsiderate."

Rosebank Avenue

"My house is the first one on the right hand side when turning into Rosebank Avenue. This is treated like a car park by people using the trains. Rather than driving the additional 3 seconds to the overflow car park people park directly

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outside my house or across the road from my driveway restricting access. There have been says bin lorries have struggled to enter the street due to inconsiderate parking. My concern is that if parking permits are out in station road this would need to be extended to Rosebank Avenue and other streets also. Otherwise you are only shifting the problem elsewhere. Residents should be given 2 parking permits per home."

Station Road

"I work key time in Glasgow and if I'm not at Blantyre station for an earlier train than required I cannot get a space in either of the station car park. This cannot be right more and more houses built but not enough parking facilities to allow to commute by train. Difficult to park in Glasgow Rd therefore don't use local businesses. Easier to park in High Blantyre. Too many traffic lights also. New hub will definitely cause further problems if plans go ahead as current."

"People Parking on the pavement and at corners blocking view of station road when trying to drive on to station road. Extremely busy during school start and finishing times. Unable to walk on pavements on farm road and park lane due to people parking on the pavements."

"Children crossing the road near the schools a problem."

"I live in Caskie Drive which is off Station Road and so I have to drive up and down Station Road to enter and exit the cul-de-sac where I live. The parking in front of the Village Bar is often on both sides of the street, meaning the bus stop is not accessible to buses and when a bus stops there, it blocks the whole street. Also, when there a bus trips to football games run from the Village Bar, the bus often picks up the passengers from the Village Bar by parking directly outside and in doing so, blocks the road completely for up to 15mins while the customers exit the bar. Cars often park completely or partially on the pavement outside and adjacent to the Village Bar and the shops next door, sometimes blocking the pavement completely and forcing prams and wheelchairs on to the road. Vehicles parked on both sides of the street outside the Village Bar and neighbouring shops are creating a bottleneck and that section of the road is effectively a 1-way street at all times."

"Station car park and overflow car park and normally full. Parking on Station Road is hazardous to other traffic and some residents have taken to vandalising cars, even though they are parked legally and not blocking anyone's drive."

Not enough parking for the shops and therefore people don't use them. Not enough parking spaces at the train station, therefore people parking inconsiderately everywhere."

Station road and all side streets off of station road is going to cause a death if something isn't done. I live in viewfield ave and that is just as bad as people from train station park there daily."

"Station road is a nightmare. Part of the problem is the parking at Hamilton Central is paid parking and Hamilton west has about 20 spaces, and with a time limit now in force at Sainsbury's where train users would park, forcing more people to come to park at Blantyre station. It's far to overcrowded now forcing cars to park on station road and surrounding rounds, Rosebank, Knightswood, Viewfield and farm road. I don't believe parking permits would help at all on station road, People will just cause chaos parking in the side streets off station road. Not even mentioned the chaos at 9am and 3pm when it's school times. Or the double parking right at the traffic light when dance central is on. No one wants to lose a part of the public park to parking, but I don't see any other alternative area to build more car parking spaces."

"Although I do not live in Station Road I agree the parking is shocking around that area. Also in Blantyre Main Street as in Glasgow road near the shops."

"People parking too close to corners, Parking in the street when they have an unused driveway, Having to park ages away from your own property due to other drivers parking in your driveway."

"Station Road is a very busy road and some inconsideration parking is to be found. Park Lane and surrounding areas especially at school times is a real danger to people and cars."

"People park on pavements. It's hazardous as there are a lot of rude people who refuse to give way to oncoming traffic. It's always busy as the parking at the station is inadequate. Around school drop off pick up it's even worse. I feel sorry for anyone who actually lives in park lane during the school run time as getting in and out must be frustrating to say the least. I can't believe that there are plans for a hub and residential flats! I can only imagine how busy it would be then. Whilst it was under construction it truly would be a hazard with all of the vehicles involved in construction of anything."

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"Walking to and from the train station with my son in his Pram is a nightmare waking along the road most of time."

"Stonefield Park Gardens - residents only but staff from liberate, parents from the dance school, madras cottage workers and shoppers all park here leaving no spaces sometimes for residents, their visitors, carers and nurses. Station road - so many cars parked here for people using the train station that you can't see the road clearly coming out of the junction at farm road. Farm road is the same people parking here using the train station but they are parking up on pavements and right at the edges of the street at Montieth Place and Bruce terrace therefore residents again can't see coming out the junctions. Generally all around Blantyre a lot of drivers don't appear to use their driveways and are clogging up the streets."

"People parking at corners and you are unable to safely get put of side streets as you have to go out past the parked vehicles to see if any traffic coming making for people to have to simply take the risk and come out too far."

"The parking around St Joseph primary is inadequate. Parents are not allowed into the school car park and there is not sufficient parking for all parents collecting kids from school and residents. Cars are parked up to and on the corners around park lane and station road next to entrance to park. The parking around Glasgow road for the post office act is also inadequate. There is only 2-3 spaces in Joanna terrace available for public parking as all other spaces are for nursery."

"I've lived on Station Road for over 30 years.. In the last 10 years this has become a total nightmare. I cannot go to Asda and do my weekly shop between Monday- Friday as I cannot get parked at my house to bring my shopping in.!!! My car has been hit numerous times throughout the years as double parking on either side of the road Which iv never ever found the culprits and had to pay all damages myself... I now park half on the pavement as I find iv NO ALTERNATIVE, the speed of the traffic on station Road is SHOCKING bearing in mind of the double parking. Commuters leaving their cars from 8am - 6pm on a daily basis .I couldn't get my washing machine delivered as there was NO PARKING outside my house."

"Totally inadequate parking. I require to drive to Newton station to park and travel."

"At Stonefield Gardens. This is a sheltered housing complex and my elderly parents can't park their car due to drivers taking their children to the dance classes in Station Rd."

"People that don't live in the street parking wherever they like including in front of driveways and dangerously close to residents vehicles. 2. Residents in the street having to park very far away from their house as non-residents are taking up all spaces outside of houses. 3. Street becoming dangerous to drive in as road is very tight due to cars being parked at both sides of road."

"Parking for the train station. The people that park in front of driveways are the worst but the parking is terrible over and above that. They block the entrance to the car park and I've seen an instance of parking at the very end of the car park so no one can get through. In areas like East Kilbride and certain areas in Glasgow they have parking permits for residents so that people that stay in the street can actually get parked when they get home from work. I can barely walk past with my dog, never mind my granddaughter in her pram with the way they park on the pavement. It really is getting beyond a joke."

"Too many people parking on pavements, hotspots are at junction with Glasgow Road, either side of Station and on the hill approaching the footbridge. I regularly walk this road with a double buggy, walking children and a dog. Cars parked on the pavement mean I have to cross the road, which is very difficult to do safely due to legally parked cars. This can mean having to double back some distance."

"Being the main road to/from the train station it is very busy and can become problematic trying to drive with cars parked either side of the road, people not giving way etc. Also, I live on Mayberry Grange, which is not yet council adopted land and therefore private property but people (particularly church goers). If there is a large funeral on or a special occasion mass sometimes I can't get parked in the private residents only car park which is very frustrating."

"Full length of the street is used for parking during peak times especially during school drop off and pick up with not great deal of space for bin lorries and buses to get past."

"I live in Nordic Grove, a small cul-de-sac. However due to being a newer build estate, my particular street has NO pavement. We had an issue previously with parked vans. When you were forced to walk on "road", drivers couldn't see

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you before they turned the corner. Thankfully they appear to have been moved. Although I would say Station Road is the worst, it's not the only area. I have mobility issues causing me to have to look at moving home and just driving around Blantyre to establish where streets are has brought it home to me how bad the parking is. I've ruled out some streets like Fernslea for the parking problems alone."

"People parking on corners, across drives, mostly on pavement so you cant get passed with a buggy, across from junctions also seen people place cones outside their house to stop people parking outside their house even using police cones to do so."

"Some people are fortunate to have driveways or the ability to convert their front garden to a driveway. Would the local council not be able to consult a contractor and offer a reduced price to incentivise people on Station Road or other streets in general getting a driveway for a fixed price. Given the contractor is approved and local and gets an agreement to do so many. It would be a win, win situation. Perhaps the council could maybe afford or offset the price too? On another note Station Road is bad for people parking at the lights beside Madras Cottage and the Dance School... I've never known another set of traffic lights where you don't have double yellow lines OR zig zag markings. Round at Stonefield Gardens is some land which could be used to better extend parking spaces towards Stonefield Park but again people living there could equally tell the council to get lost but there's literally no other land to use to make people stop parking at the traffic lights."

"I am concerned about the parking on station road. Cars park on the pavement and I have a young son who is either in his pram or walking and we need to negotiate cars parked inconsiderately. There are times when I have to walk my son on the road to get around cars, which have parked to access the train station. I live in Fagan court and cars already use our street to park for the station and the introduction of parking meters on station road will only male this worse."

"Even with the park and ride station road is ridiculous, people dump their cars, obviously in a rush and create dangerous conditions for other driver's."

"Fed up with people leaving their car outside my house every day. I know our road is public road but everyday. Also one neighbour even puts cones out until they return at night, which I think illegal on a public road."

"I live in Rosebank Avenue (private road) commuters for the train station park on the entrance to our street everyday and it's that bad we miss our bins getting emptied cause bin men cant get in, we have had issues with fire brigade getting in as well. Drivers block drive ways and also try to park on the private road. We have had idiots park on the corner for our street which is wide enough for 1 car to get around at a time. This day no cars could get around unless going onto the pavement. It is pure laziness on the commuters part as they don't want to walk far to the train station. It is that bad that one our neighbours has had to go buy a private road sign and screw it into their garden wall. Now station road is even worst. People park on the corner at the brow of the hill at the entrance to the train station. This makes it difficult for us to get out our street as we cannot see what's coming over the hill. I have nearly been smashed into in a head on collision more than once with people flying over the hill in the middle of the road because they know they need to pull out to get past the cars parked on station road. In the higher part of station road towards Glasgow road it's a joke. So many cars parked to the point no one can pass safely. I have found myself personally having no choice but to take wing mirrors off of cars because cars coming down station road have no patients to wait!! It is an absolute joke and something needs to be done about it as soon as possible."

"There are not enough park and ride spaces for the train. We need more spaces to prevent people parking on station road. Governments want us to leave cars at home but drivers can't get parked after the 8.18am train."

"My elderly parents live here and have had their drive blocked on a number of occasions with people going to the train station. My father always uses his drive, he is happy for parents dropping off and picking up from St Josephs to park in front of his drive as he understands how bad Park Lane is to get in and out. My aunt also lived in the street and if was difficult to get the ambulance close to the house to get her to hospital."

"Inconsiderate parking on Station Rd, dangerous parking at Auchinraith Primary School, Auchinraith Shop and Happy Shopper. Shoppers using nursery parking spaces just off Main St. Inconsiderate parking at entry to Springwells, on Glasgow Rd."

"People parking on pavements, road parking on both sides of narrow roads."

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"At that start of Farm Road, Station Road entrance, it is very difficult to park near my house due to the people parking their car here and going to the train station. It's clear there isn't anywhere near enough spaces for the amount of commuters who go to Blantyre station. Either that or people are too lazy to cross the bridge and are inconsiderably parking outside peoples homes. To give an example, I was heavily pregnant and towards the end it was difficult for me to walk longer distances, the only place I could park was just outside my house but slightly over double yellow lines. I received a fine for this, which is my own fault however I had no other option. If commuters don't park here it would make a massive difference. I would also say Station road is a nightmare at times especially during peak times!"

"When picking up child from St Joseph's I park on station road and my child walks round. I wouldn't even try to park at the school. I've also had a resident shouting at me that I was parked near her drive. But on it or blocking it, near it. It's a joke."

"Most streets in Blantyre have parking problems but some motorist are inconsiderate and won't walk the length of themselves and feel the need to park near their destination i.e. house shops station etc. We are a 2 car household and use our drive always with my husband and I moving our cars in and out to accommodate each other rather than park on the road or pavement. We walk to the station rather than use the car, which takes 20 minutes because we are aware of the limited parking. If people used a little common sense and left earlier to catch trains buses etc. it would ease congestion on the roads too."

"I stay in Rosebank Ave, because of the station car park being full inconsiderate parking on both sides of Rosebank means we cannot get deliveries as the space is so small. And then the drivers park at the corner waiting on trains comming in so you have to go wide to go over bridge chancing an accident as the tragic heading towards David Livvies come over to the wrong side of the road, there have been a few near misses."

"Fast cars driving up and down to the station cars parked people trying to cross."

"Between my house and my neighbour, there is a white line which has now faded and we were told we would need to pay hundreds to get South Lanarkshire Council to paint it! Most people park there to go to the station and it makes it very difficult to see coming out my driveway onto the road as it's on a bend! Very dangerous."

"Lots of ignorant people getting the train park on this street and buses go up and down it it's a very difficult street to drive on."

"Parking outside my house on the pavement people thinking it's my fault when in fact I have a driveway and these people are visitors to other people in the street not related to me really getting out of order plus neighbours with more than one car parking anywhere they like."

"My concerns are the cars parking completely on the pavement. Blocking access for prams & wheelchairs. Most people on Station Road have their own driveway, which often see unused with the resident's cars just parked on the street. There is space for the cars to park on the road as I've seen other cars do it but a lot of inconsiderate drivers are still parking their whole car or 90% of their car on the pavement when there is no need for it."

I just live off of station road in Fagan court. My concern is the amount of cars parked on pavement blocking the pathway meaning we cannot push our baby in his pram past forcing us onto the road putting us in danger as the speed cars drive on this road is shocking. We are also concerned that our street residential car park is now being used by people using the train meaning we cannot park their or our families have nowhere to park due to these people that are not from the area. There must be bigger parking facilities made available for these commuters as it is now affecting us. The concerns aren't just about road users its now about us using the paths but cannot due to these people parking like this and now it is effecting our street. So I hope the people living in the area is thought about just as much as people with cars."

"There is a serious issue with the parking on Station Road and as resident who has lived on this road for more than 20 years I have raised my concerns on many occasions with South Lanarkshire Council and St Joseph's Primary School Head Teacher Mrs J Ross. The parking is a big problem for the residents on Station Road but also the residents that stay on Park Lane where St Joseph's Primary School is based which is also an issue for the parents/guardians who have nowhere to park there cars when they are dropping and picking up the children from school which effects the residents on both Station Road and Park Lane as the parents/guardians of the children that attend the primary school are parking on the street and corners making it very difficult for residents to park there car or to get out of the street with 100% visibility of the road. A major concern that many of the residents have expressed is the safety of the children that attend St Joseph Primary School as Station Road is a main road, which leads to Blantyre Train Station and connects to Glasgow Road

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which is also very busy. The parents and guardians of the children have no consideration for the residents or other drivers and pull out quickly in front of vehicles and don't obey the speed limit which will lead to a serious accident taking place on Station Road and it is putting the children and residents in danger. However, I understand that St Joseph School has a Lollipop Lady who stands on Station Road in the morning and in the afternoon and does her best to get the children across the road safely. Although, the school have put in these measures to ensure that the children can get across the road safely there are children on a daily basis that run across the road behind the lollipop lady and there are cars speeding down the road and having to break quickly to a stop and it is an accident waiting to happen. When St Joseph's Primary School plans were put in place for the school to be built in 2010, myself and other residents on Station Road and Park Lane attended meetings illustrating our concerns for St Joseph's Primary School to be built on Park Lane as there is no direct route in and out of Park Lane due to the fact it is a cul de sac which meant the only direct route for parents/guardians to access the school is through the Station Road, not only was this one of the many concerns the residents had but we also stated that there was no proper parking plans put in place for school, the train station is a three minute walk away and you have people leaving there cars all day while they go to work as there is not enough parking available at the station which would lead to a bigger parking issue when the school was built in 2010. I'm sure I speak for many residents on Station Road and Park Lane that is effected by this, but the council were aware of the residents concerns and we raised these issues at the time they were planning to build the school and the huge problem that this road has is South Lanarkshire decided to build a primary school on a cul de sac with no direct route in or out and not only is this road busy enough with the cars from Blantyre train station, Glasgow Road which also has a huge problem with traffic they have The Cosmic Cherub Nursery on Glasgow Road, shops, a main supermarket (Asda), Auchinraith Primary School which the traffic also leads onto Glasgow Road and Calderside Acadmey High School and the main road that is used for these places is Glasgow Road and Station Road and there is limited for all of these places."

"There has been countless complaints that the council have received since St Joseph's Primary school has opened yet nothing has been done to resolve this and it has only got worse. There was talk of South Lanarkshire Council introducing parking meters for the residents of up to £10/£20 per car which is obscene considering residents should be able to park outside there house or on there street for that matter. There has been many parents/guardians or even the council members that have suggested " put in a drive way" Why, should we as residents use our money to put in a drive way for a traffic problem that has been created by the council? If the council had listened to the residents concerns in the first place then we would not have this issue now. So instead of the council charging residents to park outside there house or on the street are they going to pay for residents on Station Road to put in a drive way? I don't think so? Why should residents have to put a drive way in with there own money and take away their front garden which they paid for when they bought there house on Station Road. St Joseph's Primary School Head Teacher has put out numerous newsletters to parents/guardians stating that the parking is an issue and if they could find alternative ways to bring there children to school for example walking them, parking there car further away from the school, cycling which encourages health and fitness."

Stonefield Road

"The are yellow lines and people just park on them with no consideration for traffic passing. There is adequate parking just next to shops."

Victoria Street

"House builders were given permission to build on Victoria St., when parking was already an issue, now it's just so dangerous and quite impossible to park to attend the Doctors, chemist or Dentist on Calder Street. I find this blatant disregard for public safety unacceptable. Overall parking in Blantyre is difficult, as our streets are not made for the current volume of traffic."

"With the new houses built beside the school and built across from the Health centre, it gets really busy."

"Around our schools the parking is poor and more motorists are putting kids at risk by parking on pavements, double parking and being generally awful at finding safe spots to park. Around the train station must be a nightmare for residents, why when they did the carpark at station they didn't put a 2nd level to cope with the volume of commuters I don't know, probably cost was a factor."

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Wheatland Avenue

“Wheatland Avenue and Chestnut Grove is a disgrace at hometime, cars parked on kerbs not taking into consideration young children, prams , wheelchairs having to get by. Many occasions I have not got by and had to take my pram onto road.”

Wildcherry Court (St Blanes School)

“People parking in front of driveways and up on the pavements blocking access to driveways at the new builds at Wildcherry court dropping off and picking their kids up from St Blane’s school they are so inconsiderate to say the least as there is only one way in and out and they park all round the street I think the council should have parking restrictions in place here the council have been out and spoken to drivers who park here and in no polite terms told to get lost that they can park here if they want as there are no double yellow lines and no signs of restricting parking so that doesn’t solve matters for the people who stay here having to put up with inconsiderate drivers parking up on pavements right in front of driveways they are not to happy about it either when asked to move they think its a big joke.”

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APPENDIX B – SELECTED SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Blantyre Residents were also quick to offer perceived solutions and fixes to parking problems. A selection as follows:

“More available parking near schools and shops.”

“An additional car park could be built in the former St Joseph's site.”

“Permits / people with driveways using them!”

“Wider roads, vehicle parking bays, better bus links connecting with train times.”

“Policing to clamp down on offenders. A park and ride scheme for Train station?”

“Completely removing the ability to park in front of the shops at Stonefield Road.”

“Do not build care home. Have parking and bring our Main Street Alive again.”

“Parking restrictions that are actually enforced.”

“Parking lines down one side of the street at Monteith Place.”

“Double yellow lines and visible traffic wardens.”

“Need to have designated parking spaces for train station extended, people living in the area need to use their driveways instead of the road.”

“The section outside the Village Bar should no parking and this should be enforced.”

“Additional car parks.”

“Construction of a new area for car park around Glasgow road.”

“Car park at old St Josephs. More car park spaces at station. Extending Station Carpark.”

“Give residents parking permits and put double yellow lines. Build new car park perhaps in park?”

“Proper drop off / pick up zone for the school. Or allow the cars in to the school - could easily do a one way around the round about in the school.”

“Build more car parking spaces, also put double yellow lines at traffics lights at top of station road and enforce them.”

“Double yellow lines on the corners of ALL streets.”

“Homeowners who can should be supported / subsidised in making off road parking provisions. 10 mph speed limits on side streets with clear signage.”

“More suitable car parks locally. Getting the council to lower residents kerbs to make it easier to convert driveways”

“Council should drop kerbs and encourage runway parking as well as allocating parking areas.”

“The school needs an access that is not a danger to everyone and does not inconvenience residents of Park Lane.”

“Meter maids at school time. Park and walk?”

“Maybe introduce parking restriction around the problem areas, only giving the public a certain time to park and introduce permits to shop holder who need to drop off stock.”

“Stop parents picking children up in residential areas. More parking bays in Oaklea Crescent.”

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"There needs to be a drop off zone and car park for St Joseph's. This could easily be created on the old grounds of St Joseph's with entry via park lane and Joanna Terrace which will take some pressure off the streets around the school gates."

"Build new multi storey carpark at station. Council lines and no parking sign at driveways."

"Double yellow lines on the corners, signage, carpark improvements to maximise parking."

"Supply a Bus for children and drop-off at John Street. Free Permits for house holders. I pay council tax / road tax."

"Absolutely no idea. Cheap rates for home owners to get a driveway put in, if they want. Double yellow lines at school areas, for child safety."

"Increased parking areas by utilising spare or unused land. Traffic lights and wardens needed."

"Better signage, road markings, more parking bays, restrict people blocking driveway access, one way access."

"More spaces at train station. Parking areas for residents only outside houses."

"I would like to see an extension to the train station car parks ."

"Station Road is one of the worst and main roads in Blantyre and it needs to be resolved as soon as possible. One way South Lanarkshire Council could resolve this issue by making Station Road and Park Lane at St Joseph's Primary School a no parking zone during school hours in the morning and afternoon which would mean that the streets around the school temporarily become pedestrian and cycles only at set times in the morning and afternoon and vehicles would not be permitted to enter the street between these times unless they've been granted an exemption and you can register for an exemption if you are a resident living on Station Road/ Park Lane or one of the surrounding streets or a blue badge holder. How will it be enforced? The council should put up signs at the entrances to the streets to inform drivers of the restrictions and if you enter the street during operating times in a vehicle you haven't registered for an exemption, your vehicle will be identified by a camera and you will be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Another solution that the council should look at to resolve this issue is building a carpark in Stonefield Park with parking meters for people who want to park there to walk to the train station or for people who are dropping there children at school. The carpark should have access from where the South Lanarkshire Council housing office is."

"More park and ride spaces at train station or use part of Stonefield Park at Station Road entrance to help."

"More traffic wardens to issue parking fines to deal with the inappropriate parking. A drop off point to reduce the school traffic on Station Road and Park Lane. Photographic evidence shown to the council to prove that the road is not suitable for the volume of traffic."

"When the proposed care home and housing comes to fruition at the old St Josephs site can access to the school be built in to take congestion away from Park Lane."

"Parking meter charge them to park or have residents only marked on the road."

"Multi storey car park to be built in Stonefield Park. It is covered in dog shit so a car park would be an improvement."

"The park is not much of a park any more, could extra parking for station not be made more available by turning some of it into parking spaces??"

"The ash part of the park isn't being used. Why not turn this into additional parking for the train station."

"I think if the council lowered more kerbs for people to make driveways at the house for free this would get more cars off the street for Parking."

"Wheatland Avenue is full of cars. Most have drive ways and use them, others don't and quite simply cant afford the price incurred by SLC for permit and lowering kerb. I think SLC would benefit lowering kerbs and defaulting permit fees to make this street safe and get the cars of our pavements before there is a serious accident."