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Terry Curtis HCC
cc. Miltos Nikolaidis (HCC Engineering team)
cc. Borough Cllr Jan Maddern
cc. County Cllr Tina Howard
cc. Kings Langley Parish Council

Dear Mr Curtis

The Hertfordshire (London Road, Red Lion Lane, Hemel Hempstead and Rucklers Lane, Nash Mills Lane, Kings Langley) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2021 Ref D01120

Nash Mills Parish Council (NMPC) would like to register their **objection** to the proposed waiting order in its current form.

An extraordinary meeting has been held (attended by the public) and grave concerns have been raised regarding the impact of this order on our residents.

NMPC recognises the need to improve safety measures along Red Lion Lane/Nash Mills Lane however, we cannot support a scheme that removes the parking provision for approximately 40 cars without being able to offer a suitable alternative. Nash Mills is currently overwhelmed with inadequate provision and obstructive parking. Removing these spaces will mean that the issue will simply be transferred to other areas within the parish.

The parish council is currently working with Herts County Council (HCC) and Dacorum Borough Council to implement phase one of our verges scheme. This scheme is addressing damage caused to our verges by obstructive parking and has been supported by our highways locality officer and county councillor- recognition of the extensive problems that the parish currently have with inappropriate parking and balancing demand with insufficient capacity.

The implementation of this waiting order, without providing alternative provision, will negatively impact the good work that our collaboration will deliver from county and borough (public) funds.

During the current temporary closure of Red Lion Lane we have noticed that the displaced vehicles are now parking on Lower Road. This is affecting the flow of traffic along this very busy route whilst also endangering the users of the village hall as they do not have clear sight lines to exit the village hall car park. This would be exacerbated by any school traffic from the neighbouring school outside of the current Covid-19 restrictions.

Our borough councillor and local MP are in the process of exploring options that may enable additional parking provision to be made available to the residents who currently use Red Lion Lane/Nash Mills Lane and should this be achieved, it will mitigate any issues caused by the proposed waiting order. This option will be the development of a piece of Green Belt land off Red Lion Lane to provide off street parking for in the region of 70 vehicles. The investigations into this solution and the relevant permissions will take time and therefore may not be in place prior to the anticipated commencement of your proposed scheme.

NMPC share the concerns of HCC with regards road safety on Red Lion Lane around the traffic island/junctions and would therefore urge you to consider the following option to enable you to address those issues whilst also giving our borough councillor and MP time to further their negotiations.

Alternate Option

NMPC would like you to consider the withdrawal of this order and are asking for a re-consultation on a revised waiting order to address the safety and parking at the small section around the traffic island and junctions.

This could then be followed by a re-consultation on the wider scheme once the alternative parking provision outcome is established.

A successful outcome of the current negotiations would ensure that the yellow lines along the whole of Red Lion Lane/Nash Mills Lane becomes more realistically achievable without further detrimental impact elsewhere in our parish or in neighbouring parishes.

We would urge you to please consider the option listed above. It has been balanced fairly under consultation, recognising the need to address the safety concerns whilst also ensuring that we do not create a much larger issue by pushing parking elsewhere within our parish or indeed our neighbouring parishes. As a parish council we are fortunate in that we live and work within our parish and the regular communication that we have with our residents along with our local knowledge enables us to accurately and truthfully reflect all of the concerns raised and to suggest an alternative that many of our residents will support.

I do hope that you are able to consider our requests sympathetically as the community and local representatives are working hard to offer an alternative, rather than just a blanket refusal, but this will require some additional time and close collaboration between all parties involved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Mrs Nikki Bugden
Proper Officer & Clerk
On behalf of Nash Mills Parish Council

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