

## **Morley Residents Parking. Provide your feedback by 17 February**

### **Let's act together to make this a better scheme!**

Dear Neighbour,

We are writing as a group your neighbours from **Rock Road, Blinco Grove, Hills Road, Hartington Grove.**

As a neighbourhood we were recently surveyed about the possibility of a residents parking scheme for the area. Of the people who voted (40% of households) 59% were in favour of a scheme. As a result the statutory process for implementing these controls has begun and our feedback on the proposal is being sought by 17<sup>th</sup> February.

As a group of neighbours we're deeply concerned about specific and significant details of the proposed scheme. **We're not against the introduction of a residents' scheme but we are against the introduction of the scheme as it's been published.** We want the scheme to serve the needs of the overall neighbourhood and feel, very strongly, this scheme doesn't do this.

The overriding issue is that **there are not sufficient spaces allocated to residents to make this scheme workable.** A report by the council shows our roads have a current on-road parking capacity of **518 spaces.** By the introduction of this scheme the number drops to **287 spaces** for residents (in reality this will be lower as a number of people already have permission to drop kerbs which have not been incorporated into the scheme). But, on a weekday night, the report shows **291** people park overnight. The scheme is just too tight; it doesn't allow for any flexibility in numbers for residents and certainly **doesn't allow space for any visitors!**

**For the scheme to work we must have more spaces made available for residents.**

In particular:

- **Marshall Road loses half its parking,** leaving 32 spaces, but around 60 cars park overnight. **This is probably the most unworkable aspect of the scheme – without this single element, the scheme would be far more practical.**
- **Rock Road loses 10 spaces** – it has 23 spaces allocated in the scheme but council survey shows residents currently require 33
- **So, 40 residents from Rock & Marshall will look to other roads to park on - but the capacity just isn't there!**
- **And remember, the current proposal is not a true picture** of spaces available, as many residents have applied/approved for dropped kerbs which are not reflected in the scheme and which removes even more spaces

**What's your view?** To see details of the scheme go to: <http://tiny-url.org/Morley>

In addition, the council is currently looking at a **city-wide approach to residents parking, funded by the City Deal.** All or part of first year set-up and permit costs are expected to be funded by the City Deal – but, because our scheme is already underway, we will have to pay this ourselves. We could **save a minimum £100** per household through the wider scheme. And there is the risk we will lose access to parking on other local roads that will have a different parking scheme to ours. **Why is**

**Morley going it alone now and why not delay a relatively short time and be part of a wider, more integrated solution?**

We'd like to bring our neighbourhood together to ensure that the county council hears our voices and delivers a scheme that's actually workable and fit for purpose. Temporary traffic orders can also be used in order to trial schemes to assess their impact. Let's see some alternative schemes and, even, a chance to vote on the final proposed scheme.

**We can still influence the scheme. The council has asked for objections & other comments by 17<sup>th</sup> February and will take them into consideration. Please look at the scheme (<http://tiny-url.org/Morley>) and send you objections (quote reference PRO346) to:**

[policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk),

**or in writing to:**

Mark Jones, Parking Policy Officer  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Parking Policy Team  
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Cambridge, CB3 0AP

Thanks you for taking the time to read this

From,

Your local neighbours

**Contact us at [Bettermorleyparking@gmail.com](mailto:Bettermorleyparking@gmail.com)** : we'd like hear your thoughts directly so that we can gauge sentiment in the neighbourhood. If we are aware of significant concerns about the proposed plan then it greatly improves our ability to lobby the council for an improved proposal.

Go to '**Queen Ediths on-line** at <http://queen-ediths.co.uk/> for more on local issues, as well as views on Morley parking

I'm concerned it will be **more difficult** to park in Blinco as people who can no longer park in Marshall, because of the double yellow lines, will naturally park in Blinco instead.

Also, the introduction of the scheme inevitably leads to more people turning their front gardens into parking spaces; this will have a negative environmental impact.

Gaenor, Blinco Grove

This is too important to get wrong.

I want to see the best scheme possible introduced. I want to see alternatives and then have the chance to vote again on a final scheme before it goes ahead.

Phil, Rock Road

I originally voted for residents parking because last summer there were so many contractors working on the Magma site it was impossible to park near my house. However, since then there are far less builders parking here. Having now seen the proposed scheme I have changed my mind, as I think the double yellow lines in Marshall Road will make parking in Blinco Grove worse.

Karen, Blinco Grove