

REPORT TO PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

OBJECTIONS TO THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND (QUEEN ALEXANDRA ROAD AREA) (WAITING AND LOADING AND STOPPING) ORDER 20—

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee regarding two objections that have been received, by the Council, in respect of the proposed The City Of Sunderland (Queen Alexandra Road Area) (Waiting And Loading And Stopping) Order 20— that is proposed for the area in the vicinity of Sunderland Eye Infirmary, and request the Committee to not uphold those objections that cannot be resolved within the constraints of the scheme, as set out below.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Following a number of requests for service, including requests from local ward members, Network Operations undertook feasibility and design work on a proposed scheme of waiting restrictions that is intended to reduce the amount of commuter parking, principally by Eye Infirmary staff, on Queen Alexandra Road and in the junctions of nearby streets.

2.2 On 7th February 2014 The City Of Sunderland (Queen Alexandra Road Area) (Waiting And Loading And Stopping) Order 20— was advertised both on site and in the local press. The 21-days advertisement period gives persons and organisations who may object to the scheme, the opportunity to raise their representations and objections formally with the Council.

2.3 In response to the TRO advertisement the Council received one objection within the 21 day period, and additional representation was received three weeks after the period had ended. A plan of the proposals is shown in Appendix A, with a summary of the objections in Appendix B and copy of the full objections in Appendix C.

3.0 CONCLUSION

3.1 The Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; “to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway” and “the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.”

3.2 The indiscriminate and often obstructive parking causes difficulty and reduces visibility for pedestrian and vehicular traffic attempting to negotiate Queen Alexandra Road, thereby increasing danger for road users to the detriment of highway safety.

3.3 It is therefore considered necessary to introduce the proposed measures, designed to deter long stay commuter parking whilst allowing residents and visitors area more opportunity to park within said areas.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is RECOMMENDED that:

(i) The objections to The City Of Sunderland (Queen Alexandra Road Area) (Waiting And Loading And Stopping) Order 20— not be upheld.

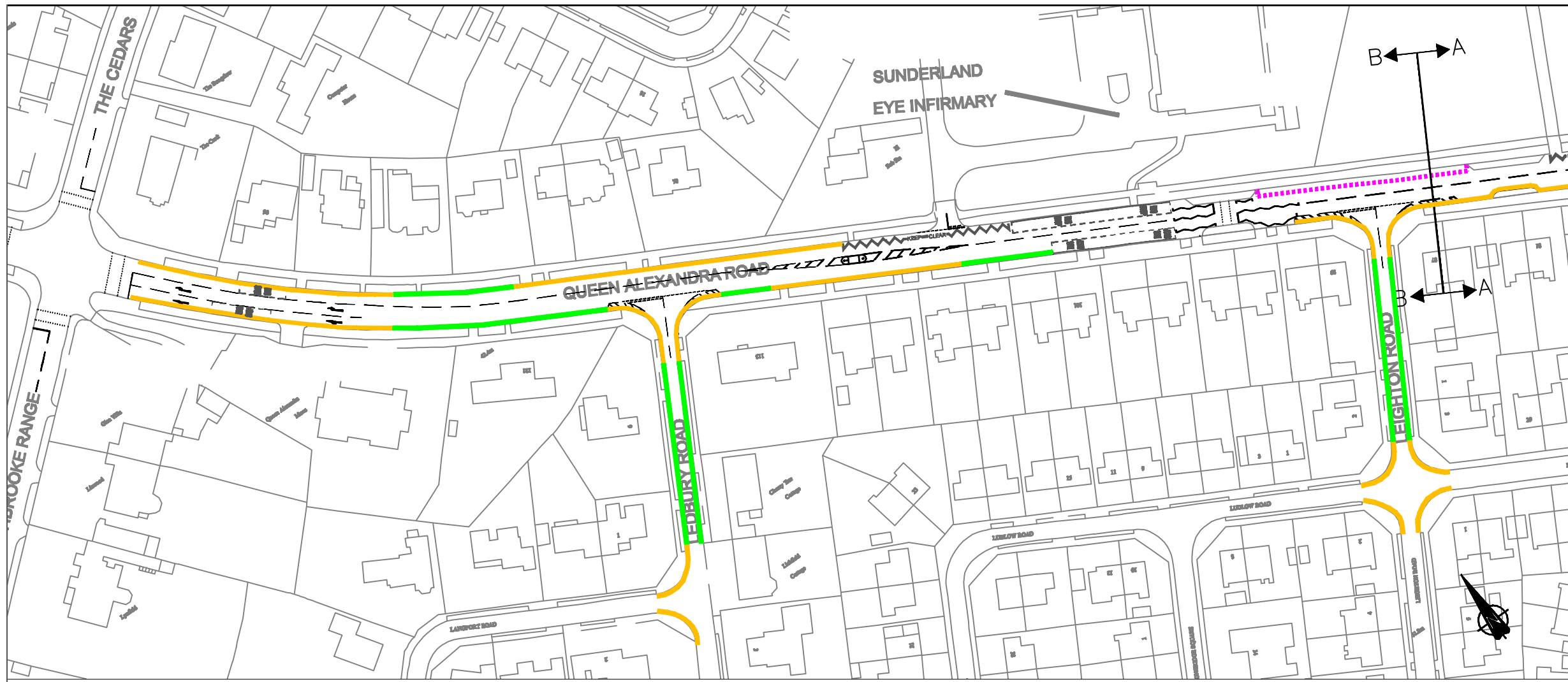
(ii) All objectors be advised accordingly of the decision.

(v) The Head of Streetscene instruct the Head of Law and Governance to take all necessary steps to make and bring into effect the associated Traffic Regulation Order.

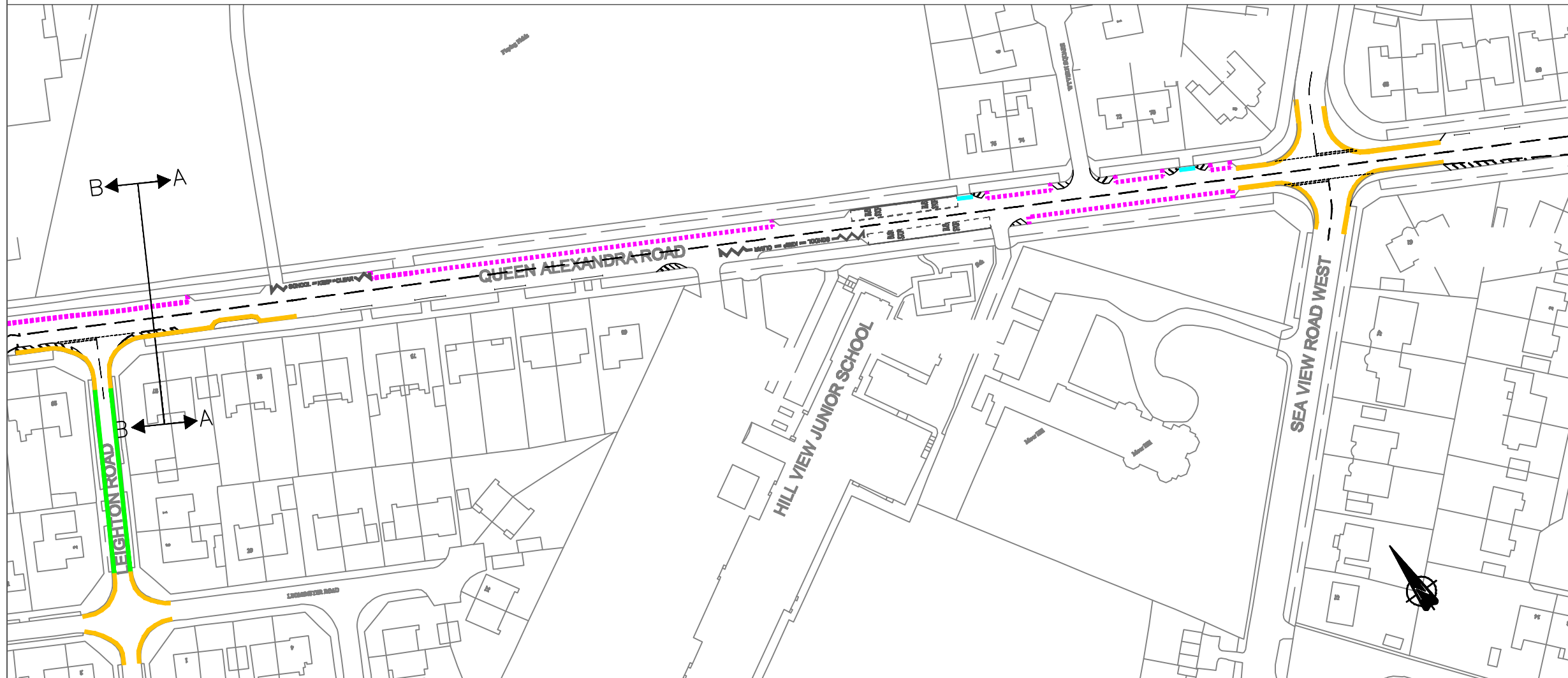
(vi) The Head of Streetscene take all necessary action to implement the physical works associated with The City Of Sunderland (Queen Alexandra Road Area) (Waiting And Loading And Stopping) Order 20—.

APPENDIX A

Proposals



- Key**
- PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME (DOUBLE YELLOWS)
 - ⋯ PROPOSED PARKING BAYS
 - PROPOSED 'I' MARKING (a marking to identify a section of carriageway which should be kept clear of parked vehicles)
 - PROPOSED NO WAITING MON - FRI 9am - 10am & 3pm - 4pm (SINGLE YELLOW LINE)



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 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

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		<p>3. Parking restrictions within Ledbury Road would prevent residents from parking outside of their own homes, they will also likely look to park in Langport Road</p>	<p>will set out how Community Parking Management Schemes, such as the pilot permit based scheme in the vicinity of Sunderland Royal Hospital, would be assessed, evaluated and ranked so that resources can be allocated accordingly. Should parking displace into Langport Road and / or neighbouring streets, these streets/areas would be assessed in accordance with this impending policy document.</p> <p>3. The principle behind these restrictions is that parking would be prohibited within proximity of junctions, whilst the single yellow line (Single Yellow Line - No Waiting, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.) would prohibit all day parking but allow provision for visitors outside of the applicable times. The applicable times of the single yellow lines have been chosen so as not to affect parking at the more common times people may visit friends or relatives, for instance the restriction would not apply at lunch time, evenings or weekends. Also see 2. Above.</p>

2.	<p>Mr John Fowler 3 Wyvern Square Sunderland SR2 9HD</p>	<p>A number of representations are made in relation to the proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The advertising and consultations omitted to include the consideration of residents of Wyvern Square. Details of the proposals should have been sent to residents of Wyvern Square. 2. Residents of Wyvern Square experience inconsiderate and obstructive parking in the narrow entrance to the cul-de-sac, especially during pick up/drop off time at Hill View School, as well as on an evening. No waiting markings must be included within the proposals. 	<p>NOTE: this reply was received 3 weeks after the Statutory Notice period ended</p> <p>In response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During the Statutory Notice period site notices were erected on Queen Alexandra Road to the immediate south-east of Wyvern Square. <p>In addition; No.s 72 and 74 Queen Alexandra Road, which front Queen Alexandra Road but take vehicular access from Wyvern Square, were consulted by letter on 20th May 2013 and 22nd July 2013.</p> <p>There were no proposed changes within Wyvern Square itself, whilst changes in the vicinity were deemed minimal.</p> 2. These views were not expressed by 72 or 74 Queen Alexandra Road who also take vehicular access from Wyvern Square. <p>To any reasonable driver Parking within the narrow entrance would quite obviously cause an obstruction, drivers parking in such a manner are unlikely to abide by additional restrictions without constant enforcement.</p> <p>Such parking can already be enforced against by the Police on the grounds of obstruction.</p>
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		<p>3. The proposed no waiting restrictions will displace parking into residential streets such as Wyvern Square.</p> <p>4. There is an area of land within Southmoor School, the Eye Infirmary could negotiate a lease for the land and allow staff to park there for free.</p>	<p>3. The Council have previously sought to introduce schemes that attempted to take into account parking displacement, however it was found that those in the existing affected areas tended to respond favourably to consultation, whilst those in the likely displacement areas tended to oppose proposals. This has since led to a more reactive approach in the delivery of such measures.</p> <p>In addition to the above I would advise that the council are in the latter stages of adopting a policy document which will set out how Community Parking Management Schemes, such as the pilot permit based scheme in the vicinity of Sunderland Royal Hospital, would be assessed, evaluated and ranked so that resources can be allocated accordingly. Should parking displace into Wyvern Square and / or neighbouring streets, these streets/areas would be assessed in accordance with this impending policy document.</p> <p>4. This would need to be a private arrangement between the hospital and Southmoor Academy.</p>

APPENDIX C
Objections in Full

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25 February 2014

Dear E Waugh

The City of Sunderland (Queen Alexandra Road area) (Waiting and loading and stopping) Order 20—

Having reviewed the information available on the proposal we have the following objections with respect to the Schedule nos. 1.01 and 1.61 regarding parking restrictions in Ledbury Road:

Section 1.01 states no waiting at any time and 1.61 states that there is restricted parking between hours 9-10am and 3-4pm. The draft document states the zone of 47.3m either side of the boundary of Cherry Tree Cottage and Lichfield Cottage in a North Easterly direction applies to section 1.01 and 1.61. Which section applies?

If there are to be restrictive parking conditions within Ledbury Road, there is nothing in place to protect Langport Road from becoming the next readily convenient point to park, so restricting access into and out of this narrow cul-de-sac.

Langport Road is already used by some staff and patients of the Eye Infirmary so waiting and stopping measures to Ledbury and Queen Alexandra Road will escalate the congestion to Langport Road.

Lastly if parking conditions apply within Ledbury Road this will impact residents of Ledbury, preventing them from parking outside their own home. If they wish to park on the road, or have visitors, it is likely that they will also look to park in Langport Road. How are the residents or resident's visitors to be accommodated?

Yours sincerely



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Mr and Mrs C Dougall

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For the attention of Christine Heslop, Principle Legal Assistant

Dear Madam,

The City of Sunderland(Queen Alexandra Road Area) Waiting and
Loading and Stopping Order 20—

The advertising and consultations regarding the proposed parking restrictions on Queen Alexandra Road have omitted to include consideration of the residents of the six bungalows of Wyvern Square. Details of the proposals should have been sent to the residents of Wyvern Square as well as to the residents of the affected length of Queen Alexandra Road and the side streets.

I have spoken to all residents of Wyvern Square, and all drivers living in Wyvern Square and many visiting have had access to or from the cul-de-sac blocked by inconsiderate parking in the narrow entrance to the cul-de-sac by those delivering or collecting children attending Hill View Junior School, and obstructing for longer periods when drivers are attending functions at the school such as concerts or meet the teacher sessions.

As the proposed parking restrictions will reduce parking on Queen Alexandra Road, such blocking of the narrow entrance to Wyvern Square by inconsiderate parking is likely to occur more frequently. Consequently, the installation of double yellow lines both sides of the narrow entrance of Wyvern Square, from the kerbline of Queen Alexandra road to the rear boundary of the of the properties fronting onto Queen Alexandra road, must be included with the proposed parking restrictions of Queen Alexandra Road.

The proposed no waiting markings will also chase the all day parkers such as the staff from the Eye Infirmary, and the part time parkers delivering and collecting school children, into other areas , such as south along Queen Alexandra Road and further up side streets, including into Wyvern Square.

There is an area of land within the Southmoor School boundary that is currently not being used, and if the Eye Infirmary Management could negotiate lease of this and build a car park accessed from the Eye Infirmary, and allow their staff to park there free, this would greatly reduce parking congestion on Queen Alexandra Road and the surrounding area. This land is between the Eye Infirmary and the track from the Queen Alexandra Road gate to Southmoor School, and between Queen Alexandra Road and the school tennis courts.

HEAD OF LEAD
GOVERNANCE
24 MAR 2014

If in the future, residential parking permits are to be used for the proposed parking bays along Queen Alexandra Road, then Wyvern Square residents should be given permits, as parking for visitors and tradesmen in the cul-de-sac is very limited, and for when severe winter weather makes exiting the steep cul-de-sac very difficult.

I look forward to you confirming the incorporation of my suggestions into the proposed scheme.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'F'.

Mr John Fowler