

**Grounds For Objection**

- 1) Impact on residential parking problems outside school hours (i.e. after 6p.m. and weekends). Parking outside school hours, is already a major problem, and will be exacerbated by these measures. Residential amenity will be severely reduced. (See Appendix A).
- 2) Residents are and have not been aware of cars exceeding the speed limit on Stafford Road, and there is not a lot of traffic in general. We have no objection to a reduction in the speed limit to 20 mph. However, there is no evidence that it will be necessary to construct speed humps on Stafford Road in order to enforce a speed limit.
- 3) Parking restrictions should be restricted to school times – restrictions outside school times are detrimental to residential amenity with no benefit to schools. This would be an unreasonable exercise of power by the Council.
- 4) Safety and Noise. Speed humps slow down emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines. In addition, we are concerned by the noise caused by speed humps. This is a quiet road, which is a major selling point.
- 5) Speed humps will also have a detrimental effect on property prices and rental income, as speed humps are so unpopular with prospective buyers and tenants.

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## **Appendix A: Impact on existing residential parking problems outside school hours (i.e. after 5p.m. and weekends)**

Speed humps and 'no waiting at any time' restrictions will reduce parking available to Stafford Road residents outside school hours. There is already a serious shortage of parking available to Stafford Road residents outside school hours. Some Stafford Road residents already have to park on neighbouring roads some distance from their homes after returning from work. This is a particular concern, in terms of safety for lone women having to walk from their cars to their homes after dark, and in terms of amenity for parents with children and shopping. The vast majority of Stafford Road residents do not have driveways, and therefore have to park on the road.

It should be taken into account that the Council has already imposed strict parking restrictions upon half of all Stafford Road residents (houses with even numbers) as it has imposed restrictive covenants and other restrictions preventing residents from having driveways or parking on the grass verges in front of their houses. As a consequence, these residents have no alternative but to park on the road. The Council should be aware that Stafford Road residents already feel extremely strongly about the parking problems on Stafford Road, exacerbated by restrictions which have already been imposed by the Council. A number of residents have already contacted the Council recently and in the past about this issue. One suggestion put forward by many residents is that the Council should reduce the width of the grass verge by 50% to allow for parking. The nearest tube station is two miles away, so residents need cars.

A further restriction and reduction of parking outside of school hours would be severely detrimental to residents, an unreasonable exercise of power by the Council, and of no benefit to school users. Any parking restrictions should only apply during school hours – as the purpose of this exercise is safety for school users. Stafford Road residents cannot, therefore, see how the Council can justify the proposed twenty-four hour parking restrictions.