

The Tonbridge Local Parking Plan

Ashburnham Road and Manor Grove

Extended Consultation Responses and Comments from Residents

8 Responses Manor Grove

12 responses Ashburnham Road

Do you understand the how a Residents Preferred Parking Scheme works?

Y19 N1

Do you have off-street parking available?

Y8 N1

Do you have a problem finding a parking space in the road where you live?

Y9 N11

How many of your cars do you need to park on the road?

Total 23

Where are your cars usually parked?

Outside as I am a blue badge holder

We have space for two small cars at the rear of our house. We have no space for visitors. On occasions, we park one car in the street to allow a guest to park off road.

On the road where I live.

Anywhere it is safe and legal to park.

On road.

When permitted, Ashburnham Road

As near as possible as we have 2 small children.

One on and one off

In our front garden on the grass for one car and one car on road

When permitted Ashburnham Road.

In the Road.

Outside my flat

In drive and garage.

One on own parking area and one on road.

Ashburnham Road

My m/cycle is normally parked on the road.

Off street.

On road frontage outside my house.

On Ashburnham Road or on the Shipbourne Road when Ashburnham is full.

Near to Ashburnham if possible or on Shipbourne Road or Yardley Park Road.

Do you think there is a need to have a Residents Parking Scheme in the road where you live?

Y6 N13

Do you want the parking arrangements for your road to remain unchanged?

Y14 N5

Do you want your road to be included in the new permit parking Zone K?

Y4 N15

Do you want your road to be considered for an alternate experimental residents parking scheme?

Y9 N9

For example;

A Permit Parking Zone which applies to Ashburnham Road and Manor Grove residents only during the restricted times and where Ashburnham Road and Manor Grove residents may also park in Zone K as an overspill area.

Your Comments and suggestions

Collated Comments received from the residents

A parking scheme for residents ONLY in Ashburnham Road.

It would be disastrous to keep Ash. Road and Manor Grove outside Zone K, since our roads would be used by commuters barred from Old London Road

and elsewhere. For those who like me, live at the end of a cul-de-sac constant turning of vehicles, usually with thudding “musical” complement is hard to bear. We also suffer from illegal parking on the pavement outside our house, restricting pedestrian access to our front door. I plead for double yellow lines at the end of our cul-de-sac to help with both the above problems. (Separate letter of support attached and answered.)

I object to paying for a privilege I already enjoy free of charge when no scheme suggested thus far will actually improve matters. TMBC has consistently lacked clarity over what is proposed and its impact. Residents are confused and bored with the process. We feel blackmailed by TMBC and shoehorned into a box with other local people with whom we do not share the same concerns. Why must we pay for your “experiment”?

As far as I know nobody who lives in Manor Grove has any parking problems. If it aint broken,
Don't fix it!

No point in restrictions between 9-10 & 1300-1400. 9-6 or nothing at all. Object strongly to having to pay to park in my own road (£18.00) Manor Grove does not need Zone K.

Above example would be better option – as we cannot guarantee parking in Ashburnham Road and need overspill. Option strongly object to charge for parking.

My responses above are based on the present situation. Should there be increased parking in our road from non-residents as a consequence of Zone K, a residents parking scheme in our road, may be the lesser evil.

It aint broke so why are you trying to mend it? It seems that this is just another money grabbing scheme. Roll on elections. Perhaps next time we will get someone from the “commonsense party”!

Above example would be better option as we cannot guarantee parking in Ashburnham Road and need overspill option. NB: No charge should be incurred as we pay council tax and road tax already. Why pay to park in a no through road which shouldn't be used by other motorist other than residents.

Concern that as a result of Zone K other parkers will be forced to use Ashburnham Road & Manor Grove to avoid being penalised, if they want to leave their cars during the restricted period. – Suggestion: - Use some of the site reclaimed from Star & Garter & Bakery for free parking – eg one hour free parking.

I have lived in Ashburnham Road for nearly a year and have never had trouble parking, therefore do not see the need for parking permits.

We have lived here over ten years and have never had any trouble parking our cars. We don't see why we should now have to pay to park outside our own home, nor should our visitors have to pay.

There is very little point in a permit parking scheme in Manor Grove as this will mean that there is less places to park than there are presently. Completely Pointless.

This example sounds especially good to me.

If your intention is to raise revenue from residents parking – at least provide new parking to compensate for lost “spaces” – ie a car park for residents only on Star & Bakery site.

I am not in favour of Ashburnham Road being left out of the scheme as an alternative. We have even less space to park in than already available (not by commuters/shoppers etc). This is my preferred option if there has to be a scheme but I would prefer none. Ashburnham Road is only used by residents and their visitors. Residents parking would not improve the parking situation. It is merely a question of too many cars in too little space – However, I am concerned that if Shipbourne Road becomes residents parking only there will be no overflow space when Ashburnham Road is full – making the problem even worse.

Ideally I'd like the parking to be left as it is but if the parking is going to be worse, (on going situation and cars that can't park in Zone K parking here) I'd like some sort of parking scheme alternate example appears a better option than being included in Zone K.