

Area J Extension Residents Parking Scheme Report (July 2009)

Background

In June 2009 an information leaflet and map, plus questionnaire about a proposed extension to the Area J Residents Parking Scheme was sent to 6011 households. 124 of these went to Wellend Villas in Springfield Road which is a Car Free Development and therefore these questionnaires have been treated separately. The number of valid households mailed is 5,887.

1,516 valid¹ questionnaires were received giving a response rate of 26%.

Q1 Which of the following best describes your feeling about the proposal to include your area into the existing Area J parking scheme?

	No. of respondents	% Respondents
I would strongly support it	328	22
I would support it to some extent	242	16
No opinion either way	38	2
I am against it to some extent	151	10
I am completely against it	757	50
Total	1,516	100

Breaking this down into whether people support or do not support the scheme numbers are:

- 570 (38%) In favour
- 908 (60%) Not in Favour
- A further 38 people (2%) expressed no opinion either way.

¹ Questionnaires from respondents outside the area and those where the main question (1) was not answered were removed.

On a road by road basis:

Road name (no addresses mailed in each road)	I would strongly support it		I would support it to some extent		No opinion either way		I am against it to some extent		I am completely against it		Response rate for road	Overall in favour ²
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No. (%)	%
Area 1 – North of Railway												
Beaconsfield Road North(61)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	7	87.5	8 (13)	0
Ditchling Gardens (26)	2	16.7	4	33.3	0	0	1	8.3	5	41.7	12 (46)	50
Ditchling Road North (273)	4	5.3	4	5.3	2	2.7	4	5.3	61	81.3	75 (27.5)	10.6
Edburton Avenue (92)	4	7.5	7	13.2	0	0	3	5.7	39	73.6	53 (57.6)	20.7
Florence Place (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	1 (100)	0
Florence Road (179)	13	20.3	15	23.4	1	1.6	6	9.4	29	45.3	64 (35.7)	43.7
Grantham Road (99)	1	2.4	4	9.5	1	2.4	6	14.3	30	71.4	42 (42.4)	11.9
Rugby Road (121)	6	11.1	12	22.2	2	3.7	3	5.6	31	57.4	54 (44.6)	33.3
Semley Road (20)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9.1	10	90.9	11 (55)	0
Southdown Avenue (81)	6	14	5	11.6	1	2.3	3	7	28	65.1	43 (53)	25.6
Springfield Road (466)	25	23.4	23	21.5	1	0.9	10	9.3	48	44.9	107 (23.0)	44.9
St Andrews Road (23)	1	20	1	20	0	0	0	0	3	60	5 (21.7)	40
Stanford Avenue (369)	2	2.2	7	7.7	3	3.3	6	6.6	73	80.2	91 (24.6)	9.9
Total (1,811)	64	11.3	82	14.5	11	1.9	44	7.8	365	64.5	566 (31.2)	25.8
Area 2 – West of Ditchling Road												
Beaconsfield Road	3	17.6	4	23.5	1	5.9	1	5.9	8	47.1	17 (15.6)	41.1

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South (109)												
Road name (no addresses mailed in each road)	I would strongly support it		I would support it to some extent		No opinion either way		I am against it to some extent		I am completely against it		Response rate for road	Overall in favour ³
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No. (%)	%
Clyde Road (159)	20	51.3	11	28.2	0	0	3	7.7	5	12.8	39 (24.5)	79.5
Ditchling Rise (391)	40	41.2	21	21.6	1	1	12	12.4	23	23.7	97 (24.8)	62.8
Gerard Street (30)	3	30	2	20	1	10	2	20	2	20	10 (33.3)	50
Lorne Road (21)	4	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	5 (23.8)	80
Shaftesbury Place (26)	0	0	2	33.3	0	0	2	33.3	2	33.3	6 (23)	33.3
Shaftesbury Road (179)	36	62.1	9	15.5	0	0	4	6.9	9	15.5	58 (32.4)	77.6
Stanley Road (93)	15	45.5	11	33.3	1	3	0	0	6	18.2	33 (35.4)	78.8
Vere Road (128)	14	41.2	7	20.6	1	2.9	3	8.8	9	26.5	34 (26.6)	61.8
Warleigh Road (169)	18	42.9	4	9.5	4	9.5	2	4.8	14	33.3	42 (24.8)	52.4
Winchester Street (31)	12	70.6	1	5.9	0	0	1	5.9	3	17.6	17 (54.8)	76.5
Yardley Street (34)	10	55.6	4	22.2	1	5.6	1	5.6	2	11.1	18 (52.9)	77.8
Preston Circus (2)	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (50)	100
Total (1,372)	175	46.4	77	20.4	10	2.7	31	8.2	84	22.3	377 (27.5)	66.8
Area 3 – East of Ditchling Road												
Aberdeen Road (45)	2	18.2	2	18.2	0	0	2	18.2	5	45.5	11 (24.4)	36.4
Ashdown Road (15)	1	14.3	3	42.9	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	7 (46.6)	57.7
Belton Road (41)	2	12.5	0	0	0	0	2	12.5	12	75	16 (39)	12.5
Brewer Street (30)	2	28.6	2	28.6	0	0	1	14.3	2	28.6	7 (23.3)	57.2
Bromley Road (91)	7	43.8	2	12.5	2	12.5	1	6.3	4	25	16 (17.6)	56.3
Caledonian Road (69)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	6	75	8 (11.6)	0
Canterbury Drive (78)	0	0	4	66.7	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0	6 (7.7)	66.7

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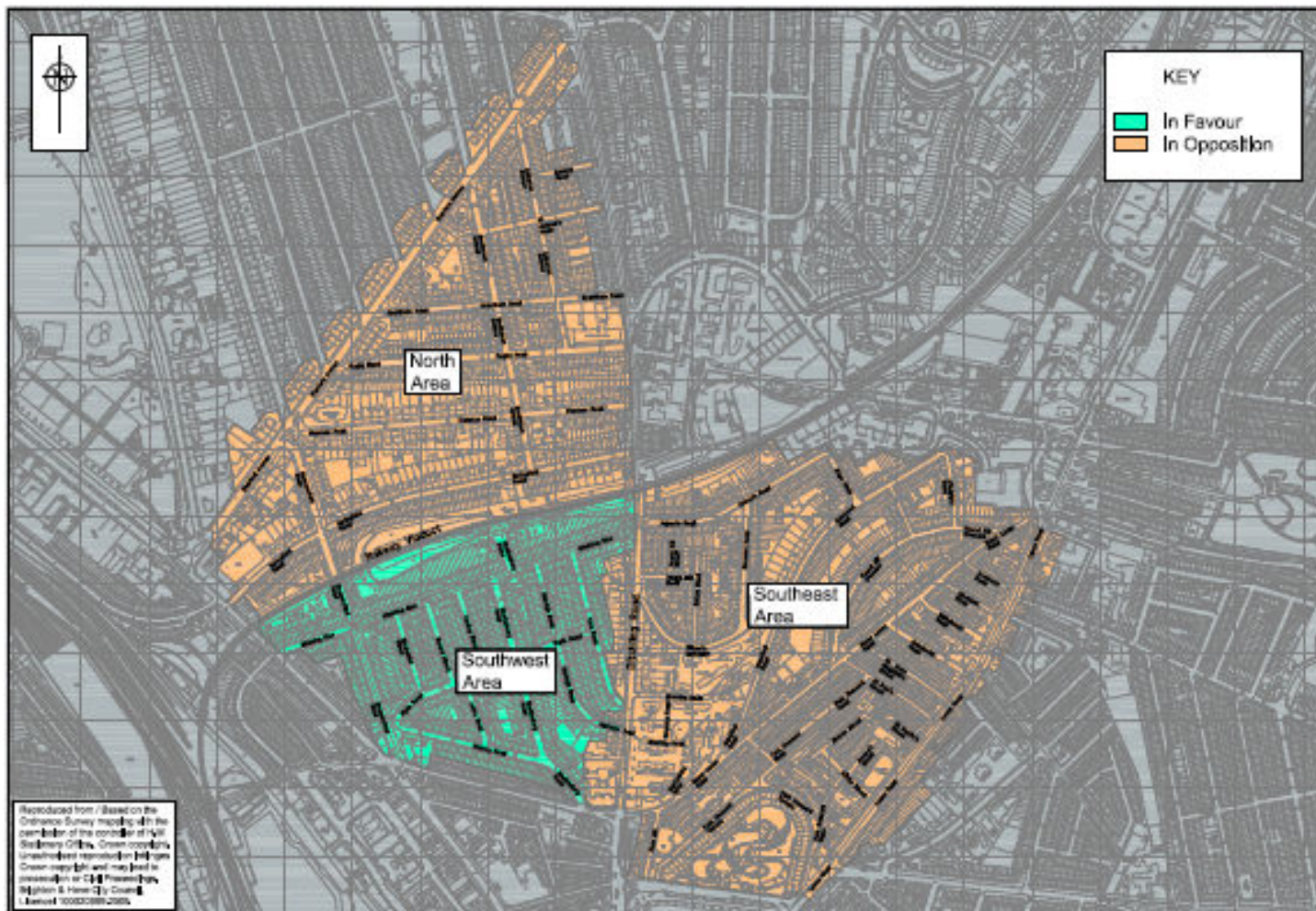
Crescent Road (77)	5	14.7	5	14.7	0	0	5	14.7	19	55.9	34 (44.1)	39.4
Road name (no addresses mailed in each road)	I would strongly support it		I would support it to some extent		No opinion either way		I am against it to some extent		I am completely against it		Response rate for road	Overall in favour ⁴
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No. (%)	%
D'Aubigny Road (27)	2	33.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	66.7	6 (22.2)	33.3
Ditchling Road South (182)	3	13.6	1	4.5	0	0	1	4.5	17	77.3	22 (12.1)	18.1
Edinburgh Road (37)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	33.3	2	66.7	3 (8.1)	0
Inverness Road (19)	3	75	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 (21)	100
Lewes Road (282)	1	4.2	2	8.3	0	0	4	16.7	17	70.8	24 (8.5)	12.5
Mayo Road (48)	1	11.1	3	33.3	0	0	0	0	5	55.6	9 (18.7)	44.4
Newport Street (26)	1	14.3	2	18.6	0	0	0	0	4	57.1	7 (26.9)	32.9
Park Crescent (148)	5	16.1	6	19.4	0	0	3	9.7	17	54.8	31 (20.9)	35.5
Park Crescent Place (80)	3	33.3	1	11.1	1	11.1	2	22.2	2	22.2	9 (11.2)	44.4
Park Crescent Road (80)	7	28	3	12	0	0	7	28	8	32	25 (31.2)	40
Park Crescent Terrace (82)	2	16.7	5	41.7	0	0	0	0	5	41.7	12 (14.6)	58.4
Prince's Crescent (97)	5	16.7	6	20	1	3.3	1	3.3	17	56.7	30 (30.9)	36.7
Prince's Road (90)	4	12.9	3	9.7	1	3.2	2	6.5	21	67.7	31 (34.4)	22.6
Richmond Road (156)	5	6.8	9	12.3	3	4.1	7	9.6	49	67.1	73 (46.8)	19.1
Rose Hill (34)	1	11.1	1	11.1	0	0	1	11.1	6	66.7	9 (26.5)	22.2
Roundhill Crescent (248)	8	14	11	19.3	1	1.8	13	22.8	24	42.1	57 (23)	33.3
Round Hill Road (15)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	3	60	5 (33.3)	0
Round Hill Street (25)	2	33.3	1	16.7	0	0	1	16.7	2	33.3	6 (24)	50
St Martin's Street (48)	2	33.3	0	0	1	16.7	0	0	3	50	6 (12.5)	33.3
St Mary Magdalene	4	33.3	0	0	0	0	3	25	5	41.7	12 (22.6)	33.3

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Street (53)												
Road name (no addresses mailed in each road)	I would strongly support it		I would support it to some extent		No opinion either way		I am against it to some extent		I am completely against it		Response rate for road	Overall in favour ⁵
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No. (%)	%
St Pauls Street (58)	5	35.7	2	14.3	1	7.1	2	14.3	4	28.6	14 (24.1)	50
Trinity Street (28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	4	80	5 (17.8)	0
Upper Lewes Road (340)	6	10.9	4	7.3	4	7.3	6	10.9	35	63.6	55 (16.2)	18.2
Wakefield Road (55)	0	0	4	30.8	0	0	4	30.8	5	38.5	13 (23.6)	30.8
Total (2,704)	89	15.6	83	14.5	17	3	76	13.3	307	53.7	573 (21.1)	30.1
Grand Totals (5,887)												
	328	21.6	242	16	38	2.5	151	10	757	49.9	1,516 (25.7)	37.6
Car Free Development.												
Wellend Villas – Springfield Road (124)	2	6.3	9	28.1	2	6.3	5	15.6	14	43.8	32 (25.8)	34.4

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When viewed on a map the road by road response fall into 3 areas.



North of Railway – 70% against, South West of Ditchling Road – 67% in favour, South East of Ditching Road – 66% against

Q2 People were asked whether they are a resident, manage a business in the area, visitor to the area or work in the area (tick as many as apply)

	No. of responses	% responses
Resident	1459	86.5
Own or manage a business in the area	121	7.2
Visitor to the area	5	0.3
Work in the area	101	6.0
Total responses	1,686	100

Q3 What type of business do you own or manage in the area?

These responses are only from the 121 people who said in Question 2 that they own or manage a business in the area.

Respondents were asked to tick all answers that apply to this question so there are 127 responses from 121 respondents.

Type of business	No. of responses
Retail-outlet	17
Office-based	37
Other business	73
Total responses	127

Other types of business listed are:

- Artists Group
- Cafe
- Church/Religious Functions (7)
- Council Education Base
- Design Agency
- Dog Walking
- Elderly/Child Care (7)
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Food – Chinese Take-Away
- Funeral directors
- Health/Beauty (7)
- Home Based Work (14)
- IT Support
- Martial Arts
- Meeting Rooms
- Online Companies
- Proof Reader
- Property Rentals/Landlords (6)
- Public House
- Railway Station
- Restaurant
- School
- Taxi
- Teacher
- Trade (23)

Q4 How many vehicles are directly associated with your business?

These responses are only from the 121 people who said in Question 2 that they own or manage a business in the area.

	Number of vehicles	%
None	15	12.4
1	44	36.4
2	21	17.3
3	12	9.9
4 or more	23	19.0
No response	6	5.0
Total respondents	121	100

Q5 How will the scheme affect business performance?

These figures have been cross-tabbed with the 121 people who said in Question 2 that they own or manage a business in the area.

	Number	%
Very helpful to my business	6	5.0
Helpful to my business	10	8.3
No opinion either way	20	16.5
Restrict my business	24	19.8
Very restrictive to my business	57	47.1
No Response	4	3.3
Total responses	121	100

Q6 How many cars in your household?

1,468 people answered this question.

	No. of cars	%
0	223	15.2
1	852	58.0
2	284	19.3
3	95	6.5
4 or more	14	1
Total responses	1,468	100

Q7 Do you have access to off-street car parking?

1,452 people answered this question.

	Number	%
Yes	174	12
No	1,278	88
Total responses	1,452	100

Q8 If a scheme were to be implemented, in order to reduce the amount of signs and posts on-street, would you be prepared to allow the council to affix parking signage to your wall/ property?

A list of contact details for those who said yes can be forwarded to the relevant traffic engineer but is not included here for the purposes of data protection.

Q9 Open comments box asking people to write any other comments about the proposed scheme.

1,516 respondents made 2,168 comments. These comments were grouped into a number of commonly occurring themes and can be grouped as follows:

Comment	No. of responses	% of responses
I don't want to pay for parking	416	19.2
No need for a scheme	376	17.4
This is purely a money making exercise by the council	238	11.0
Not enough residents parking spaces in the scheme	149	6.9
Scheme won't help after 8 parking problems	133	6.1
In favour because of current parking difficulties	119	5.5
Concerned about the cost of visitor parking	93	4.3
Worried about displacement	76	3.5
General negative comments	70	3.2
Don't want signs and P&D in a conservation area	55	2.6
Needs enforcement of current illegal parking	48	2.2
General positive comments	47	2.2
Unhappy about hours of scheme operation	43	2.0
Concerns that the scheme will adversely affect businesses in the area	41	1.9
Want a light touch scheme (eg two hours a day)	24	1.1
Large number of student houses with multiple car ownership	23	1.1
Need more motorbike bays	22	1.0
Questioning current transport policy	22	1.0
Need more cycle parking	19	0.9
This will reduce the long term parkers in the area	17	0.8
Don't want 11 hours P&D as this enables workers to park all day	15	0.7
Unnecessary north of the railway line	14	0.6

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More car club spaces requires	14	0.6
Driving has become dangerous in the area due to hazardous parking	13	0.6
Concerns about disabled parking	11	0.5
Worried about more double yellow lines	10	0.5
Area too large – we may only find a space 15 mins walk away	10	0.5
Concerned that the scheme will not leave enough space for emergency vehicles to get through or access	9	0.4
Not enough visitor permits	7	0.3
Want a guaranteed parking space	6	0.3
Wants P&D reduced to 2 hours	5	0.2
Don't want non-professional carers to have to pay for parking	5	0.2
Don't want double yellow lines across driveways	5	0.2
Where will we be able to park additional vehicles?	3	0.1
Worried about how it will affect Artists Open Houses	3	0.1
Want single yellow lines	3	0.1
The scheme is too expensive	2	0.1
Complaint about mail out error	2	0.1
Total comments	2,168	100

There were additional one-off comments as follows:

- Comments specific to a particular area/household (34)
- I shall be moving in 6 months, think refunds should be available for part years.
- Consultation was not thorough.
- Chevron parking in specific areas (3)
- Worried about the affect the new Falmer stadium will have on parking
- Reduced fees for smart cars.
- Every household should have 10 free visitor permits.
- Need an equal number of trader passes
- The scheme is too confusing
- Can I have a permit even though I don't have a car?
- Parking spaces are too big
- Option to pay monthly
- Reduce cost of station parking
- Suggest having first year of scheme free
- Multi-story car parks on Lewes road
- Scheme too inflexible
- P&D charges too cheep to deter commuters
- Waste of money
- Empty Level P&D parking spaces not included
- Why are you charging business users more for permits?
- With a residents permit how big an area can you park in?
- Want double yellow lines removed
- Student discount?

There were other comments irrelevant to current scheme proposal but a general theme is unused disabled bays should be reviewed.

Demographic Information

Gender	No.	%
Male	729	48.1
Female	647	42.7
No reply	140	9.2
Total	1,516	100

Age range	No.	%
Under 18	2	0.1
18-24	51	3.4
25-34	253	16.7
35-44	359	23.7
45-54	285	18.8
55-64	245	16.2
65-74	97	6.4
75+	73	4.8
No reply	151	10.0
Total	1,516	100

Disability	No.	%
Yes	174	11.5
No	1,134	74.8
No reply	208	13.7
Total	1,516	100

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Ethnicity	No.	%
White British	1,184	78.1
White Irish	23	1.5
Other white background	83	5.5
Indian	6	0.4
Pakistani	3	0.2
Bangladeshi	2	0.1
Other Asian background	6	0.4
White and Black Caribbean	2	0.1
White and Black African	2	0.1
White and Asian	5	0.3
Other mixed background	7	0.5
Caribbean	3	0.2
African	3	0.2
Other black background	1	0.1
Chinese	3	0.2
Other ethnic background	2	0.1
Don't know	5	0.3
No reply	176	11.6
Total	1,516	100

Annex 1

Wellend Villas Comments

32 respondents made 31 comments. These comments were coded into a number of commonly occurring themes and can be grouped as follows:

Comment	No. of responses	% of responses
Where will Wellend Villas residents be able to park	5	16.1
No need for a scheme	5	16.1
This is purely a money making exercise by the council	5	16.1
I don't want to pay for parking	4	12.9
Worried about displacement	4	12.9
Concerned about the cost of visitor parking	3	9.8
Needs enforcement of current illegal parking	2	6.5
In favour because of current parking difficulties	1	3.2
Unnecessary north of the railway line	1	3.2
Concerns about disabled parking	1	3.2
Total comments	31	100

There were 3 further one-off comments as follows:

- If this does occur I will be speaking to a solicitor to see the viability of taking legal action.
- I am a doctor needing quick access to my car and need a permit to park.
- I am a key worker and need to park.

Annex 2

Comments from outside the scheme

50 respondents made 81 comments. These comments were coded into a number of commonly occurring themes and can be grouped as follows:

Comment	No. of responses	% of responses
Worried about displacement	22	27.2
No need for a scheme	13	16.1
This is purely a money making exercise by the council	8	9.9
I don't want to pay for parking	7	8.7
Don't want signs and P&D in a conservation area	4	5.0
Concerns that the scheme will adversely affect businesses in the area	4	5.0
Concerned about the cost of visitor parking	3	3.7
Corned about the affect it will have on local Churches	3	3.7
Needs enforcement of current illegal parking	3	3.7
Will cause 'dropping off' problems at schools in the area.	2	2.5
Unnecessary north of the railway line	2	2.5
Not enough residents parking spaces in the scheme	1	1.2
Scheme won't help after 8 parking problems	1	1.2
In favour because of current parking difficulties	1	1.2
General negative comments	1	1.2
General positive comments	1	1.2
Unhappy about hours of scheme operation	1	1.2
Don't want 11 hours P&D as this enables workers to park all day	1	1.2
Driving has become dangerous in the area due to hazardous parking	1	1.2
Area too large – we may only find a space 15 mins walk away	1	1.2
Complaint about mail out error	1	1.2
Total comments	81	100

Respondents outside the area:

- Edburton Avenue – north part (17)
- Chester Terrace (7)
- Havelock Road (5)
- Waldegrave Road (5)
- Cleveland Road (4)
- Ditchling Road (2)

Additional Addresses:

Ewart Street, East Drive – Angmering, Cromwell Road, Downs Infant School, McWilliam Road – Woodingdean, Chapel Mews – Hove, Hollingbury Road, Walberton Lane – Arundel, Preston Road, 1 additional.