

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which the relevant Cabinet Member may speak in response. The deputation will be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

(a) Deputation concerning proposed yellow lines between Maresfield and Cowfield Roads – Mrs Jenny Gearing (Spokesperson)

"I would like to present this deputation in relation to the proposed double yellow lines between Maresfield & Cowfold road in the Manor Hill area. Myself & my neighbours are 'against the proposed double yellow lines' and I have a petition in support of this. Please note that the petition also contains signatures of a few family members of Manor Hill's elderly residents 'whom rely on daily carers & visits'.

Our objections are purely simple 'if its agreed to go ahead with proposed double yellow lines' residents like myself who have no option other than to park in Manor Hill will have no parking available to us.

Most of the daily parking problems / issues to the top end of Manor Hill, stem from the Monday - Friday parking of hospital staff ' These guys park here as the new permit parking restrictions have forced them further from the hospital. On the introduction of these lines 'hospital staff will still go to work' just their parking problem will just be pushed into our neighbouring areas east of Manor Hill giving them an extra 5 or 10 minute walk each day but leaving residents like myself with no alternative parking.

When the permits were introduced to Cowfold & Maresfeild 'I wrote to the parking strategy team' & strongly put forward our objections but was told that all the relevant checks regarding safety for other road users had been taken into consideration & they could assure me the council were in talks with the hospital staff regarding possible '**new schemes**' to get these guys too & from work?
Where is the new scheme?

A few months after the permits were in place, we heard to our dismay 'double yellows being introduced in some parts of Manor Hill 'already feeling the effects of the permits. I immediately called the parking strategy team **again** & explained **again** how difficult it was for us to park but I was advised that our road was checked & it appeared certain 'crossing & passing' parts of the Manor Hill had now caused worry & were a danger to persons crossing the road or to vehicles passing around road islands & therefore 'double yellow lines' were a necessary precaution. Although I was upset as now our already challenged parking options would be even more stressful I totally understood 'children & elderly' have the right to cross a busy road in safety & that week the double yellow lines were in place.

- If the parking strategy team checked the area & deemed it although not ideal it was necessary to introduce permits in nearby streets '**why not include ours**'?
- When again they have already re-thought the crossing of children & elderly & put double yellow in the areas of concerns '**why do we need double yellow lines outside our home**'?
- This request of double yellow lines is a totally un-necessary provocation, over last 2 years Manor Hill has felt the wrath of the parking restrictions ' we have had our cars scratched our tyres punctured' & tempers have already been heightened all because we have no choice but to use both sides of the Hill for parking, 'but at least we are still able to park' & traffic still passes with little disruption to drivers.
- If any further restrictions need to be introduced maybe 'where there is a driveway' **place white lines to show the drive is active.**
- In such a busy road as Manor Hill 'introduce a **15 or 20 mph zone**' to slow down traffic.
- Issue residents in nearby **Cowfold & Maresfield more permits** giving them the option to park in their own streets.
- Provide hospital staff with either **permits or alternative travel** to encourage them to leave their cars at home.
- Introduce a single yellow line with a **Mon-Friday 9am to 5pm** restriction to discourage long term parking for hospital staff.

There are other options open to the Manor Hill parking saga without passing this request at the detriment to the local residents such as myself & my neighbours.

PLEASE SAY NO!"