

Background

One of the local ward councillors has been working with local residents to look at improving the access, safety and environmental issues caused by parking in Elm Grove. Parking on pavements and hardened verges has been common practice for many years, but as car ownership has increased, the volume of vehicles parked in this way has also increased.

The leaflet offered a proposal to introduce some more formal parking areas and environmental improvements that may alleviate some of the problems caused by illegal or inconsiderate parking.

Residents were also informed that if there is not support for the proposals then the council intends to take enforcement action where appropriate.

Headline Results

- 30% supported the improvements for Elm Grove
- 67% did not support the improvements

Of those who lived on Elm Grove or side streets leading off Elm Grove (ie those directly affected by the proposals):

- 33% supported the improvements for Elm Grove
- 63% did not support the improvements for Elm Grove

Methodology

Information leaflets showing proposed plans, together with a questionnaire were sent to 798 addresses. These addresses included all properties on Elm Grove and 6-10 properties on side streets leading off Elm Grove (at the Elm Grove end of the street). The same information and questionnaire was also put online, on the council's consultation portal, with an additional question to ask respondents which street they live in. The consultation ran from 11 January to 11 February 2013.

Results

353 responses were received. Almost 30% supported the improvements for Elm Grove and 67% did not support the improvements, a further 2.4% of respondents did not choose an option but submitted comments.

123 responses (35%) were paper forms and 230 responses (65%) were received online via the council's consultation portal.

The question was asked: Please let us know if you support the proposals for Elm Grove?

Responses can be grouped as in the table below:

Do you support?	Yes		No		No reply		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Where are responses from								
Mailing list area ¹	68	39.3	96	55.5	9	5.2	173	100
Possibly from mailing area ²	14	18.4	61	80.3	1	1.3	76	100
Hanover and Elm Grove area	5	17.9	21	78.6	1	3.6	28	100
Other areas	14	41.2	20	58.8	0	0	34	100
No street given	3	7.1	38	90.5	1	2.4	42	100
Total	104	29.5	237	67.1	12	3.3	353	100

249 respondents can be identified as living on Elm Grove or on the side streets leading off Elm Grove as follows:

Do you support?	Yes		No		No reply		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Where are responses from								
Mailing list area ¹	68	39.3	96	55.5	9	5.2	173	100
Possibly from mailing area ²	14	18.4	61	80.3	1	1.3	76	100
Total	82	33	157	63	10	4	249	100

Two open text boxes asked for opinions on “areas that need specific attention” and for “further comments”. Responses for these two boxes have been merged.

Details on areas that need specific attention have been passed to the project manager for attention.

¹ Returned forms and Elm Grove ones from the online survey

² These ones are from the online survey where we asked street name but we can't ascertain whether these are from the original mailing list of addresses at the Elm Grove end of the street

Other comments have been themed into groups as follows:

Comment	
Where will cars park/ concerned about displacement	84
Stop pavement parking / driving on pavements	32
Leave it as it is/ it's fine as it is	31
Safety is not compromised by pavement parking/ want to keep pavement parking (27) want pavements widened to accommodate parking (3)	30
This is a mechanism to create a problem and then bring in a parking scheme/ we don't want a parking scheme	21
This is expensive / waste of money	18
General positive comments	15
Want chevron parking	14
Concerned about vehicles being parker here long term. Vans, mobile homes/ cars for sale	14
It is not understood that we will enforce anyway/ people think this is a paying scheme	12
Enforce current illegal parking	12
We want a residents parking scheme	10
Remove the restrictions in Queens park and Hanover	7
Widen the pavements	3
Want the bays to be for Elm Grove residents only	3
Want more bike racks/ undercover bike racks	3
Grass verges will mean more dog mess	2

Demographic Information

Gender

Gender	No.	%
Male	107	30
Female	110	31
Prefer not to say/ no reply	136	39
Total	353	100

Is your gender the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?	No.	%
Yes		
No		
No reply/ prefer not to say		
Total		100

Age

Age	No.	%
18-24	8	2
25-34	27	8
35-44	67	19
45-54	57	16
55-64	18	5
65-74	18	5
75+	7	2
Prefer not to say/ no reply	151	43
Total	353	100

Disability

Disability	No.	%
Yes	33	9
No	168	48
Prefer not to say/ no reply	152	43
Total	353	100

Type of disability³	No.	%
Long-standing illness	16	43
Physical impairment	15	40.5
Sensory impairment	1	2.5
Mental health condition	3	8
Learning Disability/ Difficulty	2	5.5
Other	0	0
Total	37	100

Religion

Religion	No.	%
Buddhist	6	1.7
Christian	60	16.9
Jain	1	0.3
Jewish	3	0.9
Muslim	10	2.8
Pagan	4	1.1
Agnostic	6	1.7
Atheist	32	9.1
I have no particular religion	61	17.4
Other	5	1.5
Prefer not to say/ no reply	165	46.7
Total	353	100

Sexuality	No.	%
Heterosexual	171	48.4
Gay Man	9	2.5
Lesbian/ Gay woman	6	1.6
Bisexual	3	0.8
Other	1	0.2
Prefer not to say/ no reply	163	46
Total	353	100

³ Respondents could tick more than one type of disability

