

Comments by Paper - Consultation 3 - Parking

Reference	Plan Comment
21	With the additional 238 new houses no provision has been made for additional CAR PARKING To attract visitors, this must be within walking distance from the Town Centre, to encourage shopping
34	There is no plan for a further car park. It is very seldom that I am able to park in the present one just to do my shopping.
42	Traffic! Many surveys have been done regarding TRAFFIC - all with the same conclusion! The biggest problem is parked cars - some people believe these cars are a way to slow traffic, but in fact cars/homes cause pollution. We should start by reversing the priority in Shirburn Street/Couching Street allowing traffic out of the town before allowing more in. Regarding speed!. The Police should step up to the mark on this issue. Also, if we had some sort of relief road, then maybe a 20mph could be introduced in the town centre, Couching Street and High Street/Gorwell
68	This development will help the town of Watlington to survive and the shops to flourish. It will be important for the new residents to have easy pedestrian access to the shops and for parking to be available in the town centre for people who need to do their shopping, doctors and dentist etc by car.
123	We support the Plan but we do want a by pass and need more parking
125	Parking on pavements should be stopped
200	* We do not want a by pass as this will effect passing trade. This was proven when the High Street was shut for four weeks. * We would love more parking for the High Street
219	Currently there is no visible enforcement of parking restrictions in Watlington centre and the road markings are not clearly visible which does not help. Robust monitoring is required now and in the future
224	1. Will there be increased car parking space in the centre of town to accommodate traffic coming from housing development to shops? 2. There will be increased chaos at the junction of Couching St. & Brook St. until the new road is open

230 The new road must be designed carefully to ensure the new housing remains attractive too. But if it is too arduous to use much traffic could continue to pass through the town centre. Traffic between Henley and the M40 would have to do a large loop to avoid the town centre. The new road design would need to offer a better alternative to using the old B4009 route. I think Wallingford and Thame are fairly successful examples of an incomplete circle offering an 'alternative route'. There is a risk of increased traffic between M40 and Henley using the town part of Cuxham Road as part of this route avoiding the congested Couching St/Shirburn Road. A 20 mph zone in central Watlington would be better than the awful chicane system operating now, this often causes complete gridlock. The spaces next to the garage must be removed.

241 Make it better on the local roads - somebody will get hurt or killed on the road

242 * Ensure sufficient FREE car parking is provided

* Remove existing speed bumps & don't add any more - they are dangerous & damaging. Provide space for mobile police camera van if necessary

* Don't obstruct bypass with too many crossings

* Include a re-surface of existing roads in CIL

* Add dedicated cycle paths through remodelled centre

247 Maintain parking for residents

251 The outer road on the alternate route through Sottes sound much better idea than going through Markbrook road as the cars park down there as nowhere to park our cars at our parental house

257 It should still be possible for through/passing traffic using the ring road to access the shops in the centre of Watlington by ensuring enough parking and signage

261 Please don't remove parking on Couching St/ Shirburn Street. It creates places for residents to park other than the Car Park and helps prevent a bottle neck at the chip shop.

272 * I totally support this proposal

* I hope that the by-pass could be extended towards the Nettlebed Road via Copas Farm land to alleviate heavy traffic using the fragile Brook Street

283 Would suggest a 20 mph speed limit through Watlington Town Centre. More enforcement of HGV weight limits as lorries passing through the town ignore the weight limit signs.

Do not remove the parking allowed in Shirburn Street and Couching Street as this slows traffic. If removed vehicles will speed through the town

284 B4009 needs to be made no parking to stop stationary engines polluting the town

288 - concern about the possibility of removing all parking Couching Street with the risk of this becomg a rat run to the motorway

330 Putting in the road structure as it stands is very unfair, making it 30mph when the town is 20mph and all the "affordable housing" people with children will be in the new houses, we all know that what is proposed will not happen. Everybody will use that road - including HGV's - I understand the HGV's should not go through the centre - but they know they shouldn@t therefore it is necessary to enforce the laws that already there but abused.

The businesses of Watlington will cease to exist as there will be no passing trade - now they have already said they were affected by the closure of the road after the fire at Homecare - so passing trade is a must for them.

They should not have allwed parking on Shirburn St - now I understand this would be unfair to the people who live there but a lot of them bought their houses knowing this.

Wallingford copes with the amount of traffic Watlington has including HGV's, with traffic lights. Why are not using the money to explore this idea?

406 4b re provision for older people & those with physical disabilities. These people need extra parking in the town centre to access shops

Is there going to be provision for a "corner shop" on the housing development?

417 The new housing does take into account that our schools are full already. We have one food shop - namely the Co-op. Post Office has moved to Co-op, so for that a good service.

We need infrastructure of schools, shops and new road around Watlington and a larger car park. People buying homes without car parking are using any place and causing problems

459 Any development for housing should allow for sufficient space for parking of residents and also allow sufficient parking for visitors to those properties

479 At least 40% affordable housing - 50% would be better

Connecting the sites via pathways and cycle tracks imperative to avoid isolation

Car parking provision on the new sites to share it around the neighbourhood

- 494 Are the new houses providing at least 2 car parking spaces that are not on the road? How will Doctors/Schools cope with the intake of people?
If the houses will be affordable - as they keep saying - why do we have to have mobile homes? - where will they be situated?
How far away do the houses have to be from our properties? Is there a boundary they have to keep as no matter how we view it, our house will have gone from beautiful fields to being overlooked by 60 houses, as it is at least a metre lower than the field
- 498 I do not have any private parking. I trust I will not have to pay a permit.
This Easter break our Car Park is full up due to holidayers leaving their cars "parked up" .
Are we going to lose the Watlington Social Club in all this change to promote concerns for tourism - (5F and 5a)
- 499 Not clear how these objectives are met by the proposal
- 500 Parking needs to be preserved for those residents unable to afford private garages - a commitment should be made that street parking will not be reduced
- 502 Improved parking & on street parking restrictions enforced
- 503 Car parking
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- 505 Car parking provision is a major issue as many minor side roads are clogged with vehicles on a permanent basis, Indeed some of the side roads in question need yellow lines to control unreasonable parking practices
- 506 5e - a car park needs to be built for residents use. At present the "shoppers" car park, part-funded by local retailers is full of residents' cars. Shoppers cannot find parking spaces!
- 507 Additional CAR PARKING will be necessary
- 508 5d. signage should be clear, but not overbearing or obstructing buildings
5e. With substantial extra housing, existing car parking will be inadequate. People will still not use Recreation Ground & other alternatives - too far to walk
consider other sites near town centre
- 510 We want to see the town centre thrive which means the need for better parking & pedestrian access safety
- 516 Car parking needs to be looked at with care, as we are to expect so many houses. Parking will have to be increased but not detrimental to our historic town.

- 523 Ensure car parking issues are addressed & there is sufficient level of policing of parking
- 524 At the last public consultation, it was proposed that a 2nd car park would be built in the vicinity of the new housing for long term parking, meaning that that the Hill Road one would be short term only. This would not help the current situation for those living in the town centre who rely on the car park due to the lack of on street spaces for overnight (and longer) parking.
- 529 The High Street should have 20-30 minute parking and 2 disabled spaces. Other streets should have residents parking only.
- 530 5d - yes signs for Library, Toilets, Car Park etc.
5e - More car parking we have to stop people parking on pavements and double yellow lines
- 535 Extra parking is needed close to the present main car park.
- 536 It is hoped we can retain the free parking facility and increase road parking once the town centre is more free of heavy traffic
- 540 This is unlikely to work without addressing the issue of parking for residents and for shoppers. Why not move the garage out of town and have residents parking on the garage site ? The residents of Couching Street and Shirburn Road are most likely to use the Co-op car park so providing residents only car parking will free up space in the Co-op car park.
- 544 5e - objection to "management of car parking" - I oppose payinf for car parking on the High Street or Car Park
5f- promote specific tourism eg. "Midsomer Murders" trail & cycle centre hub - perfect location as near the Chilterns -
- 547 Where is additional car parking for the town going to be situated? It's a great aim, and necessary, but where? Especially in light of proposed church hall development which reduces opportunity for car parking there.
- 549 More car parking vital as an early step
- 550 With regards to car parking we need more if you want people to visit. Use the Paddock as a long stay car park if not now do not designate it as a green space so that it can be used in the future
- 552 A larger car parking area is a must on Watlington. It will make the town more attractive to potential shoppers
- 555 The new development - in particular the quieter central streets resulting from an edge road, & any infrastructure levy - should give us the capacity to enhance the town's amenities
- 558 5e - subject to Couching Street and Shirburn Street parking not being removed. Currently this acts as traffic calming - in a n enlarged Watlington with a re-routed B4009 they would still be needed.

560 - See previous comments to increase car parking in the "new" part of town
- Promote tourism via inner centre displays about AONB, history, culture

563 5a Starting with the re-furbishments of the public toilets which are an eyesore

5e Vital if any of the other aims are to be met

566 Protection of 2 hour free parking facilities

570 Car parking is important to keep the shops alive. Now I don't walk so well, I often have to shop elsewhere as I can't park near the shops which are good

571 Start up support would be great
Too many shops just ?????
Watlington's rent otherwise unaffordable
Car parking a large issue even for residents!

596 The proposed residential developments will increase the population. Additional parking for shoppers and visitors to the town will be required.

602 If Watlington could become a pedestrian only zone with parking outside the High Street and vehicle access only to residents, it would be safer for all and promote the town infrastructure well.

630 Yes well said. I wait to see any signs that it is implemented. 6e dig up the grass verge down Love Lane and have a cycle path and parking, particularly between Shirburn Road and Pauls Way.