

Responses to official consultation in Totteridge Road 2021

Respondent 1

We write this letter/email strongly objecting the proposal for introduction of no waiting at any time (double yellow lines in the proposed locations for the following reasons: 1. The purpose of these proposals being introduced is for the purposes of creating a safer environment for pedestrians, which prohibits parking opposite or within 10 metres is highly subjective conclusion and in our opinion the proposed changes will not achieve this objective. If this is the case, why are the waiting restrictions only to be applied at a small intersection and not the whole road? Where is the objective evidence that this will create the effect of creating of a safer environment? I strongly submit that it does not create a safer environment. 2. The proposals specifically target specific areas, which affects, specific families such as mine who will be adversely affected by these proposals. They appear to be targeting families from the BAME community, such as our family, which is against the Equality Act 2010. We have much larger extended families who visit regularly; this will cause many families being deprived of visiting freely. This we suggest is one of the drivers for this proposal, which is highly unsatisfactory, which has not been brought up. 3. I have two very elderly family members who need access to the road at all times, if these parking restrictions were put in place it would put them under significant hardship and for those individuals who visit them. Again we submit they are being discriminated against unfairly by these proposals. 4. My family is heavily reliant on deliveries from online groceries, such proposals would mean that delivery drivers would not be able to access our property, resulting in serious issues for our family in obtaining food, which will affect their quality of life. 5. The proposed proposals will also cause anxiety at the possibility that certain emergency vehicles/doctors visiting family members would be unable to gain access. This is unacceptable and does not create a safer environment. 6. We strongly submit that the proposal is short sighted and dangerous. We have a number of young female and child occupants who will have to walk much further away, if these proposals are accepted, particularly on their own and in the dark, we are very concerned the proposals will increase the distance they will have to walk from their cars to our home. This is causing a lot of anxiety and concern for all of us and will have the reverse effect of creating a safer environment. We have seen in the media how women have been kidnapped and murdered, our family does not feel safe with the proposed restrictions, with them walking further. 7. This is a complete waste of public funds. Street lighting is already very poor in this area and the Council has failed to place new lighting to resolve this issue, but is prepared to waste valuable resources to bring these parking proposals in place which serve no purpose for the occupants living in the affected area. 7. No such proposals have been in place before and we further object that the parking restriction proposal will create a safer environment, on the grounds that, as we submit there is no problem with the flow of traffic or public safety, and these proposals will do nothing to create a safer environment. People have parked on the areas concerned for a number of years and no serious accidents and issues of safety have occurred. For all these reasons, all of us at XXX Totteridge Road object against these proposals. We will be obtaining a signed petition to show others in the same vicinity who share a similar view objecting against this proposal.

Respondent 2

I agree with the introduction of parking restrictions on Totteridge Road.

Respondent 3

I strongly agree to have "No Waiting at Any Time (Double yellow lines)" restriction on Totteridge Road. It should be done from Denewood/The Crescent to Wingate Avenue, as visibility is getting worse every year. Neighbours on Totteridge Road are renting properties to multiple occupants, running car trade businesses from home, taxis, minibuses, which is extremely frustrating for the residents, as it creates blind spots in the residents' view of the road as they pull out of their drives. Elderly using the bus system struggle to use the pavement safely, sometimes they've to go round the pavement mounted cars by going on the road, which is extremely dangerous. Pedestrians with pushchairs struggle to use the pavement safely, which is extremely dangerous and could end up in a disaster, perhaps even resulting in a fatality. We've 3 schools in Totteridge area and school children use pavement to walk back and forth from school. Due to the amount of cars parked on either side of the road and the pavements, it's extremely dangerous for children crossing the road, and the blind spots are a major catalyst to cause an accident " the drivers cannot see the children, and the child cannot see the cars. I hope the implementation of double yellow lines will put some sense in residents mind to be considerate about the pavement users and safe road parking.

Respondent 4

Strongly agree to introduce parking restrictions on Totteridge Road, High Wycombe.