

Appendix 1 – Consultation Responses (as of 30th March 2016)

21st March 2016

Hi Tracey

I am in receipt of your consultation for the above. Highways have no comments to make.

Many Thanks

Andhika Caddy, Policy and Regulation Engineer, Cambridgeshire County Council

21st March 2016

Last year you wanted to charge for car parks. Now you are removing toilets. The next wheeze is to eliminate coach parking or make it so unattractive that coach companies will carry out the threat they have already made to move their business elsewhere.

If one were a visitor from Mars one would be forgiven for assuming that the role of East Cambridgeshire was to throttle the prosperity of the city which depends to a significant extent upon tourism. The proposals for housing in Barton Rd car park whilst absurd in themselves also require the elimination of coach parking. The council attempted to slide this through on the quiet before Christmas, hoping no-one would notice.

As it turns out the community recognised the threat to our prosperity and the council had no coherent answer to the question about where coaches would go. It now transpires that to placate opposition they will propose Cresswells' Lane, a proposal which only have come from increasing desperation. It seems very strange that a road that has double yellow lines on both sides, serves Sainsburys with heavy lorries as well as the waterworks can suddenly accommodate the 6 coaches that Barton Road regularly sees (photos attached). My objection is fourfold;

- 1) There is the over riding point that we should be looking to grow Ely and make it an attractive destination. This proposal will only serve to deter.
- 2) Barton Road car park is well located for Kings school, which hosts coaches both for home and away matches.
- 3) Barton Road car park is close to the cathedral; there are many events there where there will be a surge of visitors, and they cannot all be discharged in the surrounding streets without causing mayhem.
- 4) Cresswells Lane has double yellow lines for a purpose, and to suggest that 6 coaches could park there without the high risk of impacting on the other traffic which uses the road is puerile.

It is imperative that the Council recognise (as most Ely residents do) where our long term interests lie.

I am copying this letter to the Ely press

Best Regards

Charles Devereux, Managing Director, Devrail Ltd

25th March 2016

OFFICIAL FAO The Chief Executive

I object to the proposed new parking order. My objections cover two areas:

- 1.) Use of the Cashless Payment System and the associated unreasonable penalty
- 2.) Use of a Road for Off-Street parking

Firstly, the cashless payment system.

The proposed order allows for a PCN to be issued if the handheld device does not display confirmation of payment. It does not require the handheld device to be functioning correctly, nor the back-office system. There appear to be inadequate safeguards to avoid criminal sanction. There is an appeal process but that doesn't help for those of us who must report any criminal PCNs as they happen. I view this as unreasonable and therefore unlawful.

Secondly, the use of Cresswell's Lane

This is clearly a road within the meaning of many of the relevant acts. The RTRA is fairly clear that Off-Street orders can't be applied to Roads. Of course it is entirely possible to have parking areas on roads but the mechanism is slightly different, namely that of a pure TRO without the enforcement wrapping of the off-street order. And, of course, enforcement is then performed at the behest of the Chief Officer. I note that previous versions of the order already covers other roads and I see that as an error that should also be rectified.

And, were a TRO to be created (or not) for Cresswell's lane, I would like to see confirmation that the maintainer consents, as required by the RTRA.

Regards

Rupert Moss-Eccardt

26th March 2016

I strongly object to the changes you intend to make in Ely for coach parking I also strongly object to the closure of the public toilets. I think when the council talks about these huge sums of money they should explain how it is spent and by WHO. I was under the impression that councillors are there to represent the people of the city of Ely not government cutbacks so money can be handed to the very rich. It seems to me that the local council just wants to cause long term problems for our little city and all who live here. It is my opinion that every councillor who votes for these changes should resign as they are clearly are not looking after the people of Ely.

Victor E Doggett, Ely

29 March 2016

Hello,

I object to the proposed Cresswell Lane's coach parking. As a local resident I find that there is already too much traffic travelling down Broad Street from Back Hill and I am very concerned with the increase in traffic from the extra coaches. The road is already too narrow for the current traffic load and I do not see how it can support additional coach traffic.

Regards,

David Kim