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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: P12 2021 Parking Restrictions Proposals Autumn Review 2021

I write in reference to your consultation email dated 12th November 2021 consulting on the above proposals. The Town Council's comments have been delegated to myself in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council's Community Committee.

The Town Council wishes to object to the proposed scheme at items 19 and 20 of the Notice for Proposals relating to:

Adjacent to Nos. 59-61. Revoke section of Disabled Persons Parking Bay to accommodate Beryl Bike Bay (item 19), and:

Adjacent to Nos. 53-57. Revoke section of limited wait parking bay and existing Disabled Persons Parking bay (item 20).

The Town Council's objections are highlighted below

- 1) The proposed revocation of the disabled persons parking bay to accommodate Beryl Bikes does not meet the objectives of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA") particularly section 1(1)(a) of the Act. The proposal here does not meet the objective of "avoiding danger" to persons or other traffic using the road; or indeed prevent the likelihood of such danger arising. It is submitted the contrary arises. The pavement here narrows outside of 61a/59a and the pedestrian footfall is funnelled from a wider section of pavement into this narrow section. In the immediate environs are also bollards and street furniture such as an electricity/telephony cabinet. The Beryl Bikes here will exacerbate an already awkward navigable pavement due to: the already existing street furniture, the narrower pavement and low rounded kerbstones also creating complications for pedestrians. During inclement weather and/or inconsiderate stationing of bikes the limited navigable pavement here shall be further compromised.
- 2) The proposal also does not meet the objectives of Section 1(1)(c) of the Act. The users of such bikes will be placed into conflict with pedestrians when seeking to undock and use the

service. Ordinarily this would not cause a problem on wider pavements. However, for the reasons above (Narrowing of the pavement at this point, already existing street furniture and low rounded kerbstones causing complications) the proposal does not “facilitate” the passage onto the road for cyclists/bike-users. It shall create an unsafe environment and conflict here between pedestrians and Beryl Bike users. Furthermore, it is questioned how providing a further Beryl Bike Bay here “facilitates” the passage on the road for cyclists given there is a safer and more convenient location approximately 100-150m away outside the Town Hall.

The Town Council is aware of already reported pedestrian accidents at the site located for the proposals and only very recently was a pedestrian involved in an accident at this site which warranted conveyance by ambulance.

I trust this assists and shall be considered accordingly before making the proposed Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Daniel Lucas', written in black ink.

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Town Clerk

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