

Banham Road
Beccles

SUFFOLK

6th APRIL 2011

Dear Heather Miller

I would like to object to the Road close on a FRIDAY in Newmarket Beccles. It's not closed for a Market. It looked more like a car boot, this is affecting all the shops in town and making a lot of Beccles people unhappy. THE ROAD should not be closed, People need access to the shops / BANK, at 15.15 HRS the town was empty, all the shop keepers takings are down on this day, and as I have lived here all my

not be at 4.00

life, We should be able to
access the town. Many
People have tried to talk to
Beales Town Council, but
they are not taking any
notice, it's very unfair on
the shops, who most are
struggling to pay rent / rates
I DO HOPE you take notice
as I think it will hurt
the town, if the Road is
closed Every Friday.

Yours faithfully

MRT Squires.

COPPERFIELD JEWELLERS

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18th April 2011

Dear Ms. H Miller

I have been in Beccles for seventeen years trading from my small jewellers shop in Newmarket, Fridays are the worst day of a trading week when we have the market, but all the shop keepers have come to live with this, not happy about it but deal with it.

We have been told that the road is going to close on a Friday so more stalls can come in to Beccles, this took place on Friday 15th April 2011 it was embarrassing the stalls looked like a car boot Sunday sale, the shop keepers were up in arms and so were the public, unable to park, and could not believe the road had been closed for such a poor show. Most of the shops takings were down by more than half.

The shop keeper next to me, has approached Beccles Town Council and sat with one member there and shown here the takings and what happens on a Friday, but for some reason the town council will not listen, the lady next door has given up and is closing her shop and moving, she has taken legal advise but feels we are all wasting our time. I feel in the times we are in it is not good to shut people out of Beccles, as they will shop elsewhere, I get told by most customers they will not come in on a Friday because of the road being closed.

A small notice has been placed on a lamp post, I haven't seen 1 person read it yet, Beccles people do want there say, but are not aware of what is happening..

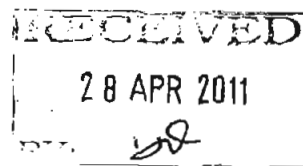
I do object to the road being closed, and hope you take the time to speak to other shop keepers before you make a decision, also the police and fire have objected. I do pay for a 24hour red care so police can access my shop if needed. (This was needed in December 2009).

Also the market vans were allowed to block the front of two shops on Friday 15th, this really was not acceptable, and the town council were informed they still allowed the vans to park, shutting out light and blocking the shops. It's the shops that bring people in to Beccles and not a one day car boot/market.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Scott".

Ms.A Scott



Mykal Trim
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SUFFOLK C.C.
ENDEAVOUR HOUSE
04 MAY 2011

26th April 2011

Dear Ms Miller,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns over the road being closed on a Friday in Beccles for the sake of the market.

Those of us who have trouble walking but do not have a Blue badge, find it extremely difficult to walk from car parks when perfectly good spaces are and should be available in the town, please

Don't force us to abandon local towns and use out of town shops, they don't provide the same level of service etc

Thank you for taking the time
to read this,

Yours faithfully

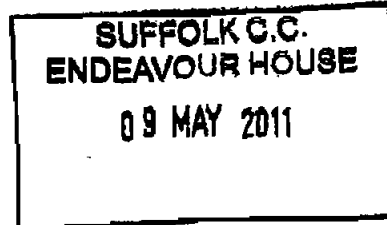
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'Allan'.

Mykal TRIM

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fao Heather Miller (Legal Services)
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05 May 2011

Dear Sirs/Madam

**Re: Suffolk County Council: Various Roads Beccles
Prohibition & Restrictions of Waiting and Additional Measures
Order 200-**

I refer to the intended changes above according to the notice posted near our property, above. All my comments refer specifically to the changes around Denmark Road, Beccles as specified in that order. I have no comments, at this time, to make regarding changes elsewhere. For clarity, we live on the north side of Denmark road. I would like to object to the proposed changes shown in the order and related information now provided to me.

I wonder if there is an error in the notice because of the number being given as "Order 200-." Maybe this means the notice should be re-issued!

I will break my comments into different sections, although there may be some overlap between items in any section.

Process

At every stage of this 'consultation,' the information my wife and/or I have been given about the next stage has been wrong in detail and/or timing. It is not possible to tell whether this has been deliberate, incompetence or just utter confusion!

I am also interested that various Councillors do not bother to answer letters written to them in reference to this matter --local democracy in action? But probably that is something the County Council executive is unable to comment on!

I make mention specifically of the letter we received by post on 13th December 2010 (and dated 9th December 2010). The letter was sent out under the name of Ross Corbyn, Highways Engineer. It was sent second class post. This requested replies by 17th December 2010; that is 4 days from receipt of the letter at a time when the post is under pressure and many people are very busy anyway. This was further complicated because the replied paid envelope was also second class. I telephoned the number given that day to be told that Mr Corbyn was on leave. Why the sudden rush, the previous presentation in the library was in the Spring. Why so poorly organised? Also the maps provided were done partly in colours which were quite illegible regarding some of the parking restrictions (yellow lines on beige background). I pointed this out to Mr Corbyn in December when I eventually got to speak to him. I was promised a set of maps more clearly marked; I am still waiting.

The notice referred to above affixed to the post in the road states clearly that the details will be available in the library in Beccles. I visited the library to inspect this on 28th April 2011 and the library had no copy of the details available for inspection! I have been promised the details will be posted to me as the librarian rang through to your office while I was there. Interesting given that I was told in December/January that I would receive the notices through the post! I have now received the information that was supposed to be in the library directly from the Legal Services office of the County Council on 2nd May (due to intervention of 2 Bank holidays and a weekend).

All of the above seems to represent a complete failure of the consultation process. I intend to bring this to the attention of the local MP.

Maybe it is not the services that should be being outsourced by the county council but the management of those services!

Reasoning

I understand the reason for the changes is claimed to be due to access for fire engines to some properties in Denmark Road. Ambulances often come through this road. I am not sure what has changed that requires a change now after many years of the current position.

Both sides of Denmark Road have a wide tarmaced service road behind them. These are used by the large refuse lorries each Monday without, as far as I am aware, any but occasional, problems in getting through.

Additionally both service roads are also the access for, on the north side, the houses in Providence Place and, on the south side, houses in Pig Lane and Caxton Mews as well as the newly built communal home in Pig Lane. That is to say that the fire service vehicles would need to use these service roads to attend incidents in those properties. Please note that the kitchens in the properties on both sides of Denmark Road are at the rear of the property in nearly every case (maybe all cases). As this is the most likely seat of a fire, the rear of the properties would be a better access point.

Residents' Access

I am concerned about access to properties where vehicles are allowed to park on the pavement. The pavement is not that wide in the first place. Firstly it will make getting large objects from the courtyard gardens at the front of the houses very difficult such as bicycles, push chairs, ladders, or large furniture etc.

How well will the restrictions be enforced to make sure vehicle do not encroach further than intended onto the pavement.

Behind us in Providence Place is a severely blind man who often comes out into Denmark Road with his guide dog. There is also nearby a lady who uses a stick or other aids to mobility. I think the suggested changes involving parking on the pavement are in contravention of the Disability Discrimination Acts of 1995 and 2005. This is particularly true where posts for signs restrict the width still further.

Such parking will also make it difficult for those who use the road using wheel chairs and larger pushchairs to move along the pavement.

One way or another, there could be a certain amount of accidental damage to vehicles as a result.

Exceptions

According to the posted notice, exceptions are to be made for:

- Disabled persons vehicles
- Vehicles used for building, industrial & demolition works
- Emergency vehicles

How does the local authority intend to ensure that none of these obstructions occurs on a day that the fire vehicles need to have access?

Definitions

The order has attached a list of what I would call definitions and explanations under the heading "Part I: Interpretation." Under this section I can find no explanation of the term "kerb."

Under Schedule 9 of the notice relating to Denmark road it states, under "Position in which vehicles may wait," is "on the kerb." I am sure most people would say a kerb is the edging, often in stone or concrete, which marks the edge of the pavement. If it meant something other than that of common usage, it would no doubt have been included under interpretations. So the position to park will be very difficult to achieve, otherwise vehicles will be on the pavement.

Conclusion

1. The changes are unnecessary
2. The process has been so badly undertaken, that I shall ask the MP whether one could request a judicial review.
3. The likelihood is that this change contravenes the Disability Discrimination Acts of 1995 and 2005.
4. I thought the County Council was short of money; this does not seem to represent a good use of resources.

Yours faithfully



Derek Earwood
Resident

Copies to:
Peter Aldous MP
Graham Elliott District councillor