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**Subject:** Appendix D ROW Kitching Objection  
**Date:** 06 February 2015 11:56:21

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**From:** Peter Kitching [<mailto:peterakitching@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 04 February 2015 14:14  
**To:** Anthony Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Experimental traffic management measures on Hardwick Lane, bury St Edmunds

Hi Anthony

That's pretty much it, in a nutshell.

Yes, my objection still stands.

Regards

Peter Kitching

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**From:** Anthony Smith [<mailto:Anthony.Smith@suffolk.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 04 February 2015 14:10  
**To:** Peter Kitching  
**Subject:** RE: Experimental traffic management measures on Hardwick Lane, bury St Edmunds

Dear Mr Kitching,

The lining has been put down as part of an experimental Traffic Regulation Order. Any objections to this experimental order are considered by Suffolk County Councils Rights of Way Committee, made up of Councillors. The recommendation of the committee is determined by Councillor Graham Newman, the Cabinet Member for Roads, Transport and Planning . Thus my question are you still objecting?

My interpretation of your objection is:

'The parking displaced from Hardwick Lane into Sharp Road has destroyed the amenity value of Sharp Road'.

Please confirm that this is the objection you would like me to present to the Rights of Way Committee.

regards

Anthony

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**From:** Peter Kitching [<mailto:peterakitching@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** 04 February 2015 11:35  
**To:** Anthony Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Experimental traffic management measures on Hardwick Lane, bury St Edmunds

Hello Anthony.

Thanks for your note.

I'm not sure what you mean by "progressing" this scheme – I thought the Hardwick Lane lines were here to stay, and there was, now, no further debate.

The objections of residents of Sharp Road (which include myself) are that the council have knowingly pushed hospital parking down into Sharp Road, when they instigated this scheme.

Largely destroying the amenity values in our road was not an issue that any council officers were particularly concerned about.

Officers within the council have rather arrogantly dismissed residents objections by stating that their actions have not created any "safety issues" down Sharp Road – which misses the point, entirely.

Sharp Road is the premier road in Bury St Edmunds, and never had a parking issue, a noise issue, issues with individuals parking on verges, or an increased vehicle crime issue, prior to the lines being placed down Hardwick Lane.

I fully understand that objecting to anything that this council does is rather like blowing into the wind, but it shouldn't, and doesn't stop individuals from raising what they regard as genuine concerns and objections.

Regards

Peter Kitching

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**From:** Anthony Smith [<mailto:Anthony.Smith@suffolk.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 04 February 2015 11:06  
**To:** [peterakitching@gmail.com](mailto:peterakitching@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Experimental traffic management measures on Hardwick Lane, bury St Edmunds

Dear Mr Kitching,

I am now progressing this scheme. Please confirm that you still object to this experimental traffic regulation order based on your e mail below.

Regards

Anthony

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**From:** Peter Kitching [<mailto:peterakitching@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 10 July 2014 12:49  
**To:** Stamp, Sarah  
**Subject:** Sharp Road Parking

Hi Sarah.

I have just attached my previous note to you, to remind you of its' contents, as I'd not had a response from you.

Many of the residents that I have spoken to, recently, have pretty much had enough, now, of the parking situation down this road.

Some days, it's relatively quiet, due to school holidays – as was Hardwick Lane, during holiday periods - other days it's a car park.

It is quite obvious that the council knew exactly what would happen in Sharp Road, when they put yellow lines down Hardwick Lane.

It is also quite obvious that the council is now pretty much putting “two fingers” up to residents, in this road, that are complaining.

The actions of the council are little more than a public disgrace for the way they have disregarded the objections of Sharp Road residents.

It's time now to take the gloves off and start fighting back, in a meaningful way.

Can you advise me what will actually happen when a significant group of Sharp Road residents raise formal objections to the experimental yellow lines down Hardwick Lane ?

For example, will there be an “open forum” where objections can be ventilated, in public ?

If so, will residents be able to have legal representation present – and will members of the press (invited by residents) be allowed to observe proceedings ?

This situation is most definitely not going to go away, Sarah, and many residents feel they have been well and truly “dumped on” , as a result of the council's actions.

There is talk of actually (legally) blocking up all of the available parking spaces down one side of the road with residents cars, early every morning, for a few weeks, and inviting the press down to observe the mayhem that results, and talk to residents.

A simple solution to this problem is for the council to put single yellow lines down Sharp Road, with a 10 until 2, or 12 until 2, parking restriction.

That stops the all-day hospital parking, but allow ad-hoc visitors to come and go.

I would be most grateful for your thoughts, Sarah.

Kind regards

Peter

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**From:** Peter Kitching [<mailto:peterakitching@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 26 June 2014 14:54  
**To:** 'Stamp, Sarah'  
**Subject:** RE: Sharp Road Parking

Hi Sarah, and thanks for your response.

Can you advise what the legal situation is regarding a formal objection to the restrictions in Hardwick Lane ?

For example, do objections actually carry any weight, or do the council just swish them away – as they have done to the complaints about what has happened to Sharp Road ?

Are there any legal requirements to abandon restrictions if a specific number of objections are received – or is it all a waste of time ?

More and more people down this road are getting angry, and upset, about the council's "couldn't-care-less" attitude towards Sharp Road residents.

You will appreciate that not everyone down the road wants to be seen to be publicly complaining – but they are all very concerned about what the council's actions have done to this road.

There are a very significant number of residents down this road who have businesses, and other properties, in Bury St Edmunds, that help to support the local community, and many are feeling that the council is taking them for a ride.

The inconsiderate actions of this council are not going down very well, at all, down this road, Sarah.

Every single person that I talk to, that passes by my door, and stops to talk, has something to say about the parking down our road.

Where do we go from here – this situation is only going to escalate, I'm afraid.

Regards

Peter