

Notice of Proposal: Lechlade

Comments
I have looked at the plans and cannot see the nett increase/decrease in parking spaces for non residents - particularly important when supporting the businesses in the area. Could you please confirm?
I run XXXXXX, on Sherborne Street, XXXX, a busy garage with between 10-15 customers vehicles on site every day. We carry out MOT's, Repairs, Servicing, Tyres and sell used cars. I have XX employees who all drive to work. Customers drop their cars off to us at random times throughout the day and usually park on Oak Street or Burford Road. They cannot park at the garage because they either block the entrance to the workshop or are on double yellow lines. Quite often the vehicle will be in the workshop for less than 2 hours and we are unable to return the vehicle to the parking bay due to the no return within 2 hours rule. Many of our customers drop their car with us before work in the morning and are unable to collect until they finish work. I have looked at getting parking permits for myself and staff but because our premises address is Sherborne Street, we do not currently qualify for any parking permits. I have enquired about parking at Lechlade Memorial Hall car park and have been informed that it is a private car park and not to be used by ourselves for business purposes. Sherborne Street is very difficult to park on during the day because several people that live or work in Lechlade with no parking choose to park here to avoid getting penalised. I appreciate that parking in Lechlade has become increasingly difficult at certain times and we, nor our customers have not had prior notification of these proposed changes. It has become increasingly stressful managing where cars are parked, how long they have been left there and when they need to be moved by. Please can we ask for some advice on how we should manage the parking situation. Could we be considered for some parking permits? Could we be allowed to park staff or customers vehicles at the memorial hall? I also have a recovery trailer that I use to recover vehicles back to the garage. Currently, I have to park on the double yellow lines in front of the garage to load and unload. If this changes to no waiting at anytime, am I able to still park here with a 21ft trailer whilst loading?
I live in Burford Street Lechlade and I am happy to support the generality of the TO. I have one question If you move the parking bays in the market place to the east, as said, then this will reduce the carriageway at the eastern edge (outside maple house and the old vicarage); this is single line unrestricted evening and night; are you satisfied that if a car/ white van parks here at night until 8am (vans are frequent) then there will still be free access for other cars etc to the car park area including for the early morning bus to enter and turn to stop at the new inn??
Regarding the plan to put double yellow lines in St. John's Street, Lechlade. Whilst I welcome the idea of putting double yellow lines on the south side of the street, I feel that they do not extend far enough east. If the plan I have seen is accurate, the lines terminate at the driveway to The Old Rectory in St. John's St. This leaves a distance of about 10 metres where it is possible to park before the driveways to St. John's Coach House and the driveway used and owned by St.

John's House. This stretch is frequently used to park by shoppers and others, many parking on the pavement making access to the town on foot impossible on the south side. I saw this yesterday when a car parked in this spot, on the pavement, and the owner went off to town, effectively reducing the width of the carriageway such that large vehicles could not easily get through.

I believe that the double yellow lines should extend at least as far as the driveway to St. John's Coach House and preferably as far as the western edge of number 1 St. John's St.

I attach two photos of a vehicle parked on the south side of St. John's Street, Lechlade today to back up my point about extending the double yellow lines further east.

IMG_5353 is taken beside the wall where it is currently intended the lines should stop. As you can see, the vehicle is parked outside St. John's Coach House. The other image is taken from further east on the road, showing the end of the wall of St. John's Coach House to where I believe the lines should extend.

Normally, on the opposite (north) side of the street, residents' cars would be parked nose to tail. Allowing parking on the south side, as per the photos, would severely restrict traffic flow and possibly prevent access to the large tractors and combines that pass up and down the road.

Best regards,

Dear Traffic Management Team at ADL Traffic & Highways Engineering Ltd, This is the first time we as XXXX have heard about any changes to the road parking in Lechlade.

We have owned the property for seven years yet have received no prior notification and enable us to present a professional opinion.

We have recently applied for hatching to be placed in front of our cellar doors, application receipt below:

Mon 07/04/2025 12:20 Highways Customer Service highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk

RE: Highway Marking Application - 'H' Marking on the highway: HMK -5248002 - enquiry ref 11484103 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

The reason for this request was the inability for the delivery drivers to access our cellar doors, either because cars had parked incorrectly or even over the cellar doors. Also when the doors are open, the delivery needs a certain amount of space to allow pedestrians access around. On a recent health and safety audit, it was of more concern and priority that in the event of a fire or other risk in the cellar that staff would not be able to escape via the doors because cars bumpers now block over. Cars have obviously got longer and larger over the years, so it is not suitable or practical for parking to exist in a position where the pub has always had access. I also notice that you intend to create a parking space where there is currently a hatched area by our pub arch. This space provides access for three separate beneficiaries. All the pub bins are brought out this way and are left on the hatched area for collection. There is no other suitable place for commercial bin collections. Access is also required to service cellar air conditioning units housed in the archway. It should also be noted that I have seen multiple disability scooters and such like use this dropped curve to gain a better crossing over the road.

I look forward to your response at the earliest convenience to allow me time to seek professional advise if needed.

We live in XXXX, Sherborne Street, Lechlade, XXX and wish to raise the following points/objections to the above parking changes:

1. The 2 hours and no return parking restrictions on the high street/oak street are too short in duration and the strict enforcement of no return aspect is not good for the local businesses or locals. It encourages too frequent exiting of parking spaces and this is a safety issue. We witness frequent safety issues when cars are exiting the parking spaces into the main road.

4 hours and a relaxation overnight of restrictions until 9am the following day would help the local pubs and allow visitors to go to the river during the day. I doubt any local person requested such a short duration. The restriction just pushes the cars into the surrounding area which means that other streets are being impacted by the restrictions. We struggle to park in Sherborne Street as shop assistants, the garage cars and visitors park in our street also to avoid the restrictions. Also those dropping off their car at the local garage will struggle with 2 hour and no returns restrictions. Surely the restrictions are meant to help the town function better for the locals who live and pay our taxes here.

We can see that the 2 hour duration north of Sherborne Street makes sense as there are residents also trying to park in this area.

2. We agree with the reinforcement of the double yellow line restrictions outside Budgens as this is a safety issue. Also agree with the disabled parking in the market square being enforced.

3. St Johns Street parking naturally slows the traffic entering Lechlade so would not want anything which enables traffic to pass more swiftly through the area.

4. There should be a sign at the traffic lights and from St John's St to indicate that there is free car parking at the Memorial Hall. This facility is currently underused and would help visitors find the free parking.

Many thanks for reading this .

Regards
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Proposed changes to waiting restrictions in Lechlade - 5227-89

Morning,

I see one problem with enforcing the 2 hour limit on parking in Lechlade and that is there will be more cars, particularly businesses looking to park in Sherborne Street.

The double yellow lines down one side of Sherborne Street have worn away completely.

There are often cars parked on the pavements where the lines are no longer visible. This restricts pedestrians, particularly the residents of Bomford flats in Swan Close who are elderly and have mobility issues.

Our main concern is that emergency vehicles, particularly Ambulances going to Swan Close, will be impeded.

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To whom it may concern,

I write with concern about the plans for parking in Lechlade, Gloucestershire. Whilst I am supportive in principle of the scheme, I am wondering if any assessment has been conducted into whether this will increase parking on Sherborne Street by non-residents. I live on Sherborne Street and like many of my neighbours, do not have a driveway. It can be difficult to park in the street, and I am often a fair walk from my house, I feel this may get worse if parking is limited on the other streets, especially in tourist season.

Many thanks for your consideration

XXXXX

reference 5227-89

Hi, I write with reference to the recent communication on amendments to parking in Lechlade. I can see the proposal looks to make the best use of parking in the centre of Lechlade, something that as a business operator in the town I approve of.

However, I note an amend proposed that would affect the operation of our business. Please see attached map circling the position on the scheme map. We operate XXXXX convenience store in the centre. The spot I have circled has always been made available for us for parking without restriction as that is directly in front of our goods delivery access door. We have all manner of deliveries coming into the store. We also have goods to collect and home deliveries to send out in our delivery vehicle. This often needs a vehicle to be some time unloading/loading. If double yellow lines were to be enforced, then technically we would not be able to carry out these operations essential to the operation of our business. As you can appreciate this would cause some significant health and safety concerns were we not to be able to move goods in and out of our loading bay.

I therefore politely request that this spot can remain accessible to use to be able to operate our business.

Kind Regards

Dear Sirs / Madams

Further the above traffic notice for amendment of parking restrictions, re painting of white and yellow lines, resurfacing in Lechlade town centre.

I was born and brought up in Lechlade and have been a resident in Sherborne Street for XXX. You can appreciate that during the XX or XX years of my life in Lechlade I have seen many many changes, difficulties with traffic and attitude of councils and residents.

Lechlade was always a busy bustling town and the traffic issues were there for as long as i can remember, however back to the days as a teenager and early working years these issues were far more dangerous and difficult to overcome in that large transport lorries were the norm, negotiating the Swindon junction without traffic lights.

Today the issues are volume, attitude, speed, inadequate signage and parking space.

As a child my mother walked my brother and I to school.....today its mum in a car or for the good amount of them the large SUVs or Chelsea Tractors.

Cars didn't have power steering and people parked their cars with pride and consideration for others, including pedestrians.

Parking on the high street is essential to businesses, the owners and staff are eligible for permits and despite this being a charge to them, it is a business expense and therefore tax deductible. However 2 hours is not long for visitors or local trade, for example hairdressing appointments. 2 hours for elderly or those with mobility issues is not long enough to enable them to do their shopping, chemist, post office etc. If they are unable to move to another space for a further stay they will avoid Lechlade at the cost to the businesses and Lechlade as a whole. The short restrictions will increase the volume of traffic movement in and out along the main street which is dangerous and will then cause further issues, and accidents. Businesses should be advised to use the public car park at the Memorial Hall and encourage their staff to use this too, therefore leaving the centre of Lechlade available for trade.

By imposing these restrictions, this will also mean that Sherborne Street will be used for longer periods of parking causing extended issues for residents in the street. This is already a severe issue and causes immense problems to residents. Residents who pay council tax based on the banding where values are increased for town centre location. I can very rarely park outside or close to my home, and despite appearing physically fit i do have severe back and neck issues from a road traffic accident, and I struggle with carrying my shopping or work records etc as these cannot be left in my car over night. People do not park with consideration for others, leaving large gaps between the next vehicle, parking on the path and overlapping yellow lines. Sherborne Street is often used for people leaving vehicles here when going away on holiday not returning for several days, untaxed and un MOT'd. On occasions i have reported vehicles for not being taxed. We would never be allowed residents parking but surely we are entitled to consideration for our homes. The swimming pool that has opened on the main road, has caused increased traffic and parking, again large SUVs and no

consideration for residents here in Sherborne Street, and the Loaders. PLEASE PLEASE CONSIDER THE RESIDENTS OF LECHLADE AND THE TOWN CENTRE THAT WE PAY TO LIVE HERE, YOU APPEAR TO BE MORE CONCERNED IN VISITORS WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR COUNCIL TAX TO LIVE HERE, WE NEED VISITORS BUT WE NEED A HAPPY COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR US AND THE VISITORSWE NEED THIS BALANCE.....MORE PARKING AND LESS RESTRICTIONS.

On several occasions I have raised the point that the car park at the Memorial Hall, is not sign posted as you enter Lechlade from Faringdon, Swindon or Fairford and once the trees have grown then the signs from Burford are not visible. This should be made a priority and addressed as soon as possible with the holiday season upon us.

Historical planning has not provided room for growth or thought to the future but it is time now for further parking to be found to enable Lechlade to provide space for traders, employees and visitors to park.

Dear Sir / Madam

In respect of the above Street Parking Order, could I please make a minor request.

If it is possible could it be arranged to leave a narrow gap of approx. 1m between the spaces outside The Swan pub. Perhaps chevrons or some such could be painted to stop people parking in this zone.

The reasoning being.

1 Parked cars often over sail the kerb line and block the basement cellar doors located in the pavement

2 When all the spaces are occupied it is difficult to manoeuvre the beer barrels from the brewery dray to the cellar without risking damage to vehicles.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Urgent Objection to Removal of "Keep Clear" Markings Outside New Wave Brasserie, Lechlade 522789

I am writing urgently on behalf of XXXXX regarding the proposed removal of the "Keep Clear" road markings in front of XXXX and the

installation of parking bays.

We use this access point daily for deliveries and collections, both for our restaurant and for our fish market operations. The ability for delivery vehicles to enter and exit freely is critical to our business. Losing this access would cause major disruption to our supply chain, impact customer service, and create serious health and safety risks.

The introduction of parking bays in this location would inevitably lead to vehicles blocking our access, making it impossible for suppliers to deliver goods or for us to manage waste collections. This will directly affect our ability to operate and could seriously harm our business and the local economy we support.

We strongly object to this change and request that the “Keep Clear” marking is maintained. We ask for urgent confirmation that this matter will be reconsidered.

We are happy to discuss this in person if required and look forward to your prompt response.

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