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Dear Mr Mumford

Prohibition of Waiting - School Road/Wales Road/Church Street/Orchard Lane, Wales

I wish to object to the part of the proposed Order relating to Church Street, Wales.

I agree entirely that some waiting restrictions are necessary, but the proposed changes will make the situation worse, not better. The central problem in Church Street is that the stretch between Orchard Lane and The Square is not wide enough to permit parking on both sides. I myself have on occasion had to turn round and access my property in Church Street from Orchard Lane because there was no room to pass between parked vehicles. It is obviously more difficult still for large vehicles, including emergency vehicles, to get through. Residents and people who regularly have to park on the road, being aware of this, usually park with their nearside wheels on the pavement, which is of course illegal but allows easier passage for vehicles.

Under the present arrangements, the incidence of bilateral parking is relatively infrequent, but the proposed changes, by compressing legal parking into a short corridor on each side of the street, will inevitably make it an almost permanent occurrence, as the nearest alternative place to park will be some 20 metres or so south of the junction with Orchard Lane.

A much more satisfactory arrangement would be to extend the double yellow lines on the west side of the street for the whole stretch between Orchard Lane and The Square. In compensation, the restrictions on the east side need not extend southwards beyond the junction with Orchard Lane where they serve no useful purpose. I see no reason why they should go further south than the lamp post opposite the Orchard Lane junction, which would give adequate access to and from Orchard Lane. The street at this point and to the south is wider than the bottleneck between Orchard Lane and The Square.

Finally, there is a typographical error in the Public Notice, Church Street (v) where reference is made to "a point 21 north". Presumably this should read "21 metres", and is therefore consistent with the consultation document issued on 4 November.

I hope these points will be taken into account by the Council, thus averting the likelihood that the scheme will become a cause of dissatisfaction and permanent controversy.

Yours sincerely