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Laburnum Parade Shops Petition
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Dear Sir

The Businesses & Customers of shops on Addison Road/Laburnum Parade make formal request for additional & safer parking. This request is backed-up with a petition of mass signatures, comments from local residents/customers & Maltby councillors who acknowledge the problem & fully support this proposal. This request is also backed by Weldricks Pharmacy Ltd – supporting letter enclosed.

The current parking situation is completely inadequate. The narrow road, lack of spaces & closeness of parked cars make it hazardous to park & cross safely. It is a bad situation that has gone on long enough & getting worse.

Customer quotes from comment sheet:

- "Fed up of getting my wing mirrors smashed"
- "It's getting dangerous children running out in front of parked cars that can't get parked up and driving around"
- "Terrible Terrible Terrible Traffic"
- "I'm going through my 3rd claim for damages to my car"
- "Wasn't wide enough for coach & it dragged parked cars"

Businesses are losing trade when people can't park & customers are avoiding the shops because of the situation.

Customer quotes from comment sheet:

- "My Wife won't come here because of the parking"
- "If I can't park I drive off"
- "Parking is a shambles cant get near shops"
- "I ask every time councillors call at my door"

The importance of customers being able to park & shop was highlighted at the start of the year when the main road past the shops was closed for 8 wks. Businesses suffered substantial financial losses. Being within a housing estate & not in a main town, businesses here need to attract as much custom as possible.

Why its getting worse.

Additional housing has been built in the area in recent years. Also there is a better selection of very serviceable shops to the public. These recent additions include Weldricks Pharmacy for vital prescriptions & medicines & the Card & Gift shop. A mini-supermarket near-by is being turned into flats which will consequently add to the shoppers trying to park on Laburnum Parade.

Last year, in acknowledgement of the safety issue, a path was laid across the grass verge opposite the shops & the curb lowered for pedestrians to cross. But because of lack of parking, cars continue to park across the pedestrian crossing – which has also REDUCED the parking.

Customers are also forced to step out of their cars onto sludgy holes on the grass verge.

The whole experience for customers trying to park is stressful & dangerous & something needs to be done. Emergency vehicles would struggle to attend an emergency.

Over the years there has been a constant turn-over of different businesses trying to make a living on Laburnum Parade. Better parking would help secure the future of the businesses here & also increase employment. Customers are saying “the shops are great but the parking terrible”.

Simple solution

There is a large grass verge opposite the shops. Every customer signing the petition has mentioned using this. A one-way system with slot-in/slot-out parking bays would increase the amount of cars being able to park safely. Currently it is only possible to drive one-way anyway.

This Petition & request for better, safer parking, is presented for & on behalf of customers, residents & businesses at Laburnum Parade, Malby.

With Regards

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Ma (PREMIER)

Laburnum (FISH SHOP) Style Station

Abah (TATTOO SHOP) Spar

The Gift Box, Zaks Fish Bar, Bailey's Body Art, Style Station, Weldricks, Premier Store, Spar Supermarket.

Encs. Petition with over 1,000 signatures & comment sheets; Photo's of parking problem; Supporting letter from Weldricks Pharmacy.