

52 Broom Crescent,

Rotherham.

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26th August 2014

J. Collins,

Director of Legal and Democratic Services,

Rotherham Borough Council,

Riverside House,

Main Street,

Rotherham S60 1AE.



Dear Ms. Collins,

The Rotherham Borough Council (Various Roads, Rotherham)

(Traffic Regulation)(Consolidation) Order 2011

(Amendment No.78) Order 2014

Reference NF/53262

We would refer to the above mentioned public notice which appeared in the Rotherham Advertiser on the 8th August.

We wish to formally object to the Council's proposal to further extend parking restrictions on Broom Road, in the vicinity of the Rotherham Hospice, due to the direct impact that this will have on the residents living at the southern end of Broom Crescent.

A copy of a letter, dated the 14th August 2014, which we sent to the Rotherham Advertiser is enclosed for your information and we would request that this is accepted as part of the statement of reasons for our objection.

Since the Hospice was built in 1996 it and the local residents peacefully co-existed really until 2011. In this year the opening of the building extension whilst providing valuable and much needed patient care coincided with the re-organisation of the NHS, at which time the Hospice Trust became responsible for around 70 additional staff.

The intensification in the use of the building, with a variety of management and midwifery training courses etc taking place is at the crux of the issue. This wider usage of the building

was not anticipated at the time of the planning application for the building extension, and was certainly not mentioned at the public meeting of local residents.

The Local Planning Authority approved the planning application RB2009/0099 in April 2009 with minimal additional car parking provision. However, planning condition No.8 was very explicit on the need for clear and unambiguous Travel Plan objectives, modal split targets, and 'regular reviews and improvement' and monitoring. Based upon the fact that the Hospice Trust are now rumoured to be seeking 55 parking spaces, the usage of public transport must be close to zero, and the LPA has clearly not monitored the situation as implied by the above planning condition.

Unless and until Rotherham Borough Council and the Rotherham Hospice Trust jointly address the issues of the wider usage of the building, beyond the patient care we all value and admire, and the availability of land for additional car parking to accommodate this usage, conditions in the area will remain difficult for patients, visitors, and residents alike.

In these circumstances we feel it would be helpful if the Borough Council were to defer the introduction of further parking restrictions at the present time.

Yours sincerely,

*Ian Hawkridge, Terry Betts, Pete Carpenter, Pat Fuller, Alan Graves,
Stewart Atkinson, Julie Shaw, and Bernard Horan.*

Residents of Broom Crescent

POSTBAG,
Rotherham Advertiser,
Brookfields Way,
Manvers,
Wath – upon – Dearne,
Rotherham S63 5DL.

14th August 2014.

Dear Sir,

Rotherham Hospice Car Parking

We would refer to Tracey Harrison – Marr's statement on behalf of the Rotherham Hospice which appeared in the 8th August edition of the Advertiser.

It is obviously no coincidence that the statement appears in the same edition of the newspaper as an RMBC notice stating that parking restrictions on Broom Road are to be extended even further. The public notice a couple of months ago introducing the initial restrictions was accompanied by a similar statement in the same edition from the Hospice Chief Executive.

There are severe parking problems in the immediate vicinity of the Hospice. The week before the introduction of parking restrictions on Broom Road it was noted that on three consecutive days there were 20 vehicles in the Hospice car park, 16 non resident cars on Broom Road, and 17 on the southern end of Broom Crescent.

Ms Harrison – Marr mentions that RMBC have been approached with respect to the use of the Herringthorpe Stadium car park. There are rumours in the local area that the Hospice has also sought permission to extend its car park onto the steeply sloping area of playing field adjoining the Hospice but has been turned down twice by the Council. Seemingly it is ok to propose to sell off part of the playing fields for housing but not to ease the problems of the Hospice and local residents.

The Council's action in further extending parking restrictions in the area has to be seriously questioned. The parking restrictions already in place have improved road safety at the Broom Crescent / Broom Road junction. Yes, the situation is not perfect but highway conditions in the area are no worse than on many other roads in the Borough. Indeed it can be argued that in the present situation road users drive more carefully, and slower, than if the road was a 'clearway'. We think it is reasonable for local residents to request the Council to defer the extension of parking restrictions until a long term solution has been found to the Hospice's problems.

The Hospice also has a role to play in minimising the problem. We know that some of the nurses 'car share' on the journey to work, but it appears that there is a lot more going on at

the Hospice than treating in-patients and day-patients. We realise that the Hospice gained wider responsibilities following the NHS Reorganisation but why is it being used as a base for Midwifery and other NHS training? If the Hospice is further increasing car parking demand by extending its day services, and the Council proceeds with its plans, there is only one outcome – more cars parking on Broom Crescent.

The Highway Engineer dealing with this issue has no doubt devised the proposals after a desk based study. If he/she cared to visit the area it would be realised that many of the houses on Broom Crescent do not have off road parking, and many resident's cars are parked on the road throughout the working day. The Council may think that the more difficult they make it to park the more likely that people may use public transport or cycle to the Hospice. The so called 'Green Travel Plan' may be appropriate to RMBC's Riverside House offices but it is hardly appropriate to Rotherham Hospice.

The Hospice has stated that the solution may be some years away. This is of no comfort at all to patients, visitors, staff, or indeed local residents. What do our three Ward Councillors think? Isn't this just the sort of local issue that they were elected to sort out?

Yours sincerely,

*Ian Hawkrige, Terry Betts, Pete Carpenter, Pat Fuller, Alan Graves,
Stewart Atkinson, Julie Shaw, Leigh Mellor, and Robb Ward.*

Residents of Broom Crescent.