

CONSULTATION

Possible parking restrictions in St Matthews Gardens

Dear St Matthews Gardens resident

You may be aware that the road and pavements at St Matthews Gardens were adopted as public highway by the County Council earlier this year and the earlier privately operated No Parking scheme was withdrawn. A decision is now needed on whether the County Council should introduce new parking restrictions (double yellow lines) over part or all of the road. As your county councillor, **I am writing to you to ask for your views.**

From discussions with residents over the years, I know there are differing views about the way forward. To try and find a solution that has general support, ward councillors, council officers and residents have had discussions and produced a possible plan, which is described in this letter and the attached Plan.

PROPOSAL

As you can see, the Plan shows double yellow lines (ie no parking at any time) on both sides of the road, except for six short lengths of road where it is felt that there is adequate physical space to allow parking. The County Council advises that these spaces would accommodate approximately 11 vehicles in total, and they would be available at all times. One space could be reserved now or later for a Car Club.

ISSUES

The proposal tries to strike a reasonable balance between the following considerations:

- There are differing views and needs over parking within the estate and these need to be recognised.
- There must be no obstruction to large vehicles such as fire engines, refuse vehicles and delivery lorries.
- Many residents value highly the quiet, safe, relatively car-free street environment that was created over several years by the privately operated No Parking scheme.
- It is important to help meet the needs of numerous estate residents (the tenants of Granta Housing) who do not have access to underground parking.
- Visitors including family, friends and service providers (eg builders) sometimes need to park. Providing some spaces within the estate is useful to estate residents and reduces parking pressures on neighbouring streets.
- The planning history of the estate, whilst not definitive in its advice, indicates an intention to limit parking on the road and it is right to take this into consideration.

PLEASE send your comments by Tuesday 4th October. There are two ways to do so:

1. Fill in the questionnaire overleaf and put through the letterbox at [redacted] St Matthews Gardens ([redacted]), or
2. Send an email or letter to me and/or the other ward councillors (contact details at the end of this letter).

NEXT STEPS

Councillors and council officers will use the results of this consultation to assess whether there is support for parking restrictions in St Matthews Gardens and for the Plan proposed in this letter, or an adjusted version of it.

If there is support, the council will publish a Traffic Regulation Order (which will be subject to a formal public consultation process). A final decision would be made following that second consultation. The decision would be made by council officers unless there are objections from members of the public, in which case the matter would be decided by the Area Joint Committee in January 2012.

FUNDING

The costs of the scheme will **not** be met by the County Council as it does not lie within the council's current policy priorities for funding. Council policy allows for citizens to provide funding and it is my understanding that the Steering Group of the St Matthews Gardens Residents' Association has indicated that private funding will be provided to pay the costs of the scheme. Any queries about this should be made to Steering Group members ([redacted]) or ([redacted]).

I do hope you will take the opportunity to make your views known about this matter so that the best possible decision can be made in the interests of the whole estate.

I will write to you again to let you know the outcome of this process.

Yours sincerely
Nichola Harrison

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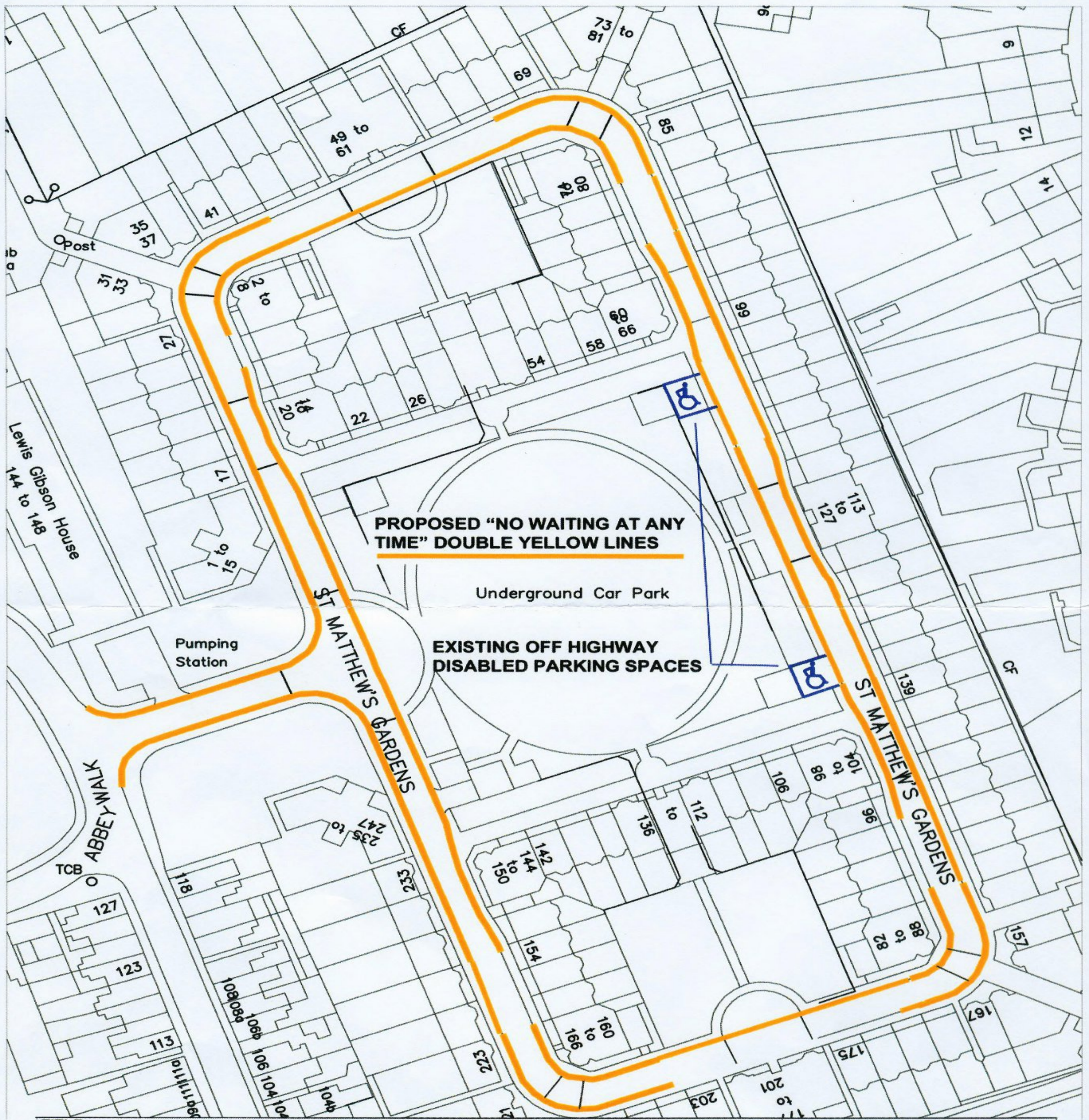
QUESTIONNAIRE

Tear off here and put through the letterbox at [redacted] St Matthews Gardens ([redacted]) by Tuesday 4th October 2011

QUESTIONNAIRE: Possible parking restrictions, St Matthews Gardens

Your name and address (please print).....


- (1) Do you support the principle of parking restrictions (double yellow lines) on part or all of the road? YES NO
- (2) Do you support the proposal contained in the letter from Cllr Nichola Harrison? YES NO
- (3) Do you want to suggest any amendments to the proposal? YES NO
- (4) Do you have any other comments or views about this matter? YES NO



PROPOSED "NO WAITING AT ANY TIME" DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Underground Car Park

EXISTING OFF HIGHWAY DISABLED PARKING SPACES

TITLE: Proposed No Waiting at Any Time - St. Matthew's Gardens				Cambridgeshire Highways	
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