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Residents of Towngate  
Northowram

I would like to register my objections for the above application.

One of the main reasons when buying our property a few years ago was that on-street parking was so close, which was important to us. Our ages are 65 and 62 and moving forward the thought of losing these spaces are making us feel really worried and very anxious. It would make it very difficult getting shopping and deliveries to our house. It is also a worry for later on in life if any health issues arise and caregivers are needed to attend.

There is a small car park in the village which has got twelve parking spaces plus one disabled space. The car park has been fitted with fifteen electric charging points, so more charging points than spaces.

We don't feel that removing these spaces would have any impact. We feel having parked cars just after the corner does help to slow the cars coming through the village down making it feel safer. It would make more sense to have the restrictions on the opposite side of the road near close to where the bus stop is. Cars are constantly pulling up and parking on the pavement, making it impossible for pedestrians to pass safely.

We also have five young grandchildren one who is autistic. We do look after our grandchildren throughout the week. Our worry would be getting them and everything that comes with them safely back into the house if the spaces are removed.

Losing the on-street parking would make it extremely difficult and very very stressful and not something we had anticipated would ever happen.

Yours sincerely

Residents of Towngate

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For attention of Traffic Team

Reference TRO/BR/KM

Objection for waiting and loading and parking places Halifax consolidation order  
2015 variation No.\* order 20\*\*

We residents of Towngate, Northowram  
wish to make an objection to the proposed restrictions of no waiting at any  
time and no loading Monday to Friday 8:15am until 9:15am and 2:30pm until 4:00pm  
on a length of Town Gate Northowram.

As our property has been in our family for nearly 40 years we can fully appreciate that there is  
definitely a traffic problem on Town Gate which needs addressing.  
We feel to put these restrictions on this small stretch of Town Gate will cause increased problems  
for the rest of Town Gate and could be a sticking plaster that quickly falls off.

Below we have listed our concerns we wish the council to take into consideration.

1. Why are the restrictions only on one side of the road and not on the other side were there is a bus stop and two driveways. We feel people will only park on this side of the road if the proposed restrictions go ahead which occasionally they do now and block the bus stop plus park on the pavement blocking access to pedestrians, who have to then walk in the road.
2. If these restrictions go ahead what happens when residents get a delivery and it arrives in the loading and unloading restriction times most companies do not have delivery times to fit in with the proposed times and many don't deliver at weekends.
3. We do at the moment have one parking space that doesn't fall in the proposed restrictions and it is in front of a garage not used as such, but the property it belongs to has just been sold so when the new owners move in they may use it as a conventional garage so that space to unload will have gone.
4. We would also like to know if the council wanted to impose these parking restrictions why they have put so many electric vehicle charging points on the village car park which is really our only sensible parking place. We have included photos of these and the lack demand for them. We can honestly say we have only seen one car charging there and I'm not sure if that is their only parking place as we have only seen it twice, maybe a visitor rather than a resident. There are parking restrictions to these spaces asking only cars charging to park in these spots from 6pm to 8am we assume there are no fines if non charging cars use them

but that's not to say there won't be in the future. So we beg to ask the council where do we park then as we would have to park further down Town Gate and use spots for the shop and outside other residents houses causing problems for them. Can I take the opportunity to let the council know at this point we are a three adult household with only one car so we are not looking for multiple parking spaces, yet parking will become a big problem with limited availability.

5. We have found over the years that Town Gate is quite often used as a rat run for traffic wanting to cut out Bradford Road. Many seem to think that the 20 miles an hour request doesn't apply to them and take the bend at Lydgate towards the village in the region of double the requested speed. But once they reach any parked vehicles in the spot to have restrictions they have to slow down, so actually vehicles in the proposed restrictions area slows traffic down through the village especially before they reach around Town Gate Stores were there are more pedestrians both of an older generation and children.
6. Until recently South Terrace has historically been an ideal dwelling place for the older residents of Northowram, who wouldn't want to it is a desirable place to live. The shops, Library, Doctors, Pharmacy, Post Office, bus stop all on the flat easy to access, with this in mind we plus neighbours of ours have made our present address our last, as we are of an age to be planning our retirement dates, plus both have medical conditions that effect our movement and will worsen with age. With age comes medical care at home, help with work on the house and in the home, plus maybe home day care even window cleaning, people who work in these fields cannot stick to the proposed restrictions of loading, unloading and parking, yet need easy access to homes in South Terrace.
7. We would also have concerns there could be other traffic proposals for the rest of Town Gate that would have an impact on us.
8. As our retirement date is on the horizon we also have the thoughts of where we can park in the future as obviously our coming and going times will change dramatically, during the day the village car park is used mainly by visitors to the school so coming and going during the week will be just about impossible as we will have no were to park once you leave a parking space there it is filled and not being able to park by our home where could we park?
9. We are concerned that our local Green Party councillor did not included the issue in his latest newsletter after as residents we spoke to him at length last summer in our garden and pointed all the concerns we have raised now and made the point other traffic calming measures could be used instead of no parking.
10. We would ask the council if they could perhaps grant residents a parking permit scheme instead of a no parking restriction on the proposed stretch of Town Gate many villages in Cumbria and North Yorkshire have these on much narrower roads than Town Gate and it works for their residents.

Thank you for taking time to read our concerns, we are hoping that the council can come to a decision to help all residents of Town Gate as everyone living in this area knows that many of the passing drivers don't care for our village area as much as residents do and we all need to take care of our historic village and it's residents.

We would also like to have some written out come on the decision if that is at all possible.

Please see follow up email with photographs attached

Kind Regards residents of Towngate

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