

Stockbridge Parking Survey - February 2020

Summary

Approximately 100 questionnaires were delivered to residents and businesses on or adjacent to Stockbridge High Street. These were hand delivered and where possible we spoke to the home owner/business owner to explain the purpose of this survey and provide further explanation as necessary.

We had 55 forms returned many of which contained additional comments

From residents.

34 returns of which 23 replied No and 11 replied Yes

So almost 70% in favour of No parking controls

From Businesses/Traders

21 returns of which 11 replied No and 10 replied Yes

52 % No v 48% Yes

In light of these results it's clear that the majority of High Street residents favour the status quo.

A selection of common themes raised

From a resident *"Yes – to avoid people parking all day."*

From a trader *"Yes – I have personal experience of car sharing in the early hours for Greatly or Winchester stations & the weekend cycling fraternity who do not spend in the village."*

From a resident *"Yes – Controlled parking between certain hours of the day to stop car sharing"*

From a resident *"No – "Need white lines to stop people parking badly"*

From a resident *"No – it's already an expensive place to live why would we be considering paying for parking outside our own house, we never have trouble finding a parking space"*

From a trader *"No – Parking charges would deter passing trade, would favour having parking bays on the high street"*

From a resident *"No – It would ruin Stockbridge's economy and ambience"*

Taking into account the comments from both Residents and Traders it's clear that we should examine some parking enhancements.

- Marking spaces on the high street to reduce poor parking and this may even create additional parking
 - Survey and costings required
- Traders/Staff to use parking provided in the layby on London road
 - Guy to raise issue with SBA
 - Letter to traders?
- Address problem of parking abusers, commercial business user parking in Trafalgar way & park and ride/car sharing resulting in cars being left all day
 - Investigate possibility of bringing in limited parking controls – say between 9 & 10 am
 - Re-investigate parking lite options with HCC/ Caroline Noakes

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