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September 3, 2010

D. E Bond

Director of Law & Democracy  
Stockton Borough Council  
Municipal Buildings  
Church Road  
Stockton-on-Tees  
TS18 1LD

Dear Sirs

Ref: Prohibition of stopping order 1999, Amendment No 2 Order 2010 Schedule 4

I am writing with regard to the above proposal for painting of zigzag markings at the pedestrian access for Hardwick Green Primary School located on High Newham Road. I wish to register my concerns and objections to this proposal.

I reside in Cleadon Walk which runs parallel to the actual walkway and therefore have no direct parking at the front of the property. There is limited parking at the rear of the property which is normally occupied by vehicles owned by other occupants of Cleadon Walk and Cleatlam Close. As a result I and other neighbours find it necessary to park on High Newham in the proposed location for the markings. In addition, due to repetitive vandalism we and neighbours have experienced we have installed CCTV cameras on the outside of the property to monitor activity around the vehicles.

The prohibition of parking in this area would prevent our monitoring of the vehicles and leave them more open to further vandalism as well as the inconvenience of parking some distance away from the residence.

Whilst I appreciate the need to protect the children from injury on their journey to and from school I would ask that you reconsider the proposal for the road markings or provide parking bays adjacent to the properties at this location.

If you require any further information please feel free to contact me further.

Sincerely,

Janet McGregor



Stockton-on-Tees  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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9<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Dear Ms McGregor

**THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON ON TEES, VARIOUS SCHOOLS, STOCKTON ON TEES  
(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING) ORDER 1999 AMENDMENT NO.2 ORDER 2010**

Further to your letter of objection dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 regarding the above which was formally received by Legal Services and forwarded onto Network Safety for reply.

I would like to take this opportunity to give you some background information regarding this proposal.

There is an existing Traffic Regulation Order relating to yellow 'school – keep clear' zig zag markings at school gates. The purpose of the advertised amendment is primarily to update the list of school names and accesses within the existing Order across the whole Stockton Borough. The existing Order needs updating because new schools, such as Hardwick Green, have been built, some school sites have moved or closed, such as Hardwick Primary, and others have amalgamated. For enforcement purposes, a zig zag marking must be backed by a Traffic Regulation Order within which the school name and specific road names must be listed.

As you are aware the draft Order contains references to Hardwick Green which has pedestrian gates on High Newham Road and Tithe Barn Road. Upright yellow signs must also be used with the zig zag road marking; the signs advise the specific times of the restriction are Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. These times are determined by the Department for Transport on a National basis to cover the variety of start and finish times of schools and nurseries across the country.

It is therefore permissible to park on the marking on a weekend and also overnight between 5pm and 8am. Site visits have observed spaces were available to the rear of Cleadon Walk / Cleatlam Close during the standard working day. I appreciate there may be increased demand on the available spaces on an evening and weekends as this is when residents return home from work, however, parking on High Newham Road on the zig zag marking would be allowed at these times since the school is closed. Enforcement of school time restrictions is less of a priority during school holidays when Patrols are targeted at other areas such as town centres.

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High Newham Road is adopted highway and as such there are no specific rights to park, even on the road outside of an individual's property.

You will be aware of the highway improvements made to the entrance to Hardwick Green on High Newham Road to encourage walking to school and to improve road safety. The zig zag marking would prohibit parking and thereby further improve road safety since visibility to the left of the raised feature would be unobstructed. This is particularly important as it is traffic from that direction that has priority when travelling through the pinch point feature.

It would not be possible to construct parking bays adjacent to the properties as you suggest because this forms a walkway linking High Newham Road and Tithe Barn Road and would involve the loss of a well used footway.

I trust that you can appreciate Hardwick Green and all associated accesses are contained within the draft Order because it is a new school (2009) and needs adding into the Traffic Regulation Order. The times of the restriction cannot be altered since they are determined by the Department for Transport although the marking only applies Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm when parking opportunity to the rear of your property is more readily available. A plan of the proposed marking is attached for your information; this shows the marking at the absolute minimum permitted length of 25.50 metres.

Please consider the information provided. The next stage is to ask you to consider your objection in terms of if you wish to uphold your objection or if you wish to withdraw your objection. If you wish to uphold your objection the matter will be referred to the Council's Appeals and Complaints Committee for consideration. As an objector you will be invited to attend and given every opportunity to address the Committee Members.

Please complete the attached reply slip indicating your intentions and return it in the enclosed pre paid envelope within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Mark Gillson  
**Senior Engineer – Network Safety**

Encl.

CC Sue Wilkinson, Legal Services, Municipal Buildings (for your records)

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Ref: TS/T/15/1

Dear Mr Gillson

**THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON-ON-TEES (VARIOUS SCHOOLS, STOCKTON ON TEES) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING) AMENDMENT ORDER 1999 No. 2 ORDER 2010**

With reference to my letter of objection to the Council's Law & Democracy Department regarding the above draft Order and the contents of the Network Safety Senior Engineer's correspondence:

1. I wish my **upheld objection**, to be considered by the Council's Appeals and Complaints Committee YES / ~~NO~~ \*
  
2. I wish to **withdraw** my objection to the draft Order ~~YES~~ / NO \*

(\*Please delete as appropriate).

From: J. MCGREGOR *J. McGregor*

Address: 17 Cleadon Walk, Stockton on Tees, TS19 8PN.

Date: 12/10/10

**Please return reply slip by 15 October 2010.**

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