

Dear Councillors,

Following a recent committee meeting of the Resident's Association, and following a long discussion on the total lack of control and abuse of parking in the area, it was agreed that we would request you put down a motion to City Council on our behalf with a view to restrict the ease with which non residents can be allowed to obtain residents parking permits.

It is quite obvious to anyone who lives in the area or who cares to notice that there is a total breakdown of the parking permit system, with students openly abusing the system even though the Cork City Development Plan states that students be encouraged to use public transport. Many former residential properties have been converted and/or extended etc to student accommodation (many without any planning being applied for or granted). There has to be a system in place where students are not entitled to resident parking permits.

There are also serious issues with people(mainly students) parking cars on double yellow lines and/or blocking exits to parks and houses when traffic wardens are off duty usually from 7pm onwards. This a serious health and safety concern as it can prevent access for Emergency Services and prevents the refuse services from carrying out their refuse collection.

We suggest the following:

1. As part of all future student residential accommodation planning applications for this area, that there should be a requirement on all planning applicants, to include a statement advising all potential student tenants that there is no onsite parking available and no parking available in the residential area in the vicinity the complex when advertising the planned accommodation.
2. Student applications for parking permits for former and future residential property addresses converted to student accommodation be refused.

We appreciate that because of your previous experience with motions, you would alter the wording of our proposals in order for it to succeed but at the same time keeping the main thrust of our request.

Trusting in your support for our request.

I have also been approached by residents of Hartlands Rd complaining of the condition of the road at the junction with Glasheen Rd. The road here appears to have dipped and as soon as it rains the water lodges and then overflows onto the footpath preventing pedestrians from walking with the result that they have to cross to the other side.

They have requested that you to lobby the Roads Dept. on their behalf as they have been unable to get City Council to act up to now. I was not aware of this issue up to quite recently. However there is a house at the junction rented to students where there are huge traffic movements in and out all day and night(6/7/8/ cars parking inside entrance). This is where the road has dipped and this may be the cause.

Best Regards,

Aidan Cahill, Secretary Magazine Road Residents Association