

Representations received in support of the advertised R65 extension**Support**

I would like to reiterate my support of the R65 extension to the ResPark scheme as this has now gone to formal consultation.

Support

Following the September 19th, 2025, letter regarding the proposed extension of the R65 Residents parking scheme to Compton St, Grover View, Rosslyn St, and Westerdale Road, this is great news and as a resident in full support.

As residents of the area, we have been waiting for over two years to reach this stage. During this period, there has been an increase in parking by non-residents, including St Peters School students and others who leave their vehicles for extended periods or use the streets as a parking location while they commute to work or go into town.

During this time, St Peters has supported the residents' parking application, recognising the frustration it has caused locals. Too many non-residential vehicles are parked here, causing frustration and frequent vehicle damage due to overcrowding.

The annual cost for the resident parking scheme enables residents to securely park their vehicles on their own street. I believe that implementing this scheme would not adversely affect local businesses, especially as a 120-minute limited parking period will be available on Compton Street. As the last street in the area without residents' parking, we've had no choice but to bear most of the parking problems, which is unfair. The council now has a chance to address this issue and improve the situation for the community.

I hope when the decision is made that the council takes into account the positive response from the initial consultation in May where the majority of the replies were in favour of the scheme and proceeds with the implementation regarding the extension of the R65 Residents Parking Scheme as it would make a huge difference for the local residents

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Thanks for the recent update on the request to implement ResPark in the Compton St area. I'm positive re the implementation of a 24x7 scheme as outlined and thank you for the work you're doing.

My query, as expressed in a previous email, is why the zone is planned to start in line with the northern property boundary of 1a Compton Street. Is there a good reason why the zone cannot start nearer to the entrance of the Old Grey Mare car park - say, 4m north-east of the proposed start - thus creating a further two car spaces?

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I am in favour of the 'proposed extension to R65' scheme. I feel it is important to highlight a new development as well as reiterate some points.

I have just been made aware that the Old Grey Mare are shortly opening ten letting rooms. Whilst they assured me it would have no impact on residents parking I feel it is important to draw your attention to this as it will undoubtedly make the parking situation worse for residents in the area if the R65 scheme is not put through. We already have a problem with The Old Hotel (there are 10 apartments)

In order to avoid parking fees holidaymakers park in the area, and on "change over" day many put their suitcases in their cars and leave their cars in our streets to go into town for the day. The new arrivals park their cars and consequently the amount of cars double up. I imagine a similar situation will occur with the rooms at the Old Grey Mare.

There are also numerous unregistered Airbnbs within the proposed extension area creating a similar problem as many occupants turn up in multiple vehicles.

In addition the St Peter's Vlth formers use the area as a car park. Recently one of my neighbours had to drive a pupils car out of our street because he was incapable of controlling the vehicle without damaging others (having only passed his test two days previously). Quite frankly we are sick of the damage to our property.

We are also a car park for the hospital and for people working/shopping in town. There are also individuals going to the railway station leaving their cars for weeks to go on holiday. In addition, there are those from Clifton Dale/Abbey Street/Greenclyffe Drive/The Avenue/North Parade/Queen Anne's Rd etc who do not wish to pay for a permit for their 1st or 2nd vehicle and use our streets to leave their vehicles.

As a cyclist I find it unsafe in the area at peak times as I have observed those using it as a car park drive at inappropriate speed and are generally disrespectful of the area and its residents. I have been reversed into, verbally abused, and forced off the road by these commuters. Generally I find my neighbours far more respectful of the highway code and park more appropriately. The area would be safer and more pleasant if the scheme was passed.

We have been waiting decades for a suitable scheme and I really hope that we have a favourable outcome.

This is a point I neglected to include in my previous email in favour of the extension and something I have experienced myself. Over the years when some of my neighbours have been receiving post operative care, palliative care, or visits for an ongoing condition that requires regular district nurse visits the parking situation has made what is a difficult time even more stressful. Carers, GPs and nurses are on a limited time slot. Having to drive around

the area trying to park safely means they cannot provide the standard of service they would wish to as the allotted time is greatly reduced.

The extension to the scheme would alleviate this situation and help with what is already a difficult and anxious time.

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I write to you in support of the Residents' Parking extension of Zone R65C to include Grove View, Compton Street, Rosslyn Street and Westerdale Court.

I fully support the Residents Parking scheme on a 7 day, 24 hour basis. Oversubscription of our 4 streets has been getting worse year on year. Residents' safety and wellbeing/mental health are suffering because of this.

Examples:

- Pupils at St Peter's school - inexperienced drivers who often enter and exit too fast - making our streets unsafe Monday to Saturday on their arrival and exit, and regularly damaging residents' vehicles.
- Contractors who can't park on site e.g. Roundtree's Crescent, Coney St
- People who work in town or at the hospital but don't wish to pay for parking.
- Residents in adjacent Res Park areas who have a second/third vehicle and don't wish to pay for additional permits. We have almost permanent parking of vehicles from Clifton Dale. Greycliffe Drive, Abbey Street & North Parade.
- The 13 (that i know of) AirBnBs within the proposed scheme, where we can have multiple vehicles arrive for each property. They are often parked until the end of 'changeover day' while the new occupancy and their multiple vehicles have already arrived, causing an even greater lack of parking for actual residents.
- The Old Grey Mare is refurbishing and will shortly open 11 rooms for overnight let. This will only add to the problem I describe above with the AirBnBs.
- Holiday-makers who use our streets for free parking before walking to the station to catch the airport train. Their cars have been known to have been left for anything up to 2 weeks.

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This email is in support of the scheme – as a resident of Compton Street there have been issues with the availability of parking spaces for residents on the street for a number of years, which has worsened over time. Having lived here for over 20 years I can testify that the situation is significantly worse than when we first moved here.

The main problem is students of St Peters parking their cars on Compton Street and Grove View – this can be upwards of 20 cars, which leaves little space for residents. There is very little alternative parking nearby due to the Residents Parking scheme which operates in surrounding streets – so as a resident if you are unable to park on Compton Street/Grove View/Rosslyn Street you would have to travel much further out to find a parking space.

Despite polite requests to St Peters, they have shown no real interest in addressing this problem, taking the unhelpful stance of ‘well the school was here first’ or ‘it’s not illegal so there’s nothing we can do’, despite the negative impact it has on the local community. I think it unlikely that after all this time, without the introduction of ResPark, they would ever address it.

There are also a number of factors that have worsened the situation recently:

- Introduction of other ResPark in neighbouring streets (such as Clifton Dale and Government House Road and nearby river slipway) has left our streets as the last ‘free’ parking spot, effectively funnelling more cars into our streets. In fact I believe it is advertised on a ‘free parking’ app. There has been a noticeable increase in cars parking and people taking their dogs for a walk since the slipway parking restrictions were introduced
- People who have ResPark on their street (e.g. Abbey Street) who don’t want to pay for the permits, simply park on Compton Street and walk to their residence.
- The re-opening of The Old Gray Mare pub has led to an increase in cars parking on our streets with customers parking on the street as the car park is very small.

It has been very stressful over the years when going out in the car, never knowing if you would be able to get a space when you get back. If you have small children or heavy loads of shopping, the thought of having to carry all this some distance to be able to get everything unpacked from the car is worrying.

There are also a number of older residents who have had homecare and needed carers to be able to park their cars nearby.

For all of the reasons above we are very much looking forward to the introduction of ResPark and the improvements it will bring.