



Your say on Parking and Traffic 2019.

Our successful residents' survey highlighted considerable dissatisfaction with parking and that prompted us to run the parking and traffic survey.

What You told us - Parking and Traffic

General. In some areas people found major difficulty in parking in their own street let alone near their home. *Our Comment: We have consistently challenged councils and developers to ensure adequate parking provision. It is a disgrace when new housing is built without meeting Test Valley's own limited parking provision rules.*

Residents parking schemes. Mixed view. In some cases these work, others are sceptical of their benefits. Similar views about wider and overlapping zones. *Our Comment: The Conservative county council announced it will increase charges and zone more areas. Our view is that zones should aid resident parking and not be another means of tax collection.*

Pedestrians/cyclists. Bad parking was not helping. Concerns about lack of proper cycleways and resulting cyclist behaviour. *Our Comment: We have yet to see an adequate cycle infrastructure for the town.*

Commercial vehicles. Lots of interesting comments. Clearly a problem in certain areas. Some of you pointed out that parking commercial vehicles away from homes increased security issues.

Causes of parking problems. Apart from the usual causes, some stressed the lack of consideration by others. School drop-offs and pick-ups were also identified as a major concern. Many of you raised the lack of visitor parking. *Our Comment: See above. Test Valley Borough Council and developers really need to regard current rules on parking provision, especially visitors, as a minimum. One space for 5 houses is not enough.*

Safer streets. Some support for effective traffic calming measures was expressed.

Other issues raised. Some of you pointed out that parking bays need to be marked. The big issue that came out was a serious lack of any enforcement activity by the council. The police will only look at serious accidents. Potholes were also mentioned by some correspondents. *Our Comment: We never thought we would say this but maybe we should be bringing back traffic wardens?*