

August 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Parking Regulations- Garland Lane

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a resident on Garland Lane, where parking implements may be changed unjustly to deter parents from parking on this street to drop off or pick up young children that attend Lord Nelson PS. First and foremost regarding this matter should be the safety of any and all children that need to get to school, it is not their fault that the school they used to attend closed, making Lord Nelson the next closest option for them to go.

The results of a survey were mailed stating 81% of people agreed to making changes, first there are 2 people living on this street that went door to door telling people to agree to the survey that the City of London sent out. I was told they even went so far as to tell people they would send in the survey letter for them. After discussing this with some of the other people living here, many of them said they returned the survey saying NO to it. Maybe in all fairness a second survey could be sent out to the residents on Garland Lane.

Many of us who live on one side of the street, live in semi detached homes with limited parking to begin with, making further changes to parking, that has recently had signage put up restricting parking at both ends and the curves to one side of the road seems to be sufficient already. No parking would also allow drivers to drive at higher speeds with no deterrents to slow down.

I am a stay at home mother, grandmother, I sit and watch the cars at the end of day when the parents come to pick up their children, they are there for at the most 20 minutes, and not as the letter states for prolonged periods. The neighbor who started this petition purposely moves his truck on the road to block anyone from being able to park in front of his home, and he has confronted many parents, which is ridiculous since his driveway can hold 4 cars sits empty. I have photos of him going so far as to put his recycling box out on the road with a rake against for the same reasons. He staked out the lawn on the city side with ropes and then on the last day of school he removed them. This is a bit much in my opinion and certainly when involving the children safety. So yes, if one or two of parents have been rude this could certainly explain why.

In conclusion my thoughts are the City of London should be having a meeting with the school board, I believe this should for the most part be the schools responsibility. Lord Nelson School has more than sufficient area in the front of Lord Nelson to make a round access area for parents to drop off and pick

up children, which would also stop traffic from being backed up on Royal Cres. in front of the school, right where a 3 way stop intersection is. Many schools in London have this done and it has solved many issues. (Prince Charles on Wavell is one example)

In the end I believe everyone should have the right to park on a street in a subdivision, in the end I hope that some resolve can be reached that is acceptable to everyone concerned.

I give my permission for this letter to be used at the city council meeting,

Thanks Kindly, Sylvia Antolini

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