

Dear Civic Works Committee,

I am writing in response to the proposed parking change for Jasmine Drive in London Ontario that you are to start discussing on March 8th. The survey was sent to homeowners and the majority said they agreed to no parking on the street between specified times. However, I think the flaw to this survey was the fact that it was a simple yes/no answer. There was no room for compromise or alternative suggestions.

I don't believe there should be no parking on both sides of the street. I am home by 3:00 during the week and drive down our street most days during the peak congestion time to pick up my daughter at the public school Emily Carr (not the school causing the issue here). I do see the congestion on the street every day. I realize it can be hard to get past parked cars. Especially in the winter when snow banks make the road narrower. However I don't feel the solution is no parking. These parents have to pick up their kids and they must park somewhere. The solution is not to push them to another street and make it someone else's problem.

Very rarely do I park on the street between the times in questions. However there are the rare cases when my driveway is being used for something else (snow covered and haven't shoveled yet, awaiting a delivery, top coating, dirt delivery etc.) and I can't park in my driveway. An example was just last week with the large snow fall. I was unable to park in my driveway when I came home from work at 2:30 due to the snowbank and the end of my driveway. It was not cleared until after 5 when my husband came home from work. If there is not parking from 3:00 – 4:00 what am I to do with my car?

At the most, I could see no parking on one side of the street, but I see no need for both sides.

You could however spend more time enforcing the no parking 20m from a stop sign. Cars are parked too close the stop sign every day and cause a real hazard for pedestrians.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. I really hope a compromise can be reached. Again, no parking is just going to create a problem on the adjacent streets. I hope you consider no parking on just 1 side of the street during the proposed hours. It would meet the needs of both the residents of the street not dealing with the congestion as well as give parents from the school a place to park when picking up their children.

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