

Meeting for Grasett Park Residents

Purpose of meeting: To discuss the recent parking enforcement measures implemented by Andium, and their implications and agree a way forward.

Note: *This meeting does not replace the AGM which will deal with all other issues. We are told this is due to be held in July, organised by Andium.*

Date & time: Tuesday, 15th February 2022, 18:30 – 20:30

Venue: Ground Floor, Skills Jersey, Bermuda House, Green Street.

Access: Parking is available in Green Street carpark and Snow Hill

Invited:

- Grasett Park Owner Residents
- Andium Homes lead contact: Lee Butler, David Reid (GPA Andium Rep).
- Community SOJP Police Officer for St Saviour

Background:

I phoned Andium and explained that painting the parking lines in our estate had been done without speaking to the residents and that it didn't address the related issues of parking for residents, controlling non-resident parking or speeding. I explained that introducing this control without warning or engagement and without dealing with the other interlinked problems would cause many people difficulty and upset and could make the other problems worse.

Lee Butler from Andium quickly responded and visited the estate. He has agreed to pause the line painting and enforcement until the 23rd February. I agreed to coordinate a meeting of the residents and other key people to discuss and agree a way forward.

What would happen exactly and why?

Yellow lines would be painted in accordance with the Highway code (and marked up) onto the road to indicate places that G4S could enforce parking fines and tow away's for anyone parked on them. G4S would have a contract with Andium to do this.

Andium want to do it as a matter of Road Safety because they have observed that cars parked near or on the corner could obscure the view for vehicles at junctions. This has been compounded by alleged complaints about parking in general.

What would the impact of this be?

- Anyone parked on a yellow line could be towed away and fined by G4S.
- Corners would be car free by 10 metres from the junction, if enforced

However

- By stopping vehicles parking in these areas, it gives a clear route for drivers accessing or coming out of the estate to drive at speed and without due care and attention.
- The cars parked on the proposed prohibited areas, are currently acting as natural traffic calming measures as anyone driving into or out of the estate are forced to take extra care. Removing these cars could be detrimental in the absence of

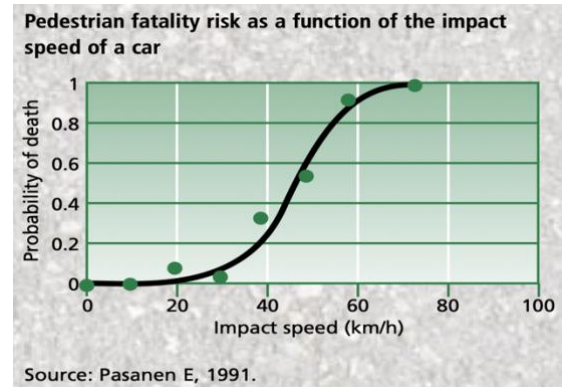
other safety measures being imposed. It is worthy to note that young children play on the estate. If no traffic calming measures are put in place in the absence of the cars, this could result in a child becoming seriously injured or killed. The estate is regularly being used as a cut through for vehicles wishing to take short cuts and this will likely continue as our roads become more congested. At present we are seeing an increase of this happening with the closure of Harve Des Pas.

- There would be less places that cars could be parked on the estate.

What are the other issues at play that need to be considered as part of this?

- **Speeding:** No information has been collected about speeding in the estate, however, it has been noted that people regularly use this area as a cut through. The absence of cars on the side of the road will allow this to happen more freely and invite speeding.
 - “Speed is the key risk factor in road traffic injuries, influencing both the risk of a road crash as well as the severity of the injuries that result from crashes.”

https://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/road_traffic/world_report/speed_en.pdf



- Many studies have shown that on street parking helps minimise speeding issues as chicanes would on main roads. Vehicles parked on the side of the road also act as buffers between moving traffic and pedestrians. The risk comes **where drivers do not modify their speed sufficiently to maintain safe hazard response** times in complex environments with on-street parking. Inadequate speed compensation is likely to affect real world crash risk.
 - NOTE: Cinq Chen has large unsightly flowerpots on their corners for this purpose.
- The hierarchy of road users which seeks to maximise safety of vulnerable road users is currently being disregarded due to the decision made to remove cars that are currently maximising safety.

Priority	Road user group
1	emergency vehicles
2	children, elderly people, people with sensory or mobility impairments
3	other pedestrians
4	cyclists
5	public transport
6	public services
7	local business collection and deliveries
8	residents' cars
9	non-local motor traffic



- **People using it as a short cut:** The estate is used as shortcut between Victoria Road and Plat Douet Road particularly at peak times where there is congestion at the La Blinerie junction. This is because the estate is situated alongside a main road and provides an easy route for drivers to get out of town.
- **Shortage of parking spaces for residents and their visitors:** This is caused by non-residents parking on the estate. There is no way of knowing what car belongs to who, therefore it's difficult to be sure if someone should be towed away.
 - Some people who have reported cars to G4S have seen no action. If this area is being classed as a highway we would expect positive action to be taken for this and other road traffic offences
 - This would become much worse if yellow lines are placed where many residents currently have to park.

Who owns the road?

The association which includes Andium owns the road – it's a private residential area. Andium and the association have a responsibility for it. That is why the Parish cannot / do not police it.

What does the Highway code say?

The highway code says that there should be no obstructions within 10 metres of the corner of a Highway junction.

But is the estate a 'Highway'?

It is a road but it is also a private residential area, as such not strictly a Highway in the full sense of the term. But if Andium are going to put down lines, they say they will do it in accordance with the Highway code. We can put forward an alternative suggestion, and look to other estates as to how things are managed. Maison St Louis, Le Marais, Miladi Farm, Cinq Chen are all different.

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