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Our reference C/EMK
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Dear

Petition – The Chesils/Ridgeway Avenue Junction – Request for Parking Restrictions

I refer to the above petition which you submitted to the Cabinet Member (City Services) meeting on Tuesday 24th January, 2012. Following the end of the call-in period, I write to confirm that at this meeting Councillor Harvard took account of the issues that you and the petition organiser raised regarding the reasons for the request for parking restrictions with appropriate road markings at the junction of The Chesils and Ridgeway Avenue to alleviate road safety concerns.

Councillor Harvard noted that the three year personal recorded injury collision history of the junction showed that there had been no recorded personal injury collisions. He was aware that the City Council only introduced double yellow lines in the interests of road safety or where congestion was being caused on major arterial routes and that the Highway Code stated 'Do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'.

The Cabinet Member was informed that a site visit had been undertaken on a Sunday. This revealed that a number of vehicles were parked on street, mainly on The Chesils on the road in front of the church, and one on The Ridgeway but no vehicles were parked on the junction. He took into account the comments from Mrs Fanti that most of the congestion and parking problems occurred when activities were taking place in the Church Hall or when funerals were taking place during the week. The problems did not occur on Sundays and members of the congregation were aware of the parking issues. He gave approval for a letter to be sent to West Orchards United Reformed Church to advise of these parking concerns when activities were taking place in the church hall.



Councillor Harvard noted your comments about your discussions with the local police regarding enforcement and your request for support with this issue. He asked the Director of City Services and Development to send a letter to the local Police asking them to carry out enforcement in the area.

In addition, Councillor Harvard requested the officers to undertake a further site visit on a Saturday, following liaison with the petition organiser.

No doubt you will inform the petitioners accordingly. I am sending a copy of this letter to
for their information.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

Liz Knight
Governance Services Officer

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