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Dear Ms Smith

The Moray Council (various roads around Dr Grays' Elgin – Prohibition of waiting) order 2008

I am writing in response to the consultation exercise being carried out with regard to the imposition of double yellow lines in various roads around Dr Grays' hospital. As you will see from my address I will have the restriction extending all around my house on the NE corner of the Bruceland Rd / Wittet Drive junction.

As I understand the process, this proposal came forward in response to pressure from residents, including me, to do something about the congestion caused by hospital users and workers declining to pay the parking charge. I believe that this proposal does little good for the following reasons;

1. The prohibitions are not extensive enough to discourage parking by hospital workers and will simply move the congestion slightly further away; Cars displaced from Double Dykes Rd will cause as many problems in, for example, Northern Wittet Drive, Western Bruceland Rd and Wittet Drive between Bruceland Rd and Plusgarden Rd.
2. My own position is that presently I am sometimes unable to park outside my own house during working hours because of hospital cars. If this proposal is implemented I will *never* be able to park outside my own house. Nor will visitors or deliveries. It is hard to see how this improves things for me.

The current proposals will therefore disadvantage those residents covered by double yellow lines and will not resolve, but simply move, the parking congestion.

Alternatively may I suggest that instead of extra "no waiting at any time" restrictions, those areas are made "*waiting limited to 20 minutes Mon-Fri 0800-1700, no return within 2 hours*". This will reduce the congestion during working hours by stopping hospital cars parking for an 8 hour shift but will allow reasonable deliveries and visitors to residents. During evenings and weekends when there is not a problem residents will have normal access to the roads outside their homes.

Whilst I believe that the above is a reasonable compromise I am certain that the only long term solution is a residents' parking permit scheme over large areas of Elgin and that whatever solution is adopted now it must not prejudice that eventual aim.

Yours faithfully

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