

KING'S LYNN ST MARGARET'S WITH ST NICHOLAS WARD FORUM

A local amenity society working with the Borough Council of King's Lynn
and West Norfolk for a better, brighter, safer King's Lynn

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Tom McCabe,
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Dear Mr McCabe,
King's Lynn, South Quay and King's Staithe Square: On-street Pay&Display
Proposals.

Between March and April last year NCC held a public consultation on these proposals. At that time residents – many of whom are members of this forum - were sent a letter by Phil Reilly, project engineer, which stated:

'I would like to assure you that, if the proposal goes ahead, no changes will be made to on-street parking until the public have had an opportunity to comment on the options. Any parking restrictions would be implemented only in roads and areas where the majority of consultation responses are in favour.
'We will write again to advise of the results of the consultation responses and to inform you of the decision made.'

To our knowledge residents have never been given the opportunity to comment on the options nor have they been advised of the results of the consultation responses.

We now learn, and only because our ward councillor Lesley Bambridge pursued the matter with Patrino Avellino in the Highways Department, that all has been agreed, 'permit parking will become operational on January 29, 2015 and construction works are due to commence on January 4.'

On behalf of ward residents I am therefore writing to ask:

- Why residents were never given the opportunity to comment on the (parking) options
- Why residents have not been given the results of consultation responses.

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- Why residents have not been advised that the parking proposals are to go ahead
- Why residents have not been warned of the imminent works.

As an example of public consultation this is appalling and we are dismayed that the county authority has acted in such a negligent and authoritarian manner. Is it any surprise that the public has become completely disenchanted with so called 'consultations' and increasingly reluctant to participate?

Forum members wish to know what you intend to do to redress all these matters and I await your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Julian Litten,
Chairman, St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum.

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