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Dear Sir Peter

I am writing to you on behalf of constituents who have contacted me following the consultation on extending the residents parking scheme into Western Park.

As you know, many residents are very concerned about parking issues in the area. My office is on Narborough Road and I live nearby, so I'm familiar with the issues that local residents and businesses face daily.

Firstly, I'm grateful you responded to the petition that I submitted on behalf of my constituents, which asked for the consultation to take place. During the consultation I wrote to all residents in the proposed area for the scheme's extension. I have received a range of responses which I have enclosed as I think it is vital that you hear directly from local people about this important issue.

In total I received twenty four pieces of correspondence from people who are against the planned extension. Reasons cited include concerns about not be able to park in front of their own properties and the cost of the administration fee, which some people see as an extra council charge which may increase over time.

I was contacted by four constituents who are in favour of the scheme. These residents say the displacement of cars from the existing Westcotes parking scheme has made parking on their own streets extremely difficult and that extending the scheme may help reduce the number of cars to a similar level as before. They also believe it could alleviate some of the problems associated with sporting venues in the locality and reduce the impact these venues have on their daily lives.

There is no simple solution to the parking issues around the West End.

Residents parking schemes may form part of the solution, although some local residents believe they simply displace traffic elsewhere. A range of other crucial issues must be addressed to make life easier for local residents and businesses, including improvements to public transport.

It is vital that the City Council responds to each of the issues my constituents have raised. I look forward to hearing your response.

With best wishes

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