



**COMMUNITY CONCERN  
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**6<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

Mr Neil Clarke,  
Leader, Rushcliffe Borough Council

Dear Mr Clarke,

**Bingham Car Parking**

It is over a year since we presented petitions with over 1,600 signatures in support of our concerns about traffic congestion and parking problems in Bingham. In September 2007 we presented to the Borough Council and in November 2007 Mr Suthers, OBE presented to the County Council.

We had previously pointed out our concerns about the lack of parking spaces in the town and the potential impact of implementing Civil Parking Enforcement without the creation of additional long stay parking spaces and schemes to prevent parking creep into residential areas.

We also raised concerns about the purpose of the scheme as the only measures mentioned in the documentation were financial and not based on safety or reduced congestion.

Disappointingly we have seen no tangible response to these concerns or had any further comment on our recommendations made to your Parking Panel in January. Even more worryingly the problems have become worse as a consequence of the implementation of CPE in May this year – an action sanctioned by your organization. Streets near the town centre have become choked by displaced parked vehicles leading to angry protests from residents.

In addition to parking creep the town centre roads remain congested and bus drivers still have frequent confrontations with drivers of badly parked vehicles and are forced to divert from their scheduled route.

I enclose a document which includes our recommendations to your Parking Panel and which contains viable, long term solutions to the issue.

Will you please consider implementing these suggestions? We expected the Borough Council to reduce parking problems – not make them worse.

Note that a similar letter has been sent to the Leader of the County Council as joint solutions are needed.

Regards

Tim Chamberlin, Chairman, Community Concern.

Cc Cllrs: Francis Purdue-Horan, M. Stockwood, J. Stockwood, George Davidson, John Eagles, Martin Suthers OBE, Allen Graham (CE RBC)), Bingham Town Council, Kenneth Clarke, MP, QC., Mick Burrows (NCC), Ray Dunajko, Paul Hillier, Keith Wright (Trent Barton).