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Loreburn Community Council

Parking Complaints -- Dumfries Town Centre

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Something needs to be done with the parking situation at Queen Street up the one way as me and my daughter were walking up there today and she got hit with the wing mirror of a car then we proceeded to watch at least another 6 cars struggling to get past all the parked cars!!

12/22

I used to work in the town centre and walk out to DG1 for my wife to pick me up at night. Trying to cross at the English Street/Shakespeare Street junction is really difficult as you can't see what's coming down English St. for the parked cars while the ones you can see come down the left lane before diving right (usually without indicating). It's surely a public safety issue rather than just a parking offence!

12/22

I retired a couple of years ago and hardly go into the town centre any more. One of the reasons is the amount of dangerous parking that goes on.

12/2022

I know someone highlighted the appalling disregard of parking restrictions on Queen Street a couple of days ago, this was again witnessed by my husband and myself today. We also witnessed cars parked on every other double yellow line in the town centre and also on the pavements.

In addition to this I had to jump out of the way of car driving through the supposedly pedestrianised area in the Center of the town.

When will our elected representatives call the local police to account and make them stop this before someone is injured!!

01/2023

Does decriminalizing not just mean people would then park all over the place with no comeback for bad parking? What is the advantage to doing that?

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it means the Council can issue penalties rather than it being the reserve of the Police, who removed their Traffic Wardens when they went national.

01/2023

Oh I see, that makes more sense! Thank you. Sounds like a better plan.

So what it actually means is that we'll get traffic wardens back and therefore regain control over the terrible parking?

01/2023

Top half of Queens street constantly has cars parked on double yellow lines, as does top of English Street. Traffic wardens also required to fine people parking in disabled spaces without blue badges (including DGRI). Why have the disabled spaces at the Loreburne Hall been removed in favour of vehicle charge points - have they been relocated?

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Not strictly town centre but Church Street is a nightmare with cars parked on double yellow lines and on the pavement. It's impossible to get down the pavement with a buggy and anyone in a wheelchair would have no chance.

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Buses would run to a time if people stopped parking in run off lane to centre and loreburn centre instead of causing a pile of traffic at Shakespeare st

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I don't agree with having the centre back to vehicle access, it was dangerous enough to cross etc then but now there's a lot more traffic on the roads. I think we need a couple of decent park and ride schemes with regular mini buses going to and from town to them. The two hour parking all over the town puts people off coming here because it doesn't allow long enough to shop and have something to eat and drink especially with how linear the shopping are is.

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The town parking is an accident waiting to happen as some drivers park on corners , yellow lines and double park especially around castle Street.

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Living in bank Street can be a nightmare and very dangerous. many times we have almost been struck down by cars and lorries speeding up and down the street . Countless driving offences are committed daily by drivers. The police have CCTV cameras and know fine about this, but do nothing. Where else in the UK can you simply drive through no entry signs, drive the wrong way in a one way street, reverse up a one way street, exceed the 10 MPH limit with impunity, and push pedestrians out the way by aggressive driving, park illegally all day long? Only in Dumfries because our police and council have abandoned their own democratic policies for pedestrianisation and parking.

01/2023

Do you know how difficult it is for disabled folk to actually use the disabled parking space due to misuse mind you we could use more disabled accessible spaces in town , how many folk park all day in short stay spaces stopping other folk using them that perhaps can't walk far thus stopping folk nipping into town this may be of help to those remaining struggling businesses in the town centre and may help footfall it may stop folk parking like idiots so bonus a lot of the maintaining of the lines etc needs to be fixed anyways and even knowing folk can get a fine will help as at the min folk just say screw it there's no consequences.

01/2023

what I have found ridiculous is that the disabled parking spaces in the Loreburn Hall car park have been done away with and been replaced by bloody charging points for electric cars.

01/2023

Local councillors had hinted on decriminalisation previously. So pleased to hear that this is going forward. LONG OVERDUE!!!

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(It will be expensive) -- Sometimes money has to be ignored . We all pay our taxes to expect a certain level of safety and standard of living ..

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As a holder of a Blue Disability Parking badge I can no longer find suitable parking to allow me access to the high street.

There are no properly designated parking spaces and no one to police the abuse of non disabled using the old space. (you can only see faint markings now)

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Bank street is terrible folk reverse up the one way but at the top double park and overstay

01/2023

Recent observations : cars turning left into Castle St from Witherspoons(2) Cars double parked at the bottom of Nith Place. Cars driving down English St from Queen St towards the (missing) fountain. Buses unable to access Burns Statue. The Vennel, Assembly St The flooding of the Sands seems to have been an "excuse" for some to just park anywhere and everywhere Would it be possible for the the council to acquire the redundant NCP car park?

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I would be surprised that these issues are not highlighted, most are years old. Certain retired councillors are or should have been well aware

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Cars parked in Castle Street for 6-7 hours while they work at dentist/doctors / pharmacy - denying anyone one else all day . So thoughtless !

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I'm sure most people will be horrified, if that is not too strong a word for the current state of not just "illegal" parking but the disregard for signage such as no entry, one way traffic and no left/right turn The question has to be asked "how did some people pass their driving test" ???

01/2023

xxxxx asked me the other day whether it was pedestrian or not in town and I could only answer that I really wasn't sure (as we dodged the third car passing us outside Boots)Im not saying I agree with it being pedestrianised. Just that it really needs to be clearer for safety reasons. Users of wheelchairs, buggy's, blind people and those with small children are all at increased risk from the lack of clarity.

01/2023

for safety's sake it needs to be one or the other, because people are not expecting the amount of cars that are there when they are used to it being pedestrianised and all the signs state pedestrian zone. Part of the issue is delivery drivers for the takeaways there and that's a tricky one - I'd be the last person to reduce their income or make it harder for them to make a living, but they are often the worst because they are dashing around for the next order and seem to be thinking less of those on the road. Not all, but more than a few.

01/2023

Queen St. I and my friend were walking on the narrow pavement passing The Yellow Door. when a car, heading up towards the centre, mounted the curb. We both flattened ourselves against the wall. I friend narrowly missed being struck by the wing mirror. The driver was focussed on not scraping an illegally parked vehicle on the other side of the road. This is DANGEROUS. Something needs to be done now!

01/2023 I talked with a taxi driver who told me their taxi ranks are frequently blocked by people too ignorant to realise that the spots are exclusively for taxis.

03/2023

I am writing to you in the hope my thoughts are considered seriously around the issue of the public parking in bus stops, disabled parking bays and Yellow lines. I am concerned at two immediate problems. a) When a bus driver picks up a wheelchair user we need to use a designated bus stop with a pavement to lower the ramp to disembark the wheelchair, when someone is parked in a bus stop we cannot do this, just last week I picked up a wheelchair user from the hospital who wanted to get off at Laurieknow, due to cars just abandoned in the bus stop this was not possible and I had to try and get the customer off on Buccleuch Street, which was not close. b) When a bus can not get into a bus stop we have to let passengers off in the middle of the road, I fear this is an accident waiting to happen.

The Police will not do anything with these issues and just walk or drive past. Surely the time has come for the re-introduction of traffic wardens to try and gain some control in Dumfries again. I have noticed vehicle just park in the pedestrian zones at the Top of English Street and on the High Street, knowing there is no consequence to this.

(A further example) is the public bringing their cars into the circle at Burns statue. Buses can not get past if the car stops and we drivers need to sit and wait, this causes tail backs right up Academy Street/Lovers Walk etc, and down Buccleuch Street.