

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

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Dear Colin

## Residents' petition to Council

Please find enclosed a petition totalling 102 signatures from residents of Earls Hall Avenue, Mayfield Avenue and elsewhere. The residents are requesting that the Council introduces a double yellow line parking restriction on the blind bend on the south side of Earls Hall Avenue, extending from the edge of the emergency access gates to Southend High School for Boys (opposite 25 Earls Hall Avenue) to the edge of the driveway of 46 Earls Hall Avenue.

The petition organiser is Mr                      Smith of

Yours sincerely

*Meg Davidson*

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Councillor for Prittlewell Ward

## RESIDENTS' PETITION – EARLS HALL AVENUE

**We, the undersigned, request Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to introduce a double yellow line parking restriction on the blind bend on the south side of Earls Hall Avenue, extending from the edge of the emergency access gates to Southend High School for Boys (opposite 25 Earls Hall Avenue) to the edge of the driveway of 46 Earls Hall Avenue.**

Earls Hall Avenue is a residential road which runs from Victoria Avenue to Hobblythick Lane/Bell junction via Mayfield Avenue. There are double yellow lines at each intersection and at the sharp bend near the rear entrance to Southend High School for Boys. Most of the road has unrestricted parking.

Mayfield Avenue, which adjoins Earls Hall Avenue, has a similar blind bend. This is covered by a double yellow line parking restriction, so there is a precedent in the vicinity for a parking restriction on a bend in a residential street.

We are requesting a double yellow line parking restriction on this short stretch of Earls Hall Avenue for the following reasons:

**1) To ease the worst pinch point on Earls Hall Avenue**

When there are vehicles parked on both sides of the road on this bend, as is often the case during the day, this is the worst pinch point in the road. Large vehicles, especially refuse lorries have difficulty driving through. There has been at least one incident when a fire engine on an emergency call had to turn around and go another route because the gap between parked cars at this point on Earls Hall Avenue was too narrow to get through.

**2) To improve visibility and safety for drivers**

Drivers approaching the blind bend from either direction often have to overtake a long line of parked cars. This is a hazardous manoeuvre as the bend in the road makes it impossible to see oncoming traffic.  
*(Right: view of bend for vehicles travelling west from Victoria Avenue)*



**3) To prevent traffic gridlock at busy times.**

Earls Hall Avenue is adjacent to Southend High School for Boys and there is a high volume of traffic at the start and end of the school day. At busy times it is very difficult for drivers to reverse out of the way should they meet oncoming traffic at this bend, especially with a queue of traffic behind them.