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## Petition

### Introduction

Ridgemount Road is a residential community made up largely of families who have lived in the same house for several years, and in some cases, for decades. These residents have seen a major change in the quality of life of the road brought on by a relatively sudden and unexplained change in the local parking policy. Over the last year or so, the residents of Ridgemount Road have noticed a significant increase in the number of cars parked outside their houses. The majority of the cars parked are owned by commuters, some of whom leave them there for up to 12 hours a day. In some cases cars remain parked on the road for days and even weeks. At other times there is a constant stream of cars coming and going. These cars:

- obstruct street cleaners, who clean only during weekdays, and prevent the street being properly cleaned, thus causing a health hazard;
- cause a nuisance by increasing levels of noise and disturbance;
- make what is a residential street less safe for the residents, many of whom have children and/or pets, to use;
- create security concerns by adding to the number of non-residents that come and go. In that respect, the Council should be aware of the increase in crime in the area; and
- cause more wear and tear to the road compared to other streets in the area.

It is admitted by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead that these cars are not owned by local residents but come from other areas, such as Camberley and Bagshot. Furthermore, employees of Waitrose have been told not to park in the supermarket's car park but to park on Ridgemount Road.

Neighbouring streets such as Lady Margaret Road, Priory Road and Charters Road have no parking or very significant parking restrictions.

The Council's parking policy obviously favours non-resident commuters and the residents of neighbouring roads. The residents of Ridgemount Road are clearly, and unreasonably, bearing the burden of the vast majority of commuter public parking in Sunningdale. Individual residents have written to the Council to make these complaints in some detail.

The parking policy for Ridgemount Road and the surrounding area is on any view unbalanced and inequitable and these circumstances should not be allowed to continue

**We, the undersigned, do hereby petition the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to:**